

Fleet Capt 2017 Annual Report

Dear SCYC friends & Members,

To say it has been quite a year, is an obvious understatement, there are tons of positive things that happened in 2017 and are scheduled for 2018. I am also enormously proud of my fellow Virgin Islanders, we are an amazingly resilient community, we have accomplished much in a short period, VI Strong! Many of us developed very personal relationships with our generators...my recent favorite [YouTube](#) vid is a hoot!

2017 EVENTS

Our junior sailors honorably represented SCYC and the USVI in world class events all over the globe in 2017! Notably, [MLK](#) in St Thomas, our own [Cruzan Open](#), [IOR](#) in St Thomas, [Optimist South American Championships](#) in Paraguay, [Optimist World Championships](#) in Thailand, [29er US Nationals](#) in CA, [29er European Championship](#) in France, [Youth World Championships](#) in China and [Orange Bowl Regatta](#) in Miami.

[The 2017 SCYC International Regatta](#), due to an extraordinary 2017 storm season, this classic regatta was rescheduled to March 9-11, 2018. This regatta has a long history of being a premier Caribbean sailing event, exemplifying the best in racing venues and local hospitality. I am very excited about this upcoming event and its new date will be well supported!

The 2017 **Summer Sailing Program** was a huge success, with a great group of instructors led by SCYC program graduate Dylan Mahron. We added two sessions for a total of five, which ran from June to August, more than sixty upcoming junior sailors enjoyed the program, improved their skills, made new friends and have some great memories. Thanks to all involved!

After School Sailing Program 2017- Lead by Steph Malanga Jr. and Dylan Mahron instructed sessions in Sea Squirts and developed Opti-1 (learn to sail) and Opti-2 (skill building) for our pre-Green Fleet Racing group. Also offered, Junior Adventure Sailing class that promotes sailors having fun on the water not with the focus of racing.

Adult Sailing Lessons 2017 - SunSet, Breeze and Bubbles and Breeze, Bubbles and Brunch sailing classes were enjoyed by some of our adult members and guests wishing to learn to sail in a fun environment.

UPCOMING REGATTAS

[MLK](#) (Jan 13-14) Opti Qualifier, the Opti team coached by Tino will be competing in this.

[ACC's](#) (Jan 13-15) Laser Atlantic Coast Championships, VI sending our Laser sailors.

[Cruzan Open](#) (Feb 3-4) Opti Qualifier for Opti Worlds and Opti North Americans.

[Pan Pepin International Dinghy Regatta](#) (Feb 16-18) San Juan Opti, Laser, Sunfish

[Laser Midwinters](#) (Feb 22-25) Clearwater FL

[Sunshine State Opti Championship](#) (Mar 3-4) 3rd qualifier for worlds

[SCYC International](#) (Mar 9-11) 25th anniversary of this classic regatta

[South American Opti Championship](#) (Mar 23-31) Montevideo Uruguay

[STIR - St Thomas International](#) (Mar 23-25)

[BVI Spring Regatta](#) (Mar 30-Apr 1)

VIODA (Apr 21-22) St Thomas, 3rd event for Caribbean Cup

BVI Dinghy Champ (May 18-20) 4th event Caribbean Cup
[Optimist North American Championship](#) (June 22-Jul 1) Nayarit, Mexico
[ISAF Youth Worlds](#) (Jul 14-22) Corpus Christi, TX
[Optimist World Championship](#) (8/27-9/06) Cyprus
[Bill Chandler Memorial Regatta](#) - (Date TBD)

YSA continues to be a very welcomed funding and program resource keeping racing coach Tino busy instructing and leading our advanced junior sailors locally and in world class events, thanks to all involved!

The main dock was partially disassembled as *Irma* approached and consequently was saved from major damage. It had pre-existing electrical issues and needed some frame lumber replaced, both of which are being corrected and hoping to have it wrapped up shortly.

Launches, early in 2017 a second Whaler 17 was purchased at a discount from the Stanton family and was given a fairly thorough refurb, a new 4-stroke outboard was installed and she was christened SCYC-1. The existing Whaler 17 was hauled this Summer and is being refurbed currently, a new 4-stroke outboard has been purchased and she will re-enter service ASAP as SCYC-2. Thanks to all who donated time and/or funds to these needed additions to the fleet.

Fleet Donations - With the inspiring generosity of Artemis & Martha Joukowsky and JP Skov two nearly-new Opti's were purchased for the fleet. Greg & Meg Deegan selflessly donated a 12' RIB and outboard, which has been a great support boat for beginner Opti kids. The Hanley Clan donated a Laser with holed hull, which was repaired by volunteer labor, unfortunately that was the one storm casualty, either washed out to sea or more likely stolen when fence was down after Maria. Please accept my warmest thanks and the appreciation from everyone for your kindness and generosity.

Future Fleet Efforts - Will continue to build and refurb our Opti fleet, recently inventoried our C420's needs and will be going through them repairing as needed, a second Laser will be donated shortly in response to the increased interest.

Volunteers - my heartfelt appreciation to those who volunteer countless hours in support of SCYC and its programs.

The fundraising efforts and events have a huge impact on what SCYC is able to offer its membership, without this funding resource we would have a much reduced capacity to provide programs, equipment and instruction at the currently very low rates and dues. Your donations and generosity really make a difference! Please consider making a donation via our secure [Donations Page](#), all contributions are deeply appreciated!

Thanks to all for a memorable 2017 and shared hopes for an epic 2018!

Morgan Dale
Fleet Captain

"May your departures equal your landfalls"