A little about our new sailing club for juniors @ Kurnell NSW

Our Aim

The Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated (KCC) Junior Monohull Division was established in 2010 with one aim: To get juniors aged between 6 - 16 active and having some fun on the water as they learn to sail and compete in races. The emphasis is on the juniors and their families sharing in a healthy, fun and safe sport.

Our Boats (Visit https://openskiff.org.au)

We sail the latest and easiest boats to learn and race on. The Open Skiff boat is a derivative from the Open Bic from the famous European Bic company. This is a very stable yet fast boat. Simple to rig but with a sophisticated high-tech design. The juniors can rig the boat easily by themselves and be on the water in 10-15 minutes.

We now have a fleet of 15 -20+ boats – the majority of which are owned by the member families with many stored on-site. There are also several club sponsored boats for newcomers to learn and try on. Use of the club boats is free for the first 2 weeks for new comers. After that we only charge a nominal fee per day to cover the basic maintenance of the boats.

Our older and more experienced juniors are now moving into larger boats such as Laser's, Flying 11's and of course the catamarans. The juniors also have the opportunity to get a ride on the club's catamarans and some juniors also crew on the catamarans regularly.

Our Location (https://goo.gl/maps/HsUWr8aJb7HNwnta6)

As you see from a unique location in Kurnell, we sail off a beautiful beach. Aptly named Silver Beach we are at 304 Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell NSW. Kurnell is renowned for its clean waters and steady winds. No crowds and little boat traffic mean it's easy and safe sailing for the juniors. The wide sandy beach also allows families and friends to enjoy the sailing as the juniors sail along the shore line. Many parents simply relax on the sand with a good book and a coffee or have a swim. A few kayaks and paddle boards are a common sight.

Parking is plentiful in the mornings so no hassles for families wanting to spend the day at the beach with the juniors while sailing.

The Clubhouse

Our clubhouse is opposite the beach and provides many facilities including toilets, showers, boat storage and a great place to meet or have a coffee and a bite to eat from our canteen. There is also a great balcony that allows parents to watch the juniors sailing or to simply take in the view across Botany Bay and to the city skyline.

The Club and its Members

The Junior Sailing club is a division of the famous Kurnell Catamaran Club Incorporated. It is home to many State, National and International catamaran sailing champions. That experience and pedigree is shared with the juniors to teach them skills to sail safely and fast. Our senior sailors help guide and coach the juniors to achieve their goals whether to win races or to simply learn how to sail and enjoy the water.

The Juniors have added a new dimension to the well-established club with more families and juniors to participate in various sailing and social activities. We encourage parents to get involved and welcome support on race days and other events.

The Sailing

We sail On Sunday mornings and occasionally on Friday evenings and have a varied sailing program for Juniors including novelty races, coaching sessions and formal racing. Everyone has the chance to learn and eventually win with a handicap system as they get more used to the boats and the winds.

We typically have 3 races on a Sunday from 10am until 12 pm. Pre-race we have a briefing and coaching from 9 am. At the conclusion of each day, we also have a small presentation and rewards for the day's best achievers. When we sail on Friday evenings, we have coaching sessions and general sailing.

The club also participates in some interclub racing with other sailing clubs who race the Open Skiff boats. There are even National and International events if junior sailors want to get that involved in this growing class of racing boats.
Our official Juniors sailing calendar goes from October through to April each.

Learn to sail and have fun too

To recognize the efforts of the Junior sailors we have a program of KCC Junior Certificates. By learning the basic skills and knowledge to earn these se Certificates, the KCC Juniors will certainly feel more comfortable on the water and proud of their achievements. Check out the details of our KCC Junior Certificates below or on our website.

Becoming a member is easy

Junior members from 6-16 are all welcome. To help families get involved at a low cost we offer a special family membership. See our **Membership** link on our website for details on pricing. This covers the use of all the club facilities.

Want to try sailing or know more?

Please contact our Junior President or Junior Division Representative. Contact details are available on the KCC website www.kcc.asn.au by clicking on the **Contact** button. Another strong source of information is the **Juniors** page on the website and the Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQ**) page on the website. Alternatively email your query to junior@kcc.asn.au or come and talk to us on the beach next time you visit Kurnell on a Sunday.

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Learn sailing skills with the KCC Junior Sailing Certificate Program.

Have more fun & go faster on the water.

It's no secret that the best and fastest sailors know a lot about their boat and sailing techniques. So, this season we want every Junior sailor to up skill whilst they have fun, be safe and at the same time win a few races. Your KCC Junior committee and the Seniors in the Catamaran Club are all getting behind the effort. This is a great advantage for the younger sailors as we have a lot of sailing experience and knowledge in the Kurnell Catamaran Club to draw on including: State, National and International racing champions.

During race season we will hold regular coaching sessions on race days before we get on the water. There may also be some special sailing clinics to boost skills and knowledge. Look out for coaching dates as they arise in our KCC Juniors Race Calendar on our website.

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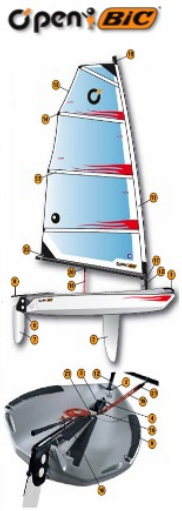
How to earn your KCC Junior Sailing Certificates

The Basic criteria includes:

- Knowledge of the boat—basic parts, functions, maintenance
- Knowledge of sailing terms
- Knowledge of sailing techniques
- Knowledge of sailing safety
- Knowledge of sailing race terms and rules
- Competency in basic boat handling, safety procedures and basic racing skills



LEVEL 1.

1. Know the names of these 4 parts of the boat: Mainsheet, rudder, tiller and centreboard.
2. Crew in an official race.
3. Identify which way wind is coming from.
4. Know how to wash down boat effectively.
5. Know the distress signal.

LEVEL 2

1. Name 6 parts of boat.
2. Know which way to point boat when rigging.
3. Know port and starboard and their colours.
4. Helm boat on own demonstrating how to go about.
5. Round a mark and come back.

LEVEL 3

1. Name 8 parts of the boat.
2. Know how to land on the beach (i.e., centreboard up, turn boat into wind dismount and hold front/bow).
3. Helm the boat from the beach out at least 50 metres and return back to the beach solo.
4. How to rig and de-rig boat.
5. Capsize and right the boat.
6. Understand the terms: “reaching”, “running” and “beating”.
7. Complete an official race helming.

LEVEL 4

1. Name 10 parts of boat.
2. Understand how to sail into wind effectively and demonstrate the difference between jibe and going about.
3. Complete a race line start and understand the course marks.
4. Understand how to set the sail for run, reach and beat.
5. Know the start procedure.

LEVEL 5

1. Know how to use toe straps to lean out and demonstrate it.
2. Understand the “starboard tack” and who has the right of way.
3. Understand the penalties for a collision that is your fault.
4. Understand the penalties for hitting a mark.
5. Understand the penalties for being over the start line at the start.
6. Understand “water or room at the mark”.
7. Understand how to set outhaul and downhaul to wind conditions.
8. Learn and demonstrate how to tie the following knots: 1) Figure of Eight; 2) Reef Knot; 3) Clove Hitch; and 4) Bowline.

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