

Wayne Jason Tucker Trophy

Most Improved Junior

The Wayne Jason Tucker Perpetual Trophy is awarded annually in the spring to the Junior who shows the most improvement in sailing skills in any type of sailboat, 16 feet or under.

The Junior Sailor must be under the age of 16 years and must be a member of the Arizona Yacht Club.

The Junior Sailor must show skills in rigging, boat handling, seamanship and safety procedures.

The Junior Sailor must display courtesy and sportsmanship

Each year the winner's name will be engraved on the trophy with the year of the award.

A certificate shall also be awarded to the recipient.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Award</i>
1994	Chris Haning
1995	Not Awarded
1996	Ashley Smaltz
1997	Mike Chacon
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1999	Shawn Groce
2000	Not Awarded
2001	Maggie Blumm
2002	Not Awarded
2003	Tally Buckstaff
2004	Reed Deardorff
2005	Andy Zimmerman
2006	Alex Heisler
2007	Drew Zambroski
2008	Aaron Sycamore
2009	Abigail Verplanke
2010	Jack Griffin
2011	Not Awarded



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2012	Ema Davis
2013	Isabel Love
2014	Ian Altobelli
2015	Emily Nowak
2016	Ema & Wilson Davis
2017	Myles Danner
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2019	William Steenken

The award was established in memory of Wayne Jason Tucker, (6/27/74-4/4/94). Boats Jason sailed: Sabot, Fatty Knee, Windrose 24, Laser, San Juan 7.7. At age three, Jason was sailing with his parents during races and pleasure sails. His mother helped start the first AYC Junior sailing program with Jason single-handing his first sailboat at age 10. By high school Jason owned a Laser and zipped along Lake Pleasant and Chaparral. He often accompanied his parents and AYC on many outings to California including sails to Catalina Island, San Diego Harbor, Newport Beach and Long Beach. In honor of Jason, the Wayne Jason Tucker Trophy is awarded annually to an AYC Junior sailor.