

THE 2016 YOUTH FLEET SILENT AUCTION – APRIL 30TH *CALL FOR DONATIONS*



2015 Yacht racing photo of the year; Volvo ocean racer Team Brunel rounding the Horn.
Framed print available by professional UK sailing photographer Rick Tomlinson

The 3rd annual youth fleet auction is fast approaching. Please consider this as a personal invitation to attend and continue supporting the great advances we have achieved over these past few years. I hope that in addition to attending, you can find the time and generosity to donate to the auction as well.

In the past we have had been given Captain's license courses, big screen TV's, art work from painting to photography, dinners, cruises, vacations in distant lands, ski lessons, ski tickets, marine products and services, massages, Apple products, steak dinners, wine, consultation services, gift certificates and much more.

Without your generous contributions and work, we would not have a vibrant Learn-to-Sail program or youth race team. What we charge to for the Learn-to-Sail program only covers our employee costs. We feel that if we charged more, fewer kids would get the chance to sail. That of course leaves maintenance and replacement costs on our fleet of Optis, Lasers, FJ's and skiffs to our fundraising efforts.

Here are this year's anticipated expenditures:

- New FJ sails for the BYC and high school teams. Old race sails become the new "learn to sail " sails.

- Lightly used Radial Laser sails. Our Laser fleet is in disrepair and in need of some new canvas for the Learn-to-Sail and race team boats.
- New PFD's for Learn-to-Sail kids that don't have them
- Double 29er trailer to help travel the skiffs to regattas
- Savings to go towards a new FJ fleet in 2018, a longer-term goal but the fleet will need replacing
- And of course all the expenses of maintaining a fleet already used mostly year round

Here's how your money was spent the last two years:

- New fleet of Opti's for both the BYC race team and Learn-to-Sail program
- 10-boat Opti trailer to get the fleet to regattas
- Used Zodiac RIB to get more coaches and safety crews onto the water
- Two used 29er skiffs to help keep the older, more advanced youth sailors excited about sailing and racing. It worked!
- A better level of maintenance on all boats

I hope you can find the time to attend and donate.

With much appreciation,

Mike Powell, Youth Fleet Captain.

To donate, please contact me directly; mike@mikepowellphoto.com

To attend, go here; <http://youth.byc.org/2016-byc-youth-sailing-dinner-and-auction-fundraiser-registration-form/>