

# TELLTALE

## Indian Harbor Yacht Club Junior Sailing



Archer Case, Sprite 1, steering an Ideal-18

### Sprites

In their first week, the sprites have learned basic sailing terms and parts of a sailboat. Within minutes of being on an Ideal-18 for the first time, many of them asked to steer the boat, leading to all of our sprites becoming familiar and comfortable with skippering an Ideal-18 by only their second day. They are already looking forward to sailing to Captain's Island in Optis. – Allison



Opti Is sailing by Captain's Island

### Opti Is

Opti Is learned or reviewed the basics of opti sailing this week. On the first day we did the swim and capsizing test to make sure they were ready to sail. We combined drills focusing on steering, boat direction, and sail trim with fun activities such as swimming and sailing land games. – Sophia

## Opti 2s

Opti 2s were able to jump right into fine-tuning their rigging and advanced drills on the water focusing on sail trim and upwind sailing. Despite some low wind days, they had successful practices outside of the harbor every day this week. They had two great mornings with Andrew, our racing clinic coach, as well.

## Opti Race

Opti racing started off with a swim and capsize test and then immediately started working on sailing upwind. Throughout the week we have focused on starts, turning, and upwind and downwind speed. Specifically on Tuesday we went through their sails and fixed and tuned anything that was wrong. We have already improved on these specific skills. This week was a great start to the season. – Sophia



Charlie Clark, a member of the Opti Race team, sailing downwind.



Adventure sailing group on one of our new Hobie cats.

### Adventure Sailing

Most of the week was dedicated to getting to know each other and sailing the hobie cat. On Wednesday we rigged an opti and some kids were super eager to learn to sail and tie knots. We took that skill from Wednesday and applied it Thursday when we sailed to Captain's island and had a picnic. – Nick

### C420/Laser Race

The Club 420 race class has gotten off to a great start. Although we have not had the best of conditions this week, we still have managed to get in some sailing. We started off the week dusting off the cobwebs and for some, learning how to rig and sail a new boat. All of the students have shown great strides in growing their sailing skills. By the end of the week, all of the sailors were able to sail in the Captains Cup regatta racing against Riverside Yacht Club and the Belle Haven Club. Next week we will continue our boat handling skills and racing tactics. – Jack

The C420/Laser Race team in the Captain's Cup on Thursday.

