December 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

**The AYC 2020 Winter Program Sailing Sessions begin on January 3! 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.

Update on recent regatta results:

AYC hosted the Caribbean Dinghy Championships October 18 – 20 for the second year in a row. The Antigua Team swept the individual standings and claimed the overall title. In the Laser Standard Jules Mitchel was first and Rhone Kirby placed second; in the Laser Radial Daniel Smit claimed first place and Giles de Jager was second; in Optimist Class Ozani Lafond took first, and Patrick Greensmith was second; in the RS Feva Mauriceson Valentine and Nahio James took first place and became the Caribbean Regional RS Feva Champions.

On November 8 ten Optimist sailors travelled to St. Maarten for the 14th Annual SOL Regatta. Once more, great results were achieved. In the advance fleet Ozani Lafond took first, with Shanoy Malone in second and Joshua Angling in third. In the intermediate fleet Carrick Jones was first, followed by Tyden Jones in second and Henry Greensmith in third. Emily Gaillard, the single female on the team, placed fourth.

Congratulations to all Antigua Sailors for truly outstanding performances this fall!

**Important Dates for Upcoming Optimist and Laser Events:**

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.

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

Regards,

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