

SAIL TRAINING REPORT
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On April 2nd, Scott Young gave his Start/Tactics talk to the Opti sailors and the interaction was great. A lot of questions were asked and answered. Coach Coleman followed the talk with an intensive practice concentrating on starts. Scott was impressed by the tactical knowledge that the kids possessed.

On April 9,10 we had another successful Roadrunner Regatta. Jeff, Stefan, and the Roadrunner volunteers pulled off another great regatta. We had 22 AYC kids competing, dominating the Laser and FJ fleets. This has become the favorite regatta of the TSA events.

On April 16th, we had the first of three Learn to Sail Keel Clinics with 15 attendees, mostly non-members. John Grznich hosted the event, along with skippers Bob Stephens, Keith Denebeim, Doug Laws, John Howard, Dave Gamble, and yours truly. We sailed through a brief shower that let up toward the end. Most of the students requested addition sailing opportunities .

We are half way through with Steve Gay's U.S. Sailing Level 1 small boat instructor course. Five students signed up for the course and will finish this week end. Thanks to Steve for providing such an important part of our program.

Our Spring Women's Clinic will be held on May 7th and registration is proceeding with most registrants being non-members. I'm hoping more members will sign up, since this clinic will have instruction for all skill levels.

As you may already know our Sailing Director, Kate Noble, will be leaving us at the end of May to take a position in Annapolis, MD. She has been a integral part of the success of our junior program as well as adult sail training at AYC. She has performed her job exceptionally well and has taken on every task presented to her. I am already missing her and we all wish her well in the future. On May 22nd we will have a send off party for Kate and everyone is invited to thank her and say good bye. A decision has been made to hire Assistant Coach, Coleman Terrell, to be the next Sailing Director at AYC. I hope all of you will get to know him and give him your support, as he is following a pretty good act!