

October 11, 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

The AYC 2019 Late FALL Program Sailing Sessions begin on October 21! Sign Up Now.

A new training schedule, with the dates, times and fees for each category, is attached for both Optimist and Laser sailors. **Registration must be completed in the AYC Office and payment must be made in full by the first day of the session.** Returning sailors will be evaluated and may be promoted based on their work in the previous session they last attended. New participants must agree to and sign the AYC "Sailor and Parent Code of Conduct" forms before the first lesson. If you are unsure about which category to register your sailor, please come and discuss with me.

I want to remind you that all junior members must be part of a program in order to sail out of AYC. Having your own boat does not entitle you to sail out of the facility. You must be part of a program. This policy is a mandatory safety requirement and ensures that all young sailors are supervised properly.

In recent news, AYC Optimist sailor Ozani Lafond attended the 2019 Optimist North American Championship in Bahamas September 27 – October 4. A continental event, 164 sailors from 20 countries participated. Ozani gained valuable sailing experience and the full report can be seen on the Antigua Yacht Club website.

Important Dates for Upcoming Optimist and Laser Events:

October 18 – 20	Caribbean Dinghy Championship (CDC)
November 9 – 10	St Maarten SOL Optimist Regatta (Qualifier for Schoelcher and 2020 SAMs)
November 17	Mini – Regatta (Qualifier for Schoelcher Regatta, 2020 SAMs and Opti Worlds)
December 15	Mini – Regatta (Qualifier for Schoelcher Regatta, 2020 SAMs, and Opti Worlds)
January 12	Mini – Regatta (Qualifier for Schoelcher Regatta and 2020 Opti Worlds)
February 21 – 25	Schoelcher Sailing Week Regatta Martinique
March 21 – 28	IODA 2020 South American Championship (SAMs) – registration open December
March TBD	Antigua Open Laser and Optimist Championship

* The worst qualifying score may be dropped.

Note that all IODA events, along with hundreds of other national, regional and international events for Optimist sailors are listed on the IODA calendar on the main website at www.optiworld.org To find out more information about individual events and eligibility contact the IODA Regatta Secretary at regattasecretary@optiworld.org

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me directly either by email at ayc@yachtclub.ag or telephone 268-728-5045.

Regards,

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