

\*\*\*JUNIOR NEWSLETTER\*\*\*

Hi all juniors and parents

Welcome to the new club members or existing members receiving junior news for the first time - we look forward to seeing you all this season.

Hope you are looking forward to a fun filled season ahead! The attached document outlines all the junior events we have planned this year - there are a lot! Hopefully something for everyone. Many of the events have been requested by the juniors themselves, so please make sure you get the dates in the diary ASAP so we can get a great turnout as often as possible. Why not print it out and put it on the fridge!

**With so many additional events in the calendar this year we need plenty of volunteers to organise them – please offer to help!**

Parent participation is essential for the smooth running of juniors sessions - all help is needed from rigging / launching / recovery / making hot chocolate / rib safety cover, pulling ribs up and down the ramp, supporting your own and other's cold / wet children is also very important! This year I will need volunteers to man the BBQ, cook pizzas, supervise tuck shop, but also collate names and numbers etc before events.

## **March at Mengeham**

### **Junior Harbour Rib Rides - 10th March**

I have secured some rib owners with big ribs to take juniors out for a few hours around the harbour. The aim is to explore beyond the junior sailing area and build confidence in beautiful Chichester Harbour - whilst having lots of fun doing some challenges along the way.

*Where is East Head / West Mud?*

*Where do the harbour races start?*

*Will I feel confident to sail to Langstone in Harbour Explorers this year, now I know where it is?*

Hopefully more juniors will be able to answer these after their experience.

Juniors will need lots of warm layers, water proofs, hats and gloves. They do not need to wear wetsuits as these are not the warmest option for this - apart from sea spray (and maybe rain) we will keep them as dry as possible - including feet!

This will be first come first served to get a seat on a rib, so if you haven't already - please let me know you want to come so I can add you to the event What's App group.

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### **Junior Rust Buster - 23rd March 10am**

This is traditionally the start to the junior sailing calendar at MRSC. We will be rigging the club boats and possibly your own, giving them a scrub, checking for repairs etc. This is an important part of being a sailor and we can find everyone a useful job! Please bring a packed lunch - we will provide the hot chocolates, marshmallows and doughnuts! The tuck shop will also be OPEN for business!

Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can get on the water – it will be cold, so wetsuits, wetsuit boots, spray tops, hats and gloves will be needed!

If not, we will rig a dinghy or two in the club house for tacking practise and a timed hiking competition! Who is the toughest?

There will also be some card games like we did at First Aid - don't worry if your weren't there - plenty of other juniors to teach you!

As always let me know if you are coming so I can organise ribs and manpower.

**Juniors always remain the responsibility of their parents / guardians**

Always remember to book your club boats early to avoid disappointment using the online booking forms on the club website. Please make prompt payments from the invoices automatically sent by email.

<https://mengeham.org.uk/wp/boat-hire/>

I look forward to seeing the 23 of you who signed up for bowling at Gunwharf TOMORROW!

Please email if you have any queries

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