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Dear Members and Friends.

We're pleased to provide you with updates on the latest news and happenings from the Caribbean Sailing Association including the CSA Annual Conference, the Caribbean Dinghy Championships and the latest CSA members' news.

Please check your dates on the CSA website calendar and advise of any additions or changes. As a reminder, we list regional and local race events on the calendar for yacht clubs and international events are listed if the event is a member. Don't forget to share your news with news@caribbean-sailing.com on a regular basis so we can keep everyone up-to-date on members' happenings!

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The CSA Annual Conference Update

The 2014 CSA Annual Conference will take place from the 24th – 26th October in Antigua. Friday will be reserved for the Annual General Meeting with the afternoon session primarily focused on youth development. Tim Cross of ISAF with responsibility for Youth Development in Group O nations will be attending and will begin the sessions with an outline of his role and how he can help MNAs and associations with their youth development program and projects. The meeting will then hear from Elizabeth Jordan, President of Antigua's National Sailing Academy, about the creation of the Academy and the challenges, opportunities and ongoing strategy for sustaining and developing it.

Saturday and Sunday will consist of sessions running concurrently for regatta organizers, youth development representatives and measurers, as well as some shared sessions. The agenda will be published well ahead of time so you can arrange to attend the meetings most relevant to you and plan your visit accordingly.

We are pleased that several members have already confirmed their attendance.

Check out the [current delegate list here](#). If you haven't yet registered please [click here to register](#). If you have registered but don't see your name on the list, please email secretariat@caribbean-sailing.com.

Please note that fully paid up members receive the discounted members' conference rate. Non-members or members whose dues are not current will be charged the non-members' rate so be sure to let us know if you intend to become a member or pay your membership dues in advance of the conference so we can bill you accordingly.

[Click here](#) for information on accommodation and conference fees.

Great rates have been negotiated with local properties but they are starting to book up so please make your reservation soon to ensure you get the accommodation of your choice.

Caribbean Dinghy Championships

The Caribbean Sailing Association is pleased to announce that the 2014 Caribbean Dinghy Championships will once again be hosted by Antigua Yacht Club and Antigua's National Sailing Academy. Dates for the 2014 event have been set for November 15 and 16. Planning is currently underway and the Notice of Race will be issued in the near future confirming entry fees and other event details.

Please send expressions of interest as soon as possible to secretariat@caribbean-sailing.com to ensure that your team secures a spot and isn't disappointed!

CSA Member Representatives At Youth Games In China



The Caribbean Sailing Association is delighted that representatives of member-countries are currently participating in the sailing competition at the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. The opportunity to participate in this type of high-profile international event will provide the youngsters with a wealth of experience that will be invaluable to them in all of their future endeavours, not just in sports.

Member yacht club representatives at the Youth Olympic Games are as follows:

- Antigua and Barbuda – Rhone Kirby.

- Aruba – Mack van den Eerenbeemt
- British Virgin Islands – Samuel Morrell
- Dominican Republic – Celeste Lugtmeijer Cathelier
- Puerto Rico – Lucas Miranda Martinez
- US Virgin Islands – Paige Clarke, Scott McKenzie

The CSA wishes each and every one of these talented athletes congratulations on their tremendous achievements to date and best of luck at the Youth Olympic Games. You have made the Caribbean region and all member-countries very proud.

CSA Minimum Safety Requirements

We would like to remind you that the CSA has made the decision to no longer provide minimum safety requirements for regattas in the Caribbean. The CSA Board recognized at the 2013 Annual General Meeting that this important function is being addressed by several other sailing organizations at a much greater level-and it was therefore voted to no longer provide minimum requirements. Regatta organisers please take note when preparing your Notices of Race for future events.

Two leading organizations that offer several categories of safety regulations are ISAF [sailing.org/specialregs](http://www.isaf.org/specialregs) and US Sailing <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements> and regatta organisers are encouraged to adopt and customize suitable options for their events.

Seeking Sponsors For CSA Conference

Over the past few years the CSA has had many conversations about establishing sponsorships for the Association. We have worked on sponsorship options and are pleased to announce that we have developed two packages – one for sponsorship of the Association on an annual basis and a second one for sponsorship of the CSA Annual Conference. We would welcome an opportunity to speak with organisations interested in either or both sponsorship packages.

Any interested businesses should contact Alison Sly-Adams at vp@caribbean-sailing.com or call +1 (268) 725-4692.

Members News



Aruba International Regatta this weekend, August 16th & 17th

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