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Upcoming Events

Aug. 28 – Lost and Found to Goodwill
Sept. 8 – First day of High School Practice
Oct. 3-4 – Opti Atlantic Coast Championships
Larchmont, NY
Oct. 10-11 – 420 Mid-Atlantics, Sayville YC, NY
Oct. 10-11 – USODA Midwest Championships
Milwaukie, WI

Lost and Found Collection

Over the Summer, the AYC Junior Clubhouse accrued a large volume of lost and found. Any lost and found still at AYC on August 28 will be given to Goodwill. Please claim your items before next Friday. We have a large number of lifejackets, gloves, water bottles, clothing, skateboarding helmets, and sailing gear.

Annapolis Yacht Club Summer Program Is Complete

August 6th marked the last day of class for the summer program. Throughout the summer, we had 350 kids participating in the program, from Creek Critters all the way to the Race Teams. This summer was the first summer for the Creek Critters program, and we had 8 sailors attend each session, and the sailors learned to have fun around the water and boats. This summer the Creek Critters were taught by Kaylee Schwitzer and Alex Boggs. The Sea Squirts class was equally popular, the sailors were able to sail Optis, 420s, and J22s. Tonie Domino and Amanda Salvesen were the teachers of the Sea Squirts class, and came up with new and challenging games each day for the sailors. Every day it was obvious that the Creek Critter and Sea Squirts were having the best weeks of their summer.



Beginner Opti and 420 were the other morning classes. In these classes, the sailors learned the parts of their boat, points of sail, capsize recovery, and most of all had a great time doing it. Each class had some of their own adventures like a picnic on a J22 or a beach party. By the end of each session, the knowledge of the beginner sailors had grown tremendously. The sailors knew all of the knots, how to rig and de-rig their boats, and could sail upwind. A significant number of sailors move into the more advanced classes throughout the summer. Sarah Burks and Dave Schellie coached the Beginner Opti class, and Jen Chamberlin coached the Beginner 420 class.

As the morning changed to afternoon, the Annex began to fill with intermediate sailors. These sailors were ready to further their sailing skills. In the Opti class, all of the sailors were sailing their own boat, and they were venturing out of Spa Creek and into the Bay. Sarah Burks and Tonie Domino lead the Intermediate Opti class. The 420 class, who was



coached by Dave Schellie, ventured into the world of trapeze and spinnaker, and started to learn aspects of racing. Many of the intermediate sailors were able to partake in a CBYRA regatta during the summer.

The remaining courses were Opti Green Fleet and the 420 Development Team. These sailors came to AYC for their first year of racing on the Bay. Both of these classes sailed in 10 CBYRA regattas this summer, and through this, they have learned how to load and unload the trailer, and the necessary preparation for a regatta. Many of the sailors competed in back-to-back or two day regattas. As the season progressed, their



knowledge and ability grew. Jen Chamberlin singlehandedly coached the Green Fleet from their first regatta to winning Opti New England Green Fleet. The Development team had a host of coaches throughout the summer, and finally concluded with Willie McBride.

New England Regatta Trifecta – Liz Hall

420 Nationals

Fog, a little wind, and more fog!



7 AYC boats (and parents and coaches) battled pea soup fog for most of 3 days of competition. 150 boats competed in this event with 3 starts for each race. The first day had great breeze and after multiple general recalls - with a short line and outgoing current it was not a surprise. We had 4 boats battling for top 20 positions for most of the event – Fletcher/Brady, Scott/Jack, John/Amanda, and Ramos/Sully. Patrick/Darby, Mike/Caitlin, and Megan/Katie were not too far behind, all having good races. The 2nd day the breeze filled in early along with the fog. By the first reach of the first race, the fog was so thick they had to use signals on the race committee boats so the boats could find the marks! Coaches were just as confused and boats were scattered all over the west passage of Narragansett Bay. Luckily the fog lifted just enough and they were able to get 2 races in. Coaches learned quickly to find the kids and tie them to their boats.

The final day was not much better – with fog clearing in time for 3 more races. The courses were shortened so the kids could see the marks so there was very little room for error. Fletcher/Brady wound up the top AYC boat in 7th.

