

# Welcome to Tackers!

## Is sailing a safe sport?

Safety in Tackers is paramount. As well as providing life jackets (PFDs) there will be a safety boat 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 I need to be a member of a yacht club to take part in a Tackers program?

You do not need to be a yacht club member to take part in a Tackers program at a recognised Yachting Australia Tackers Centre.

## Do I need a boat to start sailing through Tackers?

No, the boats are provided by the Tackers Centre for use during the program.

Tackers is now a Yachting Australia program introduced to get more primary school aged kids sailing at yacht clubs across the country.

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, 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 tuition from qualified Yachting Australia Instructors and Assistant Instructors
- Combination of on-the-water and off-the-water games
- A Tackers kit at each level of the program
- A certificate of achievement at the end of the course



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## Will I be sailing on my own?

Tackers is a program delivered to small groups of participants of the same level of ability. In **Tackers 1 – Having Fun**, participants sail in pairs to become familiar with the skills needed to sail. In **Tackers 2 – Tricks & Techniques** and **Tackers 3 – Sailing Fast!** participants sail in a boat alone, but with close supervision from qualified Yachting Australia Instructors and Assistant Instructors.

## What happens after Tackers 3 – Sailing Fast?

It can take several sailing seasons to complete all three levels of Tackers. After Tackers 3 participants are encouraged to take part in 'Green Fleet' at their local club. 'Green Fleet' is the first stage of club racing. Your Tackers Centre will be able to tell you more about this:

Where Kids learn to Sail!

T1 T2 T3

