



Junior Sailing "MAKING WAVES" May 3, 2016

April 30 - Derick Lee Regatta

The trophy for the Derick Lee Regatta was donated in the late 60's by the famous sailing Lee family from Man-O-War. The brass plaques have names like Harold Malone, Jeff Gale, Jack Russell, Roddy Malone, Bernard Major, Wellington Pinder, - some of them multiple times!

In 2006, when the "new millenium" Hope Town Junior Sailing was formed, the trophy was found in the rafters, refurbished, and now is the premier award for Hope Town Junior Sailors. The first "new" Junior Sailor winner (2006) was Noah Albury.



Here is the report of the 2016 Regatta from Paul Gooding:

"The Derick Lee Regatta was held yesterday, sailing in Optimists, in perfect weather, - East winds of 10 to 12 knots and mainly sunny weather. A very successful event! We held three races, using a triangular course, with results as follows:

Sail #	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Position
211	Chloe Sweeting	1	2	1	4	1st
213	Jasmin Aberle	3	1	2	6	2nd
209	Colby Stebbins	2	3	3	8	3rd
210	Caroline Sandberg	5	4	5	14	4th
212	Lauren Sandberg	6	DNS	4	17	5th
202	Dawson Thompson	4	DNF	DNS	18	6th

Dawson was unfortunate to capsize in the 2nd race and was unable to get his boat ready to race again.

Congratulations to everyone! An awards ceremony was held in the Clubhouse immediately after the races, and when all the boats and gear were put away.

The Committee boat was "Panda," with Paul and Ann and Lisa Manley. The Mark set and rescue boat was Morgan Stebbins who did a great job, also helping those who capsized, as well as with rigging and putting gear away after the races. A support and rescue boat was manned by Derek and Susan Sandberg, who also acted as photographer, and who similarly helped launch and put away the boats. Neil Aberle similarly came out, to support Jasmin and encourage all the competitors. K Guinness helped on shore before the races, to rig a spare sail. All the Juniors worked together, helped each other rig the boats, and supported each other on the race course. Of particular note was a fantastic act of sportsmanship by Chloe, who went back before the start of the second race, to give encouragement and tips on bailing to Lauren, who had capsized. In doing this, Chloe recognized she would be late for the start of the second race, but decided it was more important to help another competitor. This meant she threw away a chance of winning that race, but nevertheless she worked her way through the fleet to finish 2nd. and still managed to win overall.

A great day, and we should all be proud of our Juniors. Paul Gooding

From Susan Sandberg:

"...the kids did great. Their attitudes really shined and an amazing show of teamwork. Lauren told me she thought Chloe should have gotten the "Spirit Award". Lauren capsized a few times and was sitting in a bathtub! Chloe gave up her start of the 2nd race to sail over to Lauren to help her. Dawson also passed by to check on her. Later Dawson capsized and was laughing as he bailed his boat - done for the day but having a great time. Jasmin was a little fireball out there! She had a great day! All the kids did great and we couldn't believe we heard the 12pm bells on the way in - what an efficiently run day!"

Photos by Susan Sandberg





April 23 Class - Report from Ann Gooding: Last Saturday it was blowing about 15 from the south. Andrew Wilhoyte took the more experienced kids out in Sunfish and they went all the way to the Abaco Inn. Andrew said it was good for them to get in the groove of tacking for a long period. It took them an hour to get there. Unfortunately by the time we got out of the harbour with the Optis the Sunfish were long gone! There was a lot of wind for the Optis to handle but Jasmin sailed really well in 213 and in fact was the only one to be able to tack all the way back in. The mouth of the harbour was congested with boats, but she kept her cool. Later in the club Jasmin was recounting her experience and we had to smile when she said "I had right of way, I was under sail".

Left-Over photos from April 9th Class (photos by Ann Gooding):

Junior Sailors who did not travel to West End had a special treat, reported by Nakia Wilhoyte: "We also had sailing here! It was a super fun day - we grouped all the kids together and sailed 4 Sunfish and Richard and Monica Cook's catamaran - captained by Alexis! We sailed to Nathan's Bay, and then everyone took turns on the catamaran with Andrew Wilhoyte - we even had kids sailing Sunfish for the first time!! Lots of fun!!!"



Check out the Opti Nationals video compliments of Good Island Living:
<http://www.goodislandliving.com/2015/10/20/junior-regatta/>

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