



# Sailing Adventure

## Cruise May 22-23 2021

Junior Participation weekend - The idea of a kids participation event has been kicked around for a few years now and to finally hold it as a NHTYA cruise weekend with help of our club members was fantastic.

After a few families couldn't make it so we ended up with 15 under 16s attending, the weather cleared on Saturday for our first challenge, all the juniors were given a knot tying class where our vice commodore Garry explained the best way to achieve a Bowline knot and a Reef knot with all the kids tying up a lot of Gran parents.

The next challenge was for the skippers get there crews aboard the yachts and introduce the kids to as many functions of trailer sailing as possible, with the under tens having to identify as much about the yacht which included the sails, motor, steering and anchor also to have a go at doing a radio call. Well done to all of them they all had a go.

The over tens had a lot more to participate in which included raising the anchor, starting the motor, dropping the keel, raising the sails, setting a course and also attending the helm with help from the skipper and on Only Time there was a bit going on with five Garn kids all having a go, well done again with all the skippers reporting how well the kids participated.

The older kids were also asked to do a radio check and participate in some radio chat which was very interesting but they all participated which was a big thing for them.

After returning to Styles Point the proposed art show went well with the artist given the task of colouring in their favourite trailer yacht and favourite mermaids and when the art work was completed there seemed to be a lot of cranky looking skippers on display, can't think why lol.



The day finished with a medal presentation, sausage sizzle and a movie night, bags of lollies for the kids, we can't finish the day without a special mention to the Cath and Kim's soup kitchen who supplied beef and vegie soup and pumpkin soup with cream , cheese and bread rolls which with the cold night was awesome , can't thank Cath and Kim enough.

Sunday morning arrived with more activities on the go with Brian and Heather bringing down a couple of remote controlled racing yachts, most kids having a great time learning how to control them in nice fresh breeze and to watch how quickly they got to understand the controls was pretty cool. Thank you to Brain and Heather coming down from Foster with no gran kids and helping out, well done from me.

The other participation activity and probably the most popular on Sunday was Brian and Vals OTB Corsair with Tom also joining in with his Corsair, all the kids having numerous turns on the Corsairs around the Styles Point Bay with Brian and Tom giving the kids as much sailing instructions as possible during the day. Our gran kids Charlie, Jett, Iyla, Rocco and Norah are still talking about their sailing feats on the Corsairs, thank you Tom and thank you to Brian and Val also turning up with no Gran Kids and setting up the movie night and suppling the Corsair , giving kids a great experience.

A big thank you again to everyone for the help making this weekend a beauty and to the juniors participating, awesome .

Kev & Gay