Hyannis

After all the fog, the AYC mega trailer was loaded up for Hyannis Regatta on Cape Cod, Mass. The first day the kids got a taste of classic cape cod in the summer – 15-18 knots with 3-4 foot chop (outgoing current + sea breeze = big waves). The race committee did a great job and got a race off – with about ¼ of the fleet retiring. The AYC 420s all stayed in the race and everyone finished – one of the few clubs to achieve this. Even LISOT had boats retiring. The next 2 days the seas were much calmer and our team continued doing great – with no throwout, though there was no room for mistakes. Fletcher/Brady wound up 9th and Ramos/Andril wound up 11th despite consistent finishes, each had races that would keep them out of the top 5.



Opti New Englands – Green Fleet

It was a big change going from big waves and 420s to Optis! The green fleeters were just as focused as the 420 kids and ready for their big event. Sail Newport was the host of this year's Opti New Englands. They had over



300 boats in the championship fleet and 40 in the green fleet. Since I was on the green fleet line, I don't know too much about the sailing on the championship fleet line. The green line had a great race committee who were sure to offer help to all "greenies" and held entertaining meetings every morning. Ned Jones, Brad Read, and I lead post race clinics after each of the first 2 days. The kids battled light to medium air with even some waves on the 2nd day. The AYC kids faired extremely well with Porter and Blair getting 1 and 2, Olivia 5th, and Liam in 30th in his first big regatta. White fleet better watch out next year, there are several new players moving up!

Buzzards Bay Regatta – Last Stop Before the UK

The Buzzards Bay Regatta was the last of three regattas the 420 Race Team raced in during their New England trip. The AYC team had 4 boats competing, John Andril and Amanda Salvesen, Alex Ramos and Alex Sullivan, Mike Carr and Caitlin Goodrich, and Will Cyr and Megan Yeigh. The regatta started on Friday with 7 knots out of the Northwest, and as the day progressed, the wind backed to a Westerly and built to about 12 knots. As the wind speed increased, the AYC teams continued a great showing, and John and Amanda won the last race of the day, and were able to make it back to shore before the ramps became too congested.

Saturday started out with a similar breeze of 6 knots, and oscillations of 30 plus degrees. The race committee kept the racing postponed until 3:30 that afternoon. Although there were many attempts to start racing before 3:30, the wind was not on our side. The first fleet had about 7 "starts" before the first race completed a race. As some cloud cover developed, the westerly breeze filled in. The sailors completed 2 races in 13 knots of breeze, and AYC finishing strong on their last race.

On Sunday, we finally had a different direction; we had a Southwesterly direction, and about 12 to 13 knots of breeze. We were able to start racing as soon as everyone was on the water. The race committee raced the sailors in three quality races.

This was the final event before our teams head to the United Kingdom to race in the Zhik 420 British Open and National Championship starting on 8/23 and ending 8/28.

Results:

- 8) John Andril/Amanda Salvesen
- 15) Alex Ramos/Alex Sullivan
- 33) Mike Carr/Caitlin Goodrich
- 70) Will Cyr/Megan Yeigh

High School Fall Schedule

Annapolis Yacht Club High School Practice Schedule

All practices will be held from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM, light permitting. We greatly appreciate arrival well before 3:30 so that everyone may be dressed, rigged, and ready to go sailing following the briefing at 3:30.

First Day of Practice Tuesday, September 8 for all Tuesday teams. We will determine placement during the first week of practice.

Practice Schedule

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
OFF	AHS	AHS	AHS	SPHS
OFF	ICS	SPHS	SPHS	ICS
OFF	Ind.	ICS	Ind.	Ind.

IND: S. River, STM, and independent sailors

Last day of Practice Friday Nov. 13

Annapolis Yacht Club High School Regatta Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Varsity Regattas</u>	<u>JV Regattas</u>
Sat. Sept 19		
Sun. Sept 20	Fleet Race - SSA	
Sat. Sept 26		Fleet Race - Gunston
Sun. Sept 27		
Sat. Oct 3	Fleet Race - SCC Cressy Qualifier (laser) - NW	
Sun. Oct 4		
Sat. Oct 10		Fleet Race - BCSC SAT
Sun. Oct 11		
Sat. Oct 17	Fleet Race Champs - SSA	Fleet Race - Ryken
Sun. Oct 18	Fleet Race Champs - SSA	
Sat. Oct 24	*Fall Fleet Race Champs - NE	
Sun. Oct 25	*Fall Fleet Race Champs - NE	Fleet Race - SCC
Sat. Oct 31	* Atl. Coast Champs. - South? J105 Match Race - SSA? *Cressy - SE	
Sun. Nov 1	* Atl. Coast Champs. - South? *Cressy - SE	Daylight Savings Time
Sat. Nov 7	Team Race Champs - AYC	SAT
Sun. Nov 8	Team Race Champs - AYC	Fleet Race - NMHF
Sat. Nov 14	*Fall Team Race Champs - SMC Great Oaks	
Sun. Nov 15	*Fall Team Race Champs - SMC Great Oaks	

