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Welcome to Arthur Libby the new Junior Fleet Chair



Arthur Libby IV has been around the Annapolis area since he was born. He grew up racing out of AYC on his father's Cal 25, J24, and Pearson 30. Arthur attended Severn Sailing Association's Jr. program in the early 1980's and went on to work as a summer instructor there for 4 years. Arthur's Jr. sailing highlights included racing in the International 420 World Championships and winning SSA's coveted Golden Bowl trophy for overall Jr. performance. In the past 15 years, Arthur has campaigned a J22, Cal 25 in which he won the National Championship in 2001, and currently enjoys racing his J105 Dog House. When not racing, Arthur, Sandra his wife, and 2 son's AJ and Jack can be found cruising the J105.

Arthur is a Managing Partner of Atlantic Marketing Company. Atlantic Marketing is a Manufacturers Rep company in the marine industry representing factories in all facets of boat building and general maintenance. Arthur covers the Mid Atlantic states.

Arthur's love of sailing is the main reason he has decided to dedicate his time to our Jr. Sailors. "When asked to become the Jr. Chairman, I couldn't say no because the Jr. sailors of today are the future of the Annapolis Yacht Club". My goal for the Jr. Fleet is that every child, young and old grows up to love sailing as much as I do

High School Program in Full Swing



The high school season is only eight weeks long, and we are getting near the end. Our teams have raced six weekends so far this season; sailing in events in Solomon's Island, in Annapolis at SSA and AYC, and most recently a trip to King's Point, NY to sail at the US Merchant Marine Academy.



April 4 and 5 AYC hosted the Central League Fleet race qualifier to determine which teams went to the Fleet Race National Qualifiers in King's Point. On Saturday, a division was sent out to start racing, and before the first gun, everyone was sent back because it was too windy. Racing continued on Sunday, with a nice breeze from the north, and switching to a sea breeze after the lunch break. Annapolis High School and Severna Park High School qualified to go to NY.

Easter weekend, SSA hosted the Central League Team Race qualifiers, and in the pouring rain of Saturday, they were able to complete the regatta. After the first round robin, AHS's only loss was to Severn School. After completing the second round robin, AHS was tied with Broadneck, and it went to a sail off, which Broadneck won. Congratulations to AHS and SPHS for qualifying to go to Old Dominion University for the

Team Race Nationals Qualifier.

Annapolis High and Severna Park headed north on April 17 to compete at King's Point. Saturday we had a nice westerly breeze 5 to 8 knots. In the afternoon, the breeze shifted to the north, and was 10 – 13 knots. We were able to complete 12 races in each division before the day was over. Sunday we were only able to complete six more races in each division before the drop dead time. Annapolis had a strong come back to get within reach of qualifying. Unfortunately, Annapolis was not able to qualify. Congratulations to Harry Scott and Kelly Ortel for winning A Division by 28 points.

Congratulations to the St. Mary's junior varsity team for winning the JV regatta at National Maritime Heritage Foundation on 4/18. The team who sailed for St. Mary's was Cassie Todd, Windy Vorwick, Liam Moore, and Trevor Brown.

This season we were able to run events with SSA, where one site would run the regatta for both the varsity and the junior varsity. We were able to ensure higher quality events and develop bonds between the varsity and the junior varsity teams. We want to thank all the people that made it possible for us to run the events. Without the help of Jonathan Bartlett, Chris Larson, Dave Ramos, Arthur Libby, and Jim Kavle, we would not have been able to have such high quality racing. Thank you to SSA for allowing us to use their site, to keep the rotations moving quickly.



Match Racing Practice with Terry Hutchinson – John Andril



Each year, the Balboa Yacht Club in Newport Beach, CA, hosts the Governor's Cup, a youth match racing regatta. It is sailed in the Governor's Cup 21 class, which was designed by a BYC member. This year, Scott Houck, Jack Ortel, and I are hoping to be selected to compete in the Governor's cup. The three of us have sailed on the same teams for several years now. We have lots of fleet racing and team racing experience, but we are relatively new to match racing.

Scott and I were recently given an incredible opportunity to gain a little bit of experience in match racing. Terry Hutchinson was practicing in Annapolis for the Congressional Cup when the two of us were on Spring break. Terry needed a few extra hands, and so he invited Scott and me along. Terry is Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, TP52 Med Champion, Melges 24 North American Champion, four-time collegiate All American, and tactician for Team New Zealand in the last America's Cup, among numerous other accomplishments. The boat against which Terry practiced was skippered by John Cutler of New Zealand. Cutler was an Olympic medalist in the Finn class, coach of the New Zealand Olympic team, and a participant in three America's Cup campaigns. The Congressional Cup, for which Terry was training, is the only grade 1 match racing regatta to be held in the U.S.A. this year.

