

2008 LLSC Junior Fleet Report

Junior Training

We had a busy month in June for teaching sailing at LLSC. Junior Week, again, was a huge success at LLSC, with 60+ Jr. Sailors participating. Thanks to all our volunteers and for their hard work continuing to make Jr. Week a popular event at LLSC. We also had our Junior C420 Day Camp and Junior Optimist Day Camp. Making our training numbers again to **over 100!** Special thanks to Dorry & Rick Heffner, Warren Collier, Lisa Postell, Marian Evatt and Heleen Andringa for taking on the responsibility for the training weeks in my maternity absence.

2008 Fleet Racing

We had 2 race series this year – Spring and Fall and include the Optimist, Laser Radial and Club 420. Participation was again high with our Optimist accounting for the strongest numbers. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program and running all the races this season. In 2008 we continued our coaching efforts but had stand alone 4 hour coaching sessions. This gave the instructors opportunities to work on targeted areas and run longer drill sequences and more on the shore briefing time.

Club Events:

The Junior Fleet had 3 very successful LLSC Club events this year, Governors Cup, 4th of July Races and the Jr. Commodores Cup. All three events were well attended by our junior families. Thank you to all the volunteers who ran the races and social activities to make all of these events a success.

Open Club Events:

The Junior Fleet had a busy year participating in 3 open events at LLSC – the Reggae Regatta, the Quad State Opti Championship & Clinic and the Halloween Regatta. Each event was well supported by our fleet. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers for their on shore & water support.

LLSC Jr. Racing Team:

In 2008 the LLSC Junior Sailing Program continued to support a Junior Racing Team. The Racing Team encourages club service, sportsmanship – on and off the water, team sailing while boosting club racing, regional & national regatta participation. We had 13 juniors qualify for this team in 2008 taking our current total to 31. We had 2 semi-final teams for the US Sailing events: the Junior Sears (triple handed team) – Nick Cumbie, Kyle Stadel and Chris Jackson and a Bemis Team (double-handed) -JD and Michael Reddaway. Our racing team took many awards this year but special congratulations to JD and Michael Reddaway for winning the ShipShape award at the SAYRA Quarter-final event, Robbie Estes winning the Sportsmanship Award at the JOs in Pennsacola, Connor Cassidy won the Sportsmanship Award in Rockland Maine for his efforts in Optimist, and Daniel Postell qualified for the 2009 USDOA Team Trials competition in CT in April. We also had a LLSC Team participate in the 2008 SAYRA YOUTH CHALLENGE in CYC-NC. Congratulations to everyone for hitting the road and representing LLSC.

Work Day:

In 2008 we had several scheduled work day at the club where many juniors and parents participated in helping clean up and clean out various parts of LLSC. Our big project this year was getting the junior area cleared up and also getting our Jr. barge re-vamped. Thanks to Warren Collier for spear heading this project. It took many hands and much talent to get it done... thank you all.

Membership:

In 2008, out of 9 members total approved for membership at LLSC, 4 were joining primarily for the Junior program. Currently we have over 70 active juniors in our program. Looking to the future of LLSC, the junior program has great potential to drive membership in 2009 and beyond.

The LLSC Junior Program had an extremely successful year in 2008, and it would not be without the support from the LLSC Board, club members, especially the junior parents and volunteers. As we look forward to 2009, we can look forward to a new Junior Director – Warren Collier and Racing Chair – Carol Reddaway. I have full confidence that the program will continue to be a huge success for LLSC and our juniors with the continued support of the club and members. It has been a pleasure and honor to be involved in this program as I truly believe that keeping our juniors on the water is the success and future of any club.

Respectfully submitted: Martine Zurinskas, Junior Director