



Orange Bowl 2022

Team BYC report

This year Team BYC had 11 ILCAs (8 ILCA4 and 3 ILCA6), 4 Opti's and 1 I420 competing at Orange Bowl. We also had the privilege of using the Balboa Yacht Club's new coach boat. To see how all the sailors placed, [click here](#) for results.

Half of the team travelled to Miami before Christmas to take advantage of clinics being hosted by Key Biscayne Yacht Club and Coconut Grove Yacht Club. Florida was hit by the cold front making the final days of the clinic and Christmas freezing cold with temperatures in the low 40s.



For the Orange Bowl Regatta Team BYC had 3 coaches. Max Mayol coached the Optis. Rosie Chapman and Susannah Pyatt coached the ILCAs. Races started on January 27th. The first day of racing had wind lighter than expected. However, all the courses completed 3 races with the exception of the ILCAs, who only completed 1 race.



Day two, the wind built up from 10 knots to 20 knots by the second race. The sailors were tested on long courses. Our young ILCA team completed 4 races this day. It was exciting for them to see how far they have progressed in 1 year with Maddie and Siena getting top 11 finishes.

Day 3, the Opti's and ILCA6 split into fleets for the final series. In the Opti, Gage and Timothy



did exceptionally well to make gold fleet in the 212 boat fleet. In the ILCA6 both William and Tommy made gold fleet.

After day 3 of racing, all of Team BYC gathered for a team dinner. It was great to have over 30 people including sailors, parents, and sibling gathered. 5 sailors (Lin, Qi, Kousei, William, and Tommy) from the team had birthdays while we were in Florida so the team celebrated this with a cake.

The final day of racing didn't have the most promising forecast and it started cloudy. The Opti's managed a race but the ILCAs didn't.



Over on the I420 course Sophia had a tough week, as she was suffering from an ear infection. She placed a credible 15th in the very competitive 27 boat fleet.

Overall, Orange Bowl was an incredible experience for the team. Most of the team had little to no experience in big breeze and big fleets. The event provided exposure to the level out east. Going through the process of getting/rigging charter boats, launching with 200+ boats off small ramps, and the general atmosphere of a major event were all extremely valuable experiences for our young team. The team has completed a debrief with their coach and are motivated to work hard towards Opti Valentines Day regatta and ILCA Midwinters East in the spring.

On behalf of all of Team BYC, we want to say a massive thank you to MSSF for supporting our trip with coaches to Orange Bowl 2022!

