

## Junior Sailing Newsletter

Summer approaches and the senior sailors are beginning their season this Sunday at 9am with a working bee followed by a sail. If last yesterday, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> was anything to go by it should be called an ice breaker day. All juniors are welcome to come and sail with the seniors following the advertised dates.

### The Main Junior Programme

Ian, Rob and Robert feel that the best outcome for our junior sailors is to start after labour weekend. The weather will be warmer and hopefully the water temperature will be trending up. This year the tides will allow sailing on consultative weekends. Hopefully, this will shorten the gap between kids being on the water and enable a more consistent learning experience. We aim to meet on each of the advertised Saturdays, no matter what the weather. If we get a non-sailing we will have some inside activities planned.

Date		High Tide	Event	Meet at Club by
31 October	Saturday	11:03am	Training 1	9am
7 November	Saturday	2:49pm	Training 2	1pm
14 November	Saturday	10:19am	Training 3	8:30am
21 November	Saturday	3:18pm	Training 4	1:30pm
6 December	Sunday	2:42pm	Junior River Race	1:00pm
19 December	Saturday	2:12pm	Training 5	12:30pm

Each day will involve an activity around the rules and sailing on the river, checking that our sailors have really acquired the skills learnt then developing a new skill followed by a short race or two.

Over the 5 training days we will hold a number of short races. This will mostly likely be a best of 7 series with certificates and hopefully some prizes being awarded at the end of this series. We will mostly use the optimists on Saturdays. Optimists may be a bit slower but they give the sailors a stable platform to practice a full range of skills. If numbers are large, we may split the group into 2 using both Optimist and Open Bics.

If you want to join the junior sailing programme, please contact Robert on 021 414 040 or Ian on 027 433 3005

## **Sunday Sailing**

The club Junior Champion in Optimist and Open Bic will be raced over the entire Sunday race programme. Assuming that we get a number of new junior sailors this year there will be a second Sunday competition starting on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December running through to the end of the season.

## **Boat Costs**

Generally, Optimist's come free. If a sailor wants to identify one of the fiberglass boats and choose the best sail to go with it then please ask about that. Perhaps a donation of \$50 would be appropriate.

Open Bics are a performance boat and as such will require an ongoing replacement programme. We ask that sailors who wish to sail an Open Bic as their main boat for the season and actively compete in the Sunday series should pay a hirer fee of \$100.

## **Keeping Warm**

You need to have your own wet suit or if you are really tough a rash suit will keep some of the cold out. It is important to assume that you will get wet and sailing is more enjoyable if you can keep warm.

## **Safety**

Sailor should be able to tread in deep water and swim at least 25m.

Once you are on the water you must wear a correctly fitting lifejacket at all times.

This season we expect our junior to wear a safety helmet. This can be a sailing or cycle helmet. We have a limited supply of helmets.

Don't leave the beach until the rescue boat is on the water.

Robert Elder  
Junior Coach