Scott went with Terry, and I went with Cutler. Both Scott and I were placed in the position of bow man on our respective teams. On the first day, I started to realize that there are a lot of things I didn't know about match racing. But I observed all the different scenarios, when we were leading, when we were pushing, and what to do in each position. Aside from match racing, I got to see just how seriously the people at the very top take their training; there was rarely an idle



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moment on the boat. If we weren't in a drill, the crew was talking about what we just did, or what we were about to do.

Terry completed the round robin portion of the Congressional Cup with the best record of any boat, ultimately finishing third in the regatta.

This was an amazing experience for us; I know it will get us ready for the Governors Cup. I can't thank Terry and John enough for letting us sail with them and the Annapolis Yacht Club for providing us with opportunities that we are consistently given.

CISA Clinic – Courtney Alexander

The 2009 CISA Advanced Racing Clinic this year was said to be the most intense out of all the past years, and by the end of the week, it was clearly shown on the sailors' faces. The event took place in its' usual location of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach California between April 4th through 7th. This year Andrew Campbell was the head of the clinic and did an excellent job bringing in top coaches. Coaching the c420 were Isabelle Kinsolving, Richard Feeny, Nigel Cochran, Zack Leonard, and Zach Maxam. Andrew also brought trainer Harry Legum in to give us all a taste of how fitness benefits sailing. With workouts on the beach and lawn, he received many groans resisting to the idea of workouts before sailing, but in the end, everyone was laughing, and feeling even more energized to get out on the water. With five different boats consisting of Club FJ's, Club 420s, International 420s, 29ers, Laser Radials, and Full rig radials there were over 100 sailors; all of which had to go through an application process to be admitted to the clinic.



The first day was what we were told to be a typical day of sailing in Long Beach. The morning was warm and very light, but in the afternoon, the breeze picked up to about 12 to 15, allowing for a variety of conditions to focus on the subject of the day: boat handling.

The second day was a focus on speed, so we spent most of the morning in light breezes under 6 doing simple speed tests, which allowed the coaches to really spend time with each boat; offering suggestions for adjustments in the rig, sail trim, and body positioning. The breeze stayed light in the afternoon, never topping 5, and allowed all of the boats to really put their changes from the morning into action during the afternoon drills.

On the third day we were greeted with...surprise, surprise...no wind. It was under 5, and hot, and our coaches had a hard time of convincing us that this was the perfect day to focus on tactics. They showed a fresh view of how to look at the racecourse and emphasized how important it is to always keep your head out of the boat and be aware of making smart decisions as you sail your course.

When the regatta day rolled around everyone was beat from the workouts with Harry and most were happy to see the light breezes off the bay. But, the breeze slowly picked up, and when we got to the course, we were seeing gusts up to 15. The breeze was great to have on the regatta day, because it allowed the heavier teams that were tending to finish towards the back half of the fleet during drills on the previous days to get in top five finishes and lead the group. The breeze also forced the lighter teams to have to work a lot harder, and I think these shakeups were definitely good for all egos.

The goal of all of the coaches was for everyone to work to their potential and I truly think every single boat

did. No matter what class you were sailing in, everyone was enthusiastic about going out every day, and sad to leave on the last night, no matter how sore they were.

AYC Junior Program Gear and Opti Swap



May 30 at the Annex



12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

WHAT: This is where you can trade in your old Opti, Laser, 420, sails, parts, and gear in exchange for the items you need. Please only bring gear in good working condition.

WHO: This event is for anyone interested in obtaining new gear, and getting rid of older gear. It is a CBYRA wide Opti swap.

HOW: Come to AYC with the gear you are planning on selling. Please list all items at no more than 50% of their original value. When pricing your items please do it in \$1 or \$5 dollar increments. You are responsible for supervising and handling transactions of your own gear. Please remove all unswapped gear at the end of the day.

SUGGESTED DONATION: If you sell your boat, please donate \$50 for members of AYC and \$75 for non-members of your proceeds to AYC Junior Program. If you sell gear and clothing, please donate 10% of your earnings.

If you have any questions please contact Mattie at MFarrar@annapolisyc.org.

Essay Contest

Annapolis Yacht Club is starting a magazine and needs your help by submitting an article. We are holding a contest for our junior sailors to write a 250-word article about their best experience sailing. The article can be about the first time in a boat, to sailing in your first regatta, or even winning a regatta. Please submit the article by May 15 to either [Jay](#) or [Mattie](#). Gary Jobson will choose the best article and it will be in the first issue of the new AYC magazine.

Reminders:

- Ida Lewis registration closes May 1, 2009
- Summer Program registration is still open. Please register soon because spaces are filling up quickly. <https://event-manager.compete-at.com/Manager/club/events.do?cid=329>
- Summer Program BBQ Friday, June 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm. You will meet the summer instructors and the other sailors participating in the program. This event is open to the families partaking in the summer program.

