



## WWSC Junior Programme 2011 NOTICE

As the reputation of WWSC Junior Week grows and grows, our corner of Chichester Harbour is becoming THE PLACE TO BE in the summer holidays. Once again, the tides will be high, the instructors will be cool and the kids will be wet.

**Parents!** Prepare for crewing the rescue boats, crowd control on East Head and handing-out yet another round of chocolate brownies to keep the show going.

Working with the same group of young coaches who ran last year's programme, we aim to run a variety of sailing activities, tailored to different abilities, as well as the popular games on the beach etc.

**Small Print:** The aim of the Junior Programme is to provide a safe environment for children to have fun sailing. We will be using a small team of RYA qualified coaches most of whom have learnt their sailing as WWSC members over the past few years. Each of these coaches has undertaken a minimum of 10 days training and assessment at their own expense. NB: At Junior Week, some instruction will be provided, but this is not a training course. Safety cover using club patrol boats and radios will be provided. The instructors will generally be driving with parents assisting as crew.

**Costs:** We are asking for contributions from all parents so that we can pay our volunteer instructors, run some social activities and provide all the Junior Week kids with an item of clothing.

### **Adult Training: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

For those adults new to sailing, or finding that their own children are faster than them on the water, we will have a day running through basic sailing techniques. Those who attended last year reported finding it very useful. There will also be Topper rigging practice!

**Junior Training:    Session 1    18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011    Race and Triangle  
                                 Session 2    21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011    Triangle & Sausage**

To get the most out of Junior Week, don't forget to sign up for a Junior Training Session. Please choose the session that most suits your child/s ability. Triangles – please only sign up for **either** Session 1 **or** Session 2. (See later for definitions of skill level.) There is a maximum of 20 children per session.

**Covington Junior Regatta: Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011** nb **Before** Junior Week this yr.

This will have something for all the family. Previous events have included: Snowhill Trophy – for under 16 helms, Short Course Trophy – for helms under 13, a sausage course with a beach start for junior helms who have not competed in the above, and kayak & swimming races for all ages. Garden games for all – even the family dog - and prize giving will complete the day.

**Regatta Week: 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (previously Points Week)**

Although aimed at adults, we would encourage children to join their parents in the family boat, or (if Race Group standard) take out a Topper and pit themselves against the fleet. There should be a prize for any class having 5 or more boats so there's a good chance of winning trophy.

**Junior Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (plus Briefing 14<sup>th</sup> August)**

With over 50 children last year, up again on the previous year, there is the potential for a lot of “fun”. It is not a formal course, but some instruction will be provided. As well as games and rounding the buoys on the water, we will run a few races and hope to take everyone on a “destination sail”, whether it's round the corner to Ellanore Creek or up harbour to Thorney. We also hope to have a number of social activities, though this really depends on parents coming forward with ideas and an offer to organise them!

We aim to divide the kids up into three groups as follows:

Sausage group	Inexperienced and beginner sailors
Triangle Group	Basic skills, able to tack and gybe Confident enough to sail to East Head on their own
Race Group	Can sail a triangular course competently, looking to enhance racing skills and explore more of the harbour

All three groups will start on Monday this year. As before, we will hold a **Briefing** on the **Sunday** afternoon/evening before to impart useful information and let the kids have some warm-up games with the instructors.

From experience we know that Junior Week works best if everyone is sailing the same type of boat. If at all possible please try to arrange for your child to be able to use a Topper.

We need parents to help run Junior Week. Please indicate which days you would be available on the form (we will assign 1-2 days duties per child). We will send out a rota with the Joining Instructions. There are two types of duty we need to cover:

- ✓ Crews will be needed for each of the patrol boats – you may need to enter the water so dress to get wet. (The instructors will be driving!)

- ✓ A “beach parent” (one per group) to tick names off at the beginning and end of day, make sure lunches and spare clothes get where they are supposed to be (and back) and be a point of contact on East Head. NB Dress to get wet up to waist deep – since you may be needed to help with launch and recovery.

We will also be appointing one parent as “Beach Coordinator” to liaise with the instructors & coordinate the beach parents.

Please remember that we are not providing a child minding service and if your child is unhappy, does not want to sail etc we expect you to deal with it. For that reason we insist that all children, while sailing with us, have a responsible adult in the vicinity of the creek or one able to be at the Snowhill slipway within 10 minutes of us telephoning you – check your contact numbers! It is OK if you are on the rescue boat, or picnicking on East Head.

**Junior Week Clothing:** Repeating last year’s popular decision, we will be providing each child participating in Junior Week with a personalized top quality hoody (included in fee). Please indicate the size required, and what name they would like printed on the back. You can buy extra for younger siblings or adults who may be around for the week.

## Admin

As numbers climb to over 50, we need a slick operation to keep everyone happy. For this reason we are sending out booking information early so that you can plan your summer and we can book the correct number of instructors. We are limited to 60 children in all and **spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis**. In any case we would ask that you return forms by 1 June. Any latecomers will be fitted in only if space allows and may be charged a “late fee”!!

We have a new Booking Form & Declaration Form, to cover all the 2011 Junior Programme covering children’s experience, contact details for responsible adult and making clear expectations on both sides.

Please read the Junior Programme Declaration carefully. Both children & parent should sign. Children should be able to swim 25 meters in light clothing and must come properly equipped to spend three or more hours on the water. Extra warm clothing & lunch/snack drink essential.

Bookings will be confirmed, together with the Parent Duty Rota, when we send out the Joining Instructions at the end of June by email.

So..please.....

- ✓ Send in your Registration Forms as soon as possible - by 1 June 2011
- ✓ Sign up for parent duties
- ✓ Revise your Topper-rigging!

Further copies of Junior Events, Booking Forms, Topper rigging diagrams etc can be found on the WWSC website. [www.wwsc.co.uk](http://www.wwsc.co.uk)

Keep an eye on the new WWSC blog too! <http://westwitteringsailing.wordpress.com/>

If you have any queries or suggestions, offers of help etc. please contact either:

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