

Hello OGYC Junior Sailing families! Don't winterize those sailboats yet!

Come to **BYC's Annual Fall Series** - starting September 17 through October 8. Register at the door for the four week series or on a weekly basis. Lunch is also available (\$5.00) from 11:30 to 12:45. Skippers Meeting following lunch.

<http://www.beachwoodyachtclub.com/>

After that is over, there is a five week **Toms River Fall Frostbite** series on Sundays October 15, 22, 29 and November 5 & 12. This is for the sailor that wants to get better. Again, 5-6 starts a day and off the water by 3pm.

<http://www.tryc.com/>

A note about the word frostbite. The water will be beginning to get cold, and some kids will start to use drysuits or shorty wet suits, especially if the weather is crummy. But there will likely be at least 3 of the 5 days where the weather will be in the 60's and just spectacular. Spring frostbiting is another matter. The water is dangerously cold and at that point dry suits are required.

USODA ACC's held on the weekend of October 7-8 at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club.

<http://www.lehyc.org/>

Note from USODA's Ed Swickart: I would suggest that every opti sailor in NJ plan on attending that regatta. The green fleet will be a great learning experience for those sailors in their first or second year. I can't emphasize enough how worthwhile this regatta is going to be. For those with over two years in the boat, this is what you have trained for. There will likely be over 200 boats at Little Egg, and we will break in divisions, which many of you have not done yet. It will be a tremendous learning experience.

2007 NJ State Optimist Championship, which will be held on the Wanamaker Course at the mouth of the Toms River in Barnegat Bay in **late June**. I will send info as soon as I get it.

I strongly urge you to join your one-design national organization. Most provide you with newsletters full of helpful information, upcoming regattas and tips for getting the most out of your sailing experiences.

Optimist – USODA – United States Optimist Dinghy Association

www.usoda.org

These folks put out the BEST newsletter (*Optinews*) for junior sailors. It is worth the price of membership just for *Optinews*!

Laser – North American Laser Association

www.laser.org

Sunfish – US Sunfish Class Association

www.sunfishclass.org

420 – Club 420 Association

www.club420.org

Anyone interested in starting up a high school sailing team?

The very best source of information is the Interscholastic Sailing Association website:

www.highschoolsailingusa.org

When you go to the website, click on "About ISSA" in the box on the left and then go to "start a team" link

Boats, parts and invaluable info concerning upcoming holiday gift ideas:

Colie Sails

www.coliesail.com

Moorhouse Sails

www.mhsails.com

(APS) Annapolis Performance Sailing

www.apstld.com