



# 2020 AYC Junior Sailing and Arts & Crafts Programs

April 1, 2020

Dear Members,

We are very excited for the 2020 season and happy to provide registration information for this year's Junior Sailing and Arts & Crafts Programs. All AYC families are encouraged to enroll their children and grandchildren in what we hope will be both beginnings and continuations of wonderful lifelong memories and friendships.

**2020 Program Dates.** This summer's Programs will take place Mondays through Thursdays in two successive four-week sessions (Session I: June 29 to July 25 and Session II: July 27 to August 21). The first session will conclude on Family Day (Saturday, July 25) with sailing, arts & crafts exhibitions, and awards. The second session will end with those activities plus Perpetual Awards presentations on Family Night (Friday, August 21).

**Classes.** The following classes are being planned for summer 2020:

- Arts & Crafts (ages 5-6)
- Introduction to Sailing (ages 7-8)
- Optimist Levels I through V (ages 8 and up)
- Intermediate/Advanced Sunfish
- Laser, C420 and RS Feva
- Adventure Class

**Leadership.** We are pleased to announce that Jonathan Lowry will be returning as Sailing Director and Joanne Loeper will again lead the Arts & Crafts Program. Many instructors from last season will also return eager to share their enthusiasm for sailing while providing excellent instruction and maintaining the safety of our program.

**Registration.** All Program registrations for Members' children and grandchildren should be completed through the Members' section of the AYC website ([www.avalonyachtclub.com](http://www.avalonyachtclub.com)). Fees, which are set forth on the registration page, will be added to Members' accounts and included in monthly billing statements.

**Boats.** All sailors are required to either own or rent a boat to participate in sailing classes, except for sailors in the Introduction to Sailing and Optimist Level I classes. The Club has a small number of Lasers and C420's available to rent on a first come/first served basis, with priority given to full summer rentals. Sailors interested in renting a Club owned Laser or C420 must make the request as part of registration.

**The AYC Racing Team.** AYC's Racing Team is an optional but popular component of the Junior Sailing Program that provides opportunities for sailors to travel and test their skills in competition against other yacht clubs in the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (MAYRA). The Racing Team is comprised of sailors from the Level III-V Optimist classes as well as the Sunfish, Laser, C420, and (new this year) RS Feva classes. In addition, we encourage sailors in our Level II Optimist class to consider joining the team to sail in the Green Fleet races that are fun, low-key introductions to competitive sailing that are typically short and close to shore.

**The Adventure Class.** Returning for 2020 is the Adventure Class for sailors who have completed at least three summers of sailing instruction but are looking for an alternative to the AYC Racing Team. The Adventure Class will place less emphasis on racing while exploring the broader sport and lifestyle of sailing. Enrollment in the Adventure Class will be limited to ten sailors. Interested sailors should list the Adventure Class as their requested class on the registration form. Preference will be given to older sailors and/or sailors who have completed greatest number of seasons in the program.

The Junior Sailing and Arts & Crafts Programs are again intended to complement other Club activities, including Youth Activities events and the weekend intraclub regattas. More details about the Programs are available in the Junior Program Guide (available in the Members' section of the AYC website, [www.avalonyachtclub.com](http://www.avalonyachtclub.com)).

We hope you find all of this information helpful, and we welcome any questions, comments and suggestions.

Dominc Bonitatis III, Commodore

John Groskoph, Sailing Committee Chairman

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