



# *Junior Sailing MAKING WAVES*

Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas  
Summer & Fall 2016

## **Belated Report: ROSCOE THOMPSON REGATTA AND FUNDRAISER – May 28th**

The Roscoe Thompson Memorial Trophy was donated in 2007 by Fred Hazelwood, in memory of his father-in-law. Since then the regatta has become a team challenge tradition, with sailing relays, games, beach activities, food and fund-raising. Here is the report of the day's activities, from reporter and junior sailor Summer Aberle:

“The day started off with a Skipper's meeting at the club house where we were briefed on the day's events. The first challenge would be rigging. We headed down to the beach where we set up the boats and the rigging side by side. We picked numbers out of a hat and began rigging our selected boats. I wasn't the best at rigging.

Once we were out of the harbour, the conditions for the morning caught up to us. There was no wind whatsoever! We had to skull all the way to Nathan's Bay. In due time we reached the beach and pulled our boats up on the sand where we met the rest of our team.

I was on a team with Dawson, Ella and Katie, The first challenge was another race. The buoys were all set up and our team members hopped in the boats. I sailed the sunfish while Dawson and Ella sailed the Opti. There was still no wind and in the beginning we weren't allowed to skull. Well that didn't work, so they let us skull!

We finished the race in about half an hour, although it might have been longer. Then we headed back to the beach where we waited for our next challenge.

Throughout the course of the day we had a kayak rocking challenge, three more races and a tug-o-war. While the teams roamed around buying food and drinks the scores were counted up and the winners were announced. After a long day of sailing and having fun the sunfish and optis were towed back into the harbour, (because once again there was no wind) and we de-rigged the boats.”

Even though the winds were not cooperative, the sailors had a good time, as well as the parents and spectators who helped the cause with their purchase of snacks and food. Over \$500 in donations were collected. The winning team will have all their names engraved on the Roscoe Thompson Trophy plaque in the clubhouse: Team Captain Alexis Cook, team members Caroline Sandberg, Jack Guinness, Will Ogden, and Tyrick Kelly.



## 2016 Opti Nationals to be Held in Nassau October 1-2

Our Junior Sailors are getting ready for the Bahamas Opti Nationals to be held in two weeks. Weekend and after-school practices are being held, and arrangements are being made for shipping our Optis to Nassau for the event. Sailors planning to compete are: Chloe Sweeting, Maison Koepke, Jack Guinness, Dawson Thompson, Luke Prosa, Rachel Sands, and Joey Gale. This will be the last year Chloe and Joey will be eligible in Optis, as they are “ageing out”, so we wish them special luck in Nassau. Here is the schedule of events:

### **Friday September 30**

16:00 - 18:00 Registration and Swag Bag pickup at Nassau Yacht Club pool deck.

18:00 - 21:00 Welcome dinner/ BBQ at The Nassau Yacht Club (NYC)

### **Saturday October 1**

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast at NYC

08:30 Skippers Meeting @

Registration/Presentation's Stage

10:00 Warning Signal with race(s) to follow

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch @ NYC

14:00 Warning Signal with race(s) to follow

18:00 - 22:00 DINNER PARTY – Pearl Island Bahamas

### **Sunday, October 2**

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast at NYC

10:00 Warning Signal with race(s) to follow

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch @ NYC

17:30 - 21:00 DINNER PRESENTATION – Nassau Yacht Club Dining Room

For more information about the Nationals, check out their great website at <http://www.opti242.com/>

Below are some great photos taken by Nakia Wilhoyte during practice sessions. Notice that sailing in the harbor is easier this time of the year, with most of the moorings empty!

