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Bahamas Sailing Association hosts Deltec Youth Regatta 2024

[Nassau, The Bahamas]: Over 30 junior sailors (ranging in age from 8 to 19 years) took to the water this weekend, as The Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA) hosted its first youth regatta of 2024. The event was hosted by the Nassau Yacht Club and sponsored by Deltec Bank and Trust.

Competitors in five dinghy fleets, consisting of Optimist (Beginner and Championship fleets), Sunfish and ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7) and ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) took to the water in Montagu Bay in near ideal conditions of 12-14 knots. Competition was fierce with 2 of the fleets ending in series ties for first place after 7 races were completed. Ultimately, it was Joshua Weech (Bahamas National Sailing School) and Finley McKinney-Lambert (Eleuthera Sailing Academy) who won the final race of their respective series in the ILCA 6 and Optimist Championship fleets and emerged as the winners.

The winners of each fleet were as follows:

- Optimist Green (Beginner) – Joel Ponnore (Royal Nassau Sailing Club), 8 points
- Optimist Championship – Finley McKinney-Lambert (Eleuthera Sailing Academy), 9 points (tied with Patrick Tomlinson on points, but overall winner as he won the last race in the series)
- Sunfish Class – Delano Davis (Bahamas National Sailing School), 7 points
- ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7) – Eliza Denning (Lyford Cay Sailing), 7 points
- ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) - Joshua Weech (Bahamas National Sailing School), 10 points (tied with Norman Cartwright on points but overall winner as he won the last race in the series).

Lori Lowe, President of the BSA noted ‘Ultimately our goal is to encourage anyone to come out and learn to sail and enjoy the beautiful waters of The Bahamas and all the benefits sailing brings to young people. We are extremely grateful to Deltec Bank and Trust for providing the funding for the event and we are encouraged to see participation by both boys and girls and from beginner level to our more advanced sailors who regularly compete internationally’.

Several of the sailors who competed this weekend will be travelling to Florida this week to compete at the ILCA Midwinters East regatta. The next local event in the junior sailing calendar is the Sir Durward Knowles Junior Regatta, organized by the Regatta Desk in cooperation with the Nassau Yacht Club. The event will feature international-class dinghies and Bahamian E-class sloops.

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Notes to Editor:

1. The Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA) is the Member Nation Authority (MNA) and governing body of the sport of sailing in The Bahamas as designated by World Sailing (the international governing body for the sport of sailing). The BSA is the umbrella organization for all International Sailboat Classes sailing in The Bahamas and all Clubs in The Bahamas that sail in International Sailboat Classes and sail under the Racing Rules of Sailing as issued by World Sailing. The BSA has no authority over the various Bahamian Sloop Clubs and Associations. BSA also operates the Bahamas National Sailing School (BNSS), established in 2004 with the intention of expanding the base of sailing outside the existing club structure and making sailing available to all Bahamians. For more information visit: www.bahsailingschool.org
2. See attachment for overall results (also available at www.bahsailingschool.org).