

Junior LEARN TO SAIL Program

Kids + Boats = Fun

*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. **Explore. Dream. Discover.**” - Mark Twain*

Tackers is a program aimed at getting more primary school aged kids sailing. Everything about Tackers is centred on understanding how kids learn skills and have fun through sport. The boats used in the Tackers program are small and easy to handle and designed to be sailed by kids under the age of 12.

The Tackers program is the main accredited introductory kids sailing course recognized by Yachting Australia. Tackers is a great way to increase children's life skills such as communication, self-reliance, teamwork, problem solving and self-confidence.

Your Tackers checklist

- Clothes & shoes - wear ones you don't mind getting wet and will keep you warm on cold days
- Plus an additional change of clothes & shoes
- Towel
- Drink bottle, lunch & snacks
- Hat - to keep you warm and/or a hat to keep the sun off
- Sunscreen
- Loads of energy!

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JUNIOR COURSES

Junior Sailing Experience

\$95pp - 2 hours

A first hand experience of how fun, safe and accessible sailing is. The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Junior Sailing Experience is ideal for those who have never been sailing before and have no knowledge of sailing. A qualified Yachting Australia Keelboat instructor delivers the experience and will ensure you have loads of fun and get involved in hands on sailing if you wish. Children aged 8-13 can enjoy the adventure of Keelboat sailing when accompanied by an adult.

Tackers 1 : Having Fun

\$295pp - 20 hours - 5 sessions

This course is all about having fun and building confidence. Kids don't need to have had any experience or be a member of the club to participate. All equipment including boats are provided. Participants sail in pairs in small boats and it's a great way to meet new friends and build on all important life skills. Kids must be happy to get wet as there's lots of fun on the water!

Tackers 2 : Tricks & Techniques

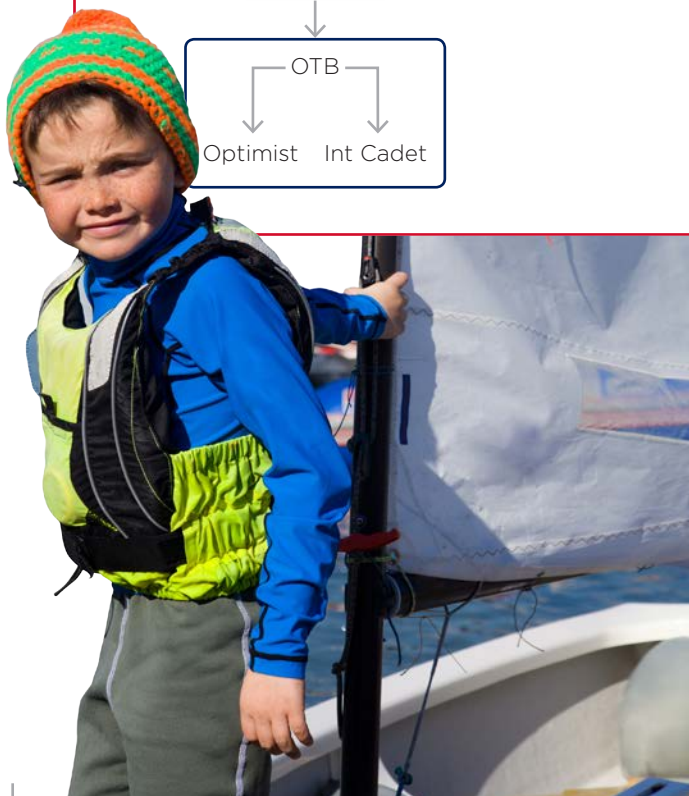
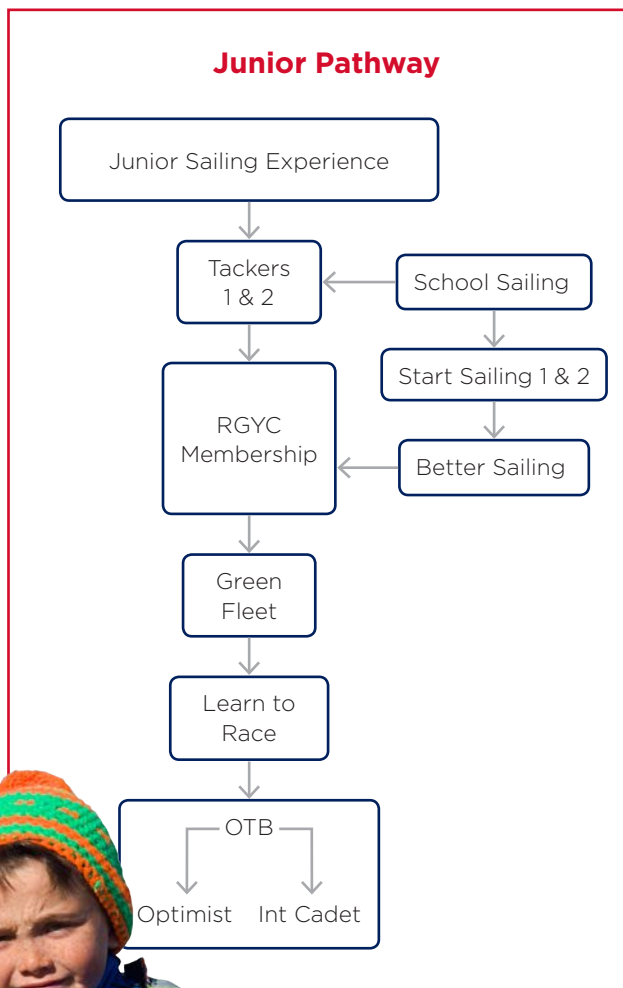
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The journey continues, having completed Tackers 1 Having Fun course, kids are now ready to sail a boat on their own with lots of support, supervision and encouragement from the Instructor and Assistant Instructors. Tackers 2 is all about learning better sailing tricks and techniques plus confidently sailing safely by themselves and with others.

Green Fleet

**\$100pp (plus RGYC membership)
- 20 hours - 10 sessions**

The aim of this course is to introduce sailors to competitive sailing on a weekly basis in a club environment. This course is undertaken using accredited Yachting Australia instructors. Participants can bring their own boat, or hire one from the Club for a small fee. Full and half season options are available.



Is sailing a safe sport?

Safety in Tackers is paramount. As well as providing life jackets/pfd's there will be a safety boat on the water at all times when the kids are on the water. Weather conditions are checked prior to all sessions and kids will be under the supervision of qualified Yachting Australia instructors, who are first aid trained.

Do you have to be a member of a club to participate in Tackers?

No, one of the great things about Tackers is you don't have to be a member of a club to participate.

Do kids need to be able to swim to participate in Tackers?

Some ability to swim would be preferable, however Tackers will be wearing life jackets/pfd's at all times. In the first session, the instructors supervise the group in a 25-metre swim with their lifejackets on. Parents/guardians are encouraged to talk to the Tackers Club Leader or the Tackers Instructor if they have any concerns.

What type of boats will the kids be sailing?

The Tackers program is only delivered in a boat called an OziOpti. This boat was specifically designed for the program and is an ideal introduction to dinghy sailing. The boats allow two kids to sail together and as they gain confidence and move up from Tackers 1 to Tackers 2 they are able to sail the boat alone. The boats have built-in buoyancy, which means they provide extra stability.

Are the kids out sailing on their own?

When kids start sailing in Tackers 1 they will be sailing in pairs. There are usually 6-10 boats in a group and there will be an Instructor and an Assistant Instructor in a safety boat supervising the group. The safety boat stays on the water all the time the kids are sailing.