*Must Qualify to attend **SCC** – Sailing Center of Chesapeake **NMHF** –National Maritime Heritage Foundation

Perpetual Trophy Winners

AYC Optimist Junior Fleet Award – Presented to the AYC Sailor with the highest finish in the USODA Nationals

Maeve White

AYC Junior Fleet Championship Bowl – Presented to the top 420 sailor in the AYC Junior Program

Fletcher Sims

Bill Bennett Memorial Leadership Award – Presented to the sailor who best demonstrates leadership skills, sportsmanship, and poise.

Charlie Lomax

Penguin One Design Award - This award is the oldest perpetual trophy awarded to a junior fleet sailor. It was first given out in 1952 for the winner of the Penguin fleet. This award was retired in 1970, and has been resurrected this year by Jack Lynch. This award is presented to the sailor who displays the highest standard of sailing ability, sportsmanship, and leadership within the bounds of the Junior Sailing Program.

Brady Stagg

The Commodores Bowl – Is awarded to the sailor who has competed at a top level in multiple classes throughout the summer.

Scott Houck

Regatta Results:

CBYRA Regattas:

- **West River Sailing Club Junior Regatta**
http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventInfo/28/20090707_WRSC_JrRegatta_RESULTS.html
- **Annapolis Yacht Club Annual Regatta**
<http://race.annapolisyc.com/RegattaModules/ViewRegattaResults.aspx?RegID=302&mid=217&tabid=10>
- **Sandy McVicker Regatta – SSA**
<http://www.severnsailing.org/results/2009/sandymacvickar.shtml>
- **Junior Olympics/ Chesapeake Bay Open – BCSC**
<http://racing.ussailing.org/Assets/Racing/JO/2009+JO/Chesapeake+Bay+JO+Results.pdf>
- **Gibson Island Annual Jr. Regatta/MD State Champs.**
http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventInfo/33/20090714_GIYS_AnnualJrMDchamps_RESULTS.htm
- **Corsica River Annual Jr. Regatta/CBYRA Midget Elims.**
http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventInfo/33/20090714_GIYS_AnnualJrMDchamps_RESULTS.htm
- **Indian Landing Boat Club Jr. Regatta**
<http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventDocs.aspx?e=37>
- **Miles River Annual Jr. Regatta**
http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventInfo/51/MRYC_Junior_Regatta%20Results.html
- **Tred Avon Yacht Club Jr. Regatta**
<http://www.cbyra.org/juniorsailing/EventDocs.aspx?e=53>

National Regattas:

- **Youth Champs- Greenwich, CT**
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Assets/Championships/USYSC/2009/2009+420+Results.htm>
- **Opti Nationals – Cabrillo Beach, CA**
Gold/Silver: https://ssl4.westserver.net/usoda.org/site/uploaded_files/regattas_results/Files/2009%20Events/final%20results%20gold-silver.HTM
Bronze/Pearl: https://ssl4.westserver.net/usoda.org/site/uploaded_files/regattas_results/Files/2009%20Events/final%20results%20bronze-pearl.HTM
- **C420 Nationals – Conanicut YC, RI**

http://www.conanicutyachtclub.org/files/Club420Nationals_PreliminaryResults_10.pdf

- **Hyannis Regatta – Hyannis YC, MA**
http://www.hyannis yachtclub.org/content/results/2009/R_3_420.htm
- **Opti New Englands – SailNewport**
http://www.sailnewport.org/npt/m/_general/2009optineresults.asp
- **Buzzards Bay Regatta – New Bedford YC**
<http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com/2009results/GREEN%20Final.pdf>

