February 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

The AYC 2018 Early Spring Program Sailing Sessions begin February 26 and continues until April 15.

A new training schedule, with the dates, times and fees for each category, is attached for both Optimist, Laser, and Zoom 8 sailors. Please see Nesie or Kenny-sha in the AYC office, to complete registration. Payment must be made in full by the first day of your session. Returning sailors will be evaluated and may be promoted based on their work in the Winter Session. If you are unsure which category to register your sailor, please come and see me. The date of the AYC Mini Regatta will be announced.

Note that in the middle of this session there will be an Easter Camp during the school break. The camp will run each day from March 26 – 29, April 3 – 6. Times and cost to be posted soon. For those sailors already enrolled in the Early Spring program, the cost will be half price.

**If you are new to the AYC sailing program please note** that the AYC has published a Sailor and a Parent Code of Conduct (attached) that is mandatory for all Sailors and Parents to review, acknowledge with a signature, and return to Nesie. This must be done before the beginning of the session.

The two 29ers are a “high performance” double-handed option for youth sailors, especially those graduating from Optimist. It is possible to put together a formal training schedule if you let me know of your interest. Please note that only sailors who have already been part of our programs are eligible as the 29er requires minimally intermediate sailing skills.

Currently we have a team of Optimist and Radial sailors competing in the Schoelcher International Regatta in Martinique until February 13. Amidst very strong winds, the sailors have faced some tough competition but our AYC sailors are holding their own.

A reminder that the **Antigua Open Nationals for Laser and Optimist class is coming up on March 25 – 26. This regatta will be a Laser qualifier for the Central American & Caribbean Games and the Youth World Championship.**

The following is a list of upcoming recommended events that we will also try to attend:

May 18 – 20 BVI Dinghy Championship Multiclass

June 15 - 17 US Virgin Is. St. Thomas International Opti

TBD TBD Caribbean Dinghy Champ. Laser

July 14 - 21 Texas, USA WS Youth World Champ. Laser Radial, 29er

July 20 – Aug 3 Columbia CAC Games Laser – Standard and Radial

\*Additional information regarding specific class events may be found on the AYC website.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly either by email at ayc@yachtclub.ag or telephone 268-728-5045. I am also in the office daily if you wish to see me in person.

Regards,

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