



Dear All

TSS Sailing Tackers 1 Course: Monday June 26th – Thursday June 29th

You may or may not be aware that as a result of some generous funding from within the TSS community, and the Friends of Prep and Friends of Sailing groups in particular, TSS Sailing has purchased some new Tackers boats. These are small, lightweight boats, which are designed to teach younger children to learn to sail. They are used across Australia to deliver the Tackers courses, and therefore in the coming school holidays, TSS Sailing will be offering a Tackers 1 course, which will enhance the fantastic work of Mr Massey and his team during term time with sailing at TSS Prep.



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

Tackers is delivered at three levels:

Tackers 1 – Having Fun

Tackers 2 – Tricks & Techniques

Tackers 3 – Sailing Fast!

Each program consists of:

- 20 hours of tuition from qualified Australian Sailing Instructors and Assistant Instructors
- Combination of on-the-water and off-the-water games
- Certificate of achievement at the end of the course

For more specific information regarding the Tackers program, please see:

<https://www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers/>

At TSS, we propose to run the Tackers 1 program in the coming school holidays:

Dates: Monday June 26th to Thursday June 29th 2023

Time: 9am – 3pm

Venue: TSS Boat Shed

Lunch will be provided.

Boys to arrive wearing: a rash vest, a cap, boat shoes or old runners (they will get wet!). They should bring dry clothes to change into, a towel and a water bottle. A pair of cheap polaroid sunglasses, with a headband is also recommended. (NB – these can be easily lost overboard!)

Sunscreen will be provided

The course will be run by accredited Australian Sailing Instructors.

Maximum number of participants: 24

Cost: \$250 per student

We are providing this opportunity to boys in Years 4 and 5. There will be further opportunities in future school holidays if your son is unable to take part this time around. If you would like your son to be involved, then please sign up via Parent Lounge.

Regards

Nick Stansbie

Director of Sailing