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JUNIOR SAILING ACADEMY BEQUIA NEWSLETTER



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Message from our founder Rose Kaye

My thanks to all involved. The sailing club participants have made such great progress bringing Bequia 11 trophies from 2025 SVG regatta competitions. It's not just our trophy winners who have succeeded, but all of the participating youths have made tremendous progress. None of this would have been possible without the support of our sponsors and the expertise and devotion of our expert coaches John and Darcy. I am so proud of everyone involved in the Junior Sailing Academy.

Welcome

Welcome to our December 2025 JSAB Newsletter. We hope this newsletter can provide you with information to keep you up to date with what is going on with JSAB along with our progress, direction and current needs. Progress continues to be made for which we are grateful. The coaches, executive director, and JSAB youth want to wish you the best for your holidays and coming New Year!



Coaches Corner John & Darcy Dillon



Darcy and I closed out this past sailing season for September and October to allow for some pre-planned travel to the States along with some needed time off. As you'll read below, we've been blessed with support from two gracious new donors that have made significant contributions to JSAB. A special thanks goes out to the Whale Song family and also the Geneva Lake Sailing School in Lake Geneva, WI, USA. Their generous donations have helped us with needed parts, sails, life jackets and the like to allow us to move forward with fixing our boats and getting more of them on the water. Whale Song has also purchased two new daggerboards for the Optis which is a major milestone in getting all seven boats out sailing. Rose Kaye has also authorized the purchase of two new trollies for our Opti's which will greatly reduce our launch and retrieval times to get boats in and out of the water.



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Regatta News

JSAB recently competed in the SVG National Youth Championship Regatta in August. Bequia was represented by three JSAB members. In the Optimist class we had 13-year-old Keyron Harris and 11-year-old Kemuel Bynoe, and in the ILCA 6 class we had 15-year-old Lamont Gregg.

Keyron and Kemuel dominated the Optimist class the regatta. Keyron took 6 first places, 3 second places, 2 first places, 2 second places, 2 third places, and 2 fourth places.

In the ILCA 6 class **Lamont came in fourth place** which was a pretty good showing given the chartered boat he sailed had a leak which resulted in the inner hull taking on water. When he was issued a new boat, his performance greatly improved. First place went to Kai Desant-Marks who had just returned from the UK National ILCA championships and second place went to Scarlett Hadley who just returned from Paraguay representing SVG in the Pan-American games.

Looking forward to our 2026 regattas. The season kicks off in March with the Sylvester Simmons Regatta in Lower Bay. We then have the Easter Regatta in April and then onto the SVG National Youth Championship Regatta in August. Should our youth qualify, our goal would be to take them to the Caribbean Dinghy Championship in 2026 which will most likely be in St. Martin.

We are very proud of their accomplishments!



Aaden Dennie - 3rd Place Opti



Kris Ollivierre - 1st Place ILCA





Achievements and Improvements



Bequia Junior Regatta Results



Sylvester Simmons Regatta

OPTI

- 1st Kelvan Harris
- 2nd Drake Gooding
- 3rd Kemuel Bynoe

IILCA 7

- 1st Amari Hercules
- 2nd Dewmari Gooding
- 3rd Dennis Sutherland

Topper

- 1st Conroy Harris

Bequia Easter Regatta

OPTI

- 1st Kemuel Bynoe
- 3rd Kelvan Harris

SVG National Championship

OPTI

- 1st Keyron Harris
- 2nd Kemuel Bynoe

Bequia Club House Improvements



BEFORE

The club unorganized storage for daggerboards, hiking sticks, and more.



AFTER

Coach John built new organized slots to ensure proper care of equipment.





Funding / Sponsorship Opportunities



Our only source of monetary support is from those who generously donate to JSAB. Thank you for your past contributions and we hope we can continue to earn your support in the future. Darcy and I are coaching as volunteers and as such do not get paid which allows your contributions to be used to maintain and upgrade our boats and sails, properly maintain and fuel our safety boats and engines, and attend regattas which sometimes require travel costs for off-island events.

JSAB currently supports two classes of sailboats, Optimist's and ILCA's (Laser) which are the two most popular youth boats in the world. Here is the breakdown of our needs for each class of boat:

Optimist:

We have spent a fair amount of time and money this year on the Optimists as they were in poor shape and needed a lot of work for both the boats and sails.

- The sails are in poor shape and should be upgraded. We would like to focus on purchasing "club" level sails which are much less costly than racing sails. It would be ideal to be able to purchase one for each Optimist that we have, which would require the purchase of 7 sails. The newest current sail we have is 14 years old and some are older. The current cost per sail is US \$333.00.
- The club is in need of 2 Optimist daggerboards, as we currently only have 5. These daggerboards run approximately US \$350.00 each. With the additional 2, we can get 7 boats on the water.

ILCA's:

We currently have two ILCA 7's that we use. The ILCA 7 configuration is problematic for the youth as it is difficult to transition from an Optimist to an ILCA 7 because the young sailors transitioning out of the Opti's do not weigh enough for an ILCA 7.

- Our preferred approach is to convert these boats to ILCA 4's and ILCA 6's which is quite easy to do as it only requires a different spar section and sail. The hull remains the same. The cost for a [new](#) ILCA 4 spar section is about US \$250.00. In addition, the ILCA 4 club sail is US \$700 for the sail and battens.
- As the youth sailors grow and gain additional weight and knowledge, the next step would be an ILCA 6. Again, the only difference is in the lower spar section and the size of the sail. An ILCA 6 spar section is about US \$360. The sail is about US \$700. (Not including tax and shipping)

Once the ILCA 4 and 6 spars and sails are acquired, we will begin investigating additional ILCA's to our fleet to keep our youth sailing.



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Immediate Needs:

- New Opti club sails - US \$333 each (need 7)
- New daggerboard for Optis - US \$350 each (need 2)
- ILCA 4 spar section - US \$250.00 (need 2)
- ILCA 4 sails & battens - US \$700 (need 2)

A very special "Thank You" to all our sponsors!

