**2021 SEPTEMBER LETTER**

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

**The AYC 2021 SEPTEMBER Program Sailing Sessions begin on September 6.**

**Sign Up at the AYC Office!**

**Congratulations** to all the sailors from AYC program who competed internationally this summer: **Diego Ewinger**  in St. Thomas at IOR; **Alistair Knoblaugh, Emily Gaillard, and Patrick Greensmith** at the 2021 Optimist Worlds in Italy; **Carrick and Tyden Jones** in Canada at the CORK International Optimist Regatta; and **Jalese Gordon** at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

They all did a fantastic job and made sure the national flag of Antigua&Barbuda was well represented.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT SAILING EVENT DATES COMING UP:**

**1. September 12: Bart’s Bash – a mini regatta will be organized.**

**2, St. Maarten Regatta: October 29 - 31**

**Fitness**: The regular hiking sessions continue with times and days posted in the general group. Overall fitness is the one of the best ways to prepare for success in sailing.

**Health Safety Protocols** remain in place in accordance with the mandatory requirements of the Ministry of Sport for Antigua & Barbuda. Wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene by using the hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing. No sharing of equipment, including life jackets, is permitted. All boats must be properly cleaned after use.

**Thank you in advance for your efforts. The safety of all participants is our priority. As we progress forward, please note that some changes may be made to make the system work more efficiently.**

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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Manager of Dinghy Sailing and Youth Training Scheme, Antigua Yacht Club

**\*Registration for all sailing programs must be completed in the AYC Office and payment must be made in full by the first day of the session.**  Contact me directly if you are unsure which category to register your sailor. A reminder 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. New sailors and their parents must sign the **Code of Conduct Forms** available in the Sailing Office as part of the initial registration process.