



Junior Sailing MAKING WAVES

Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas

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The 2017 season of Junior Sailing began with Saturday classes on January 7th. There are two six-week sessions planned, for Optis, Sunfish, and 420's. New this year is a Wednesday after-school tutorial to introduce the youngest kids to Optis, to "catch them up" with the rest of the class.

Head Instructor Caitlin Hevey Wilhoite is in charge of the juniors, with a large group of volunteers, and a few paid Assistants, to fill out the instructor ranks. That includes Logan and Caroline Rowell, Richard Woods, Otis Wilhoite, Rhiannon Thomas, Pamela Cantrell, and Brandon Sands.

Brandon is one of our very accomplished older Junior Sailors, (he won the Opti National Regatta in 2015) who is now experienced enough to have the job of Assistant Instructor. Hopefully more Juniors can follow this path, providing good instruction, as well as obtaining a paid position.

Also in January, Cap'n. Jack's gave a great donation from the proceeds of Jack's Bingo Night. All year long, 10% of their Bingo proceeds goes to local organizations, and Junior Sailing is fortunate to be one of them. Cap'n. Jack's donation to Junior Sailing has been going on for many years, and is much appreciated.

Here are a few photos of the classes this year – rigging, launching, and sailing. Come and watch – it's a great spectator sport!







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