

WHITEFRIARS SAILING CLUB
JUNIOR SAILING GROUP

Dear Parents and prospective Junior Group members

We provide youngsters from the age of 7 with a mix of formal RYA training (from beginner to racing) and fun sailing events. It is a legal requirement that children 8 and under are supervised by their parent or legal guardian (ie not left with any responsible adult)

The youngsters are encouraged to take part in the racing and some of the more experienced are now challenging the adults. There will be races for the U14, U16 and U18 age groups. Trophies and awards will be given at the end of the season. We also hope to build the team racing for the more experienced.

The Junior Group now owns 6 Oppies, 5 Toppers, 1 Mirror, 1 Graduate, 2 RS Fevas 2 420s and a 29er, but some of the sailing is carried out in members' own boats. The Junior Group boats may only be used by Group members who hold RYA level 2 qualifications, and under adult supervision. The logbook attached to the Junior Notice board should be signed on each occasion.

The Junior Group is financially independent of the main club so a subscription charge of £20 for the first child and £10 for each further child per family is levied to meet costs such as boat maintenance, prizes and administration costs. There is an additional charge of £5 for each new child to cover RYA logbooks.

All help is voluntary and the Club has adopted the RYA Child Protection Policy and Procedure Guidelines (with additions), which are available for inspection in the Club. Parents and experienced club members kindly give up their time to assist the youngsters but please do not leave the site during Junior Group sessions unless another adult has accepted responsibility for your youngster and their instructor has been informed. Although safety is paramount, the Junior Club cannot be held responsible for any accident, which may occur at the club.

For your child's safety and comfort we insist that hard hats are worn while sailing during Junior Group sessions. The recommended hats are the lightweight type with ear protection as worn by canoeists

I found that by searching Google (www.google.co.uk just the UK section) with the words "canoe helmets" produced many sites which sold helmets.

Finally, the Junior Group relies on your help to function. Please assist by helping to rig and put away boats when you can. Together with the main club training sessions we are keen to encourage more people to learn about rescue cover and instructing, so don't hesitate to ask if you feel this is of interest to you.

An application form is attached.

We look forward to seeing you in 2010

Please make cheques payable to "WSC Junior Section" and send, with the application form, to

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