February 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

**The AYC 2020 Early Spring Program Sailing Sessions begin on March 2! 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. This policy is a mandatory safety requirement and ensures that all young sailors are supervised properly.

**Update on recent regatta results:**

**Orange Bowl, Miami:** Diego Ewinger travelled to Miami over the Christmas holiday and had an outstanding performance racing in the Optimist at Orange Bowl in Miami, placing 9th in the Silver Fleet out of over 120 sailors.

**World Sailing Hempel World Cup Miami:** In late January Daniel Smit travelled to Miami to compete in this Olympic qualifier in the Laser. He finished 31 overall, with a best result of 16 against top sailors vying for an Olympic berth in Toyko 2020.

 Congratulations to these Antigua Sailors for truly outstanding performances!

**Based on the selection series this fall and winter:**

**1.** the following Opti sailors have qualified to represent Antigua at the 2020 Optimist World Championship in Riva del Garda, Italy – July 1 - 11

 **Shanoy Malone, Ozani Lafond, Daniel Anglin, Alistair Knoblaugh, Maurice Belgrave**

**2.** the following Opti and Laser sailors have qualified to represent Antigua at the Schoelcher International Sailing Week Regatta in Martinique

 **Laser: Daniel Smit, Luca Deleau**

 **Optimist: Ozani Lafond, Shanoy Malone, Emily Gaillard, I Dani Edwards**

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

February 21 – 25 Schoelcher Sailing Week Regatta Martinique

March 28 - 29 Antigua Open Laser and Optimist Championship\*

April 14 – 17 Easter Sailing Camp, Antigua Yacht Club

June 15 – 21 St Thomas IOR, ISV

July 1 – 11 Optimist World Championship, Riva del Garda, Italy

December 12 – 19 WS Youth World Championship, Salvador, Brazil

\* 2nd Qualifier for the IODA Optimist North American Championship Mexico and WS Youth World Championship, Brazil

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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