

John Dingey YACHTING Report October 2011

G'day Yachties,

Wednesday was the first day of the Juniors course and we had about twenty kids all keen to go. The breeze was fairly strong, especially considering many of the kids were with us for the first time but we rigged four Pacers and sent them on their way. Those that were more experienced sailed in groups by themselves but the newcomers went with myself and another gentleman who volunteered to help to skipper. John is an experienced yachtie, with us for a while and he had a ball helping and sailing with the kids. That makes three Johns coaching, so the kids shouldn't have any trouble with our names. At the end of the day there were smiles all round although some were disappointed they didn't get to steer. Hopefully, they will get their chance over the next couple of days.

Yesterday we had to call the lesson off due to the wind being too strong and getting stronger. We will add Saturday to the course to still make the three days for those who can make it. The forecast for today is for lighter winds from the North East and dropping off in the afternoon and so far it is looking good. Tomorrow is forecast to be even lighter so everyone should get to do all they need for their level. It promises to be a very nice, successful few days.

In a couple of weeks we start our Sunday Adults course as well. The numbers came in quick and it is full too. Its great to see the club facilities and boats being used to their fullest.

On Sunday, high tide is at 12 :40 and the forecast is for nice medium strength breeze. I will head down to the club around 11:00am and decide what I'll sail on the day. All welcome.

As always, any queries or suggestions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cheers

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