

2019 SISC Junior Race Team - Maple Bay

by April Faget

After a two-year absence, the Maple Bay Dinghy Regatta returned on Labour Day weekend and three SISC Junior boat teams competed in 420s. Coach Matt Couchman and Alex Neish were on the water with them in a donated boat from Harbours End Marine.

The calibre of the team has been the result of many hours of volunteering and great support from SISC, members and parents.

The SISC Juniors have been practicing two times a week for the summer on lasers and 420s.



Volunteer senior keelboat racers took up the call and coached Tuesday sessions, allowing the juniors to double their time on the water. Alex Neish was a key member of the volunteer team, helping out on all Thursday sessions, some Tuesdays, and doing boat repair.

The 2019 Junior team is made up of 9 youth ranging in ages of 13-15. Many of the members have been racing together for over 4 years.

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The Maple Bay Regatta saw typical fluctuating winds and challenged our racers. Unfortunately, the Regatta had some late withdrawals and the SISC race team was the only team competing in 420s. The 420 results were:

- 1st—Nolan Walton and Anya Neish*
- 2nd—Rhys Parry and Zach Morgan*
- 3rd—Grey Williamson and Lili Paulin-Kuroda*

The team is planning on competing in the upcoming Royal Victoria Dinghy Regatta in late September and the Pumpkin Regatta in West Van in October.



Thanks to everyone who has supported the team throughout the summer.