

## ASA Youth Report 2023

The Alberta youth had a busy summer going all over Canada. We had some youth go to CORK in Kingston, all the usual regattas around AB, and Pumpkin Bowl in BC. Some opti sailors represented AB in at the Opti Nationals at West Vancouver Yacht Club.

Sail West was held at Wabamun Sailing Club. They put on a great event, thank you to the club. Everyone had a great time.

We welcomed Braedyn as our new Alberta Coach early in the summer. He came from New Zealand and has some great ideas on how to build sailing in the province. Braedyn organized an opti and an ILCA training camp at Camp Kuriakos in Sylvan Lake. Both were very well attended, and the sailors learned a lot.

ASA hosted the AB Series provincial at Camp Kuriakos, with the help and support of Sylvan Lake Sailing Club. There was a course for dinghies and a course for keelboats. There was a great turnout and lots of wind the second day! Thank you to the many volunteers that helped to make this regatta happen.

Next summer we will plan to continue to build sailing in the province. Braedyn has some great plans for training camps in both the south and north parts of the province. We hope to go to many regattas together as a provincial group, with sailors from all the clubs around the province.

We have added an ASA email address for anything pertaining to youth sailing. The address is on the website, please send feedback, ideas, and questions to this email.

An area that still needs growing is our younger opti sailors. Many of our youth sailors are sailing ILCA 4, 6, and 7's, 420's, and 29ers. We need to work together to try and bring in younger youth to keep the sport growing.

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