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"Real Life Skills - Build a Yacht and Learn to Sail!"



Connor's 'Whiplash'



Rob Hargreave lawn sailing



Seven FireBugs all ready for a sail on launch day but the strong wind meant only two sailors went out, Connor Sunkel-Lozell and Blair Albrecht, but a good day was had by all.

Big 'BugLaunch at Mordialloc SC

Seven FireBugs were launched at the Mordialloc Sailing Club in Melbourne earlier in the year. Organiser-in-Chief Richard Lozell promoted the building scheme and helped everyone build. All the boats were ready on launching day but unfortunately the strong wind prevented a lot of sailing. The high standard of finish is a credit to Richard and the team. The club is keen to promote 'Bug sailing and building in the area. Other owners in the vicinity are invited to bring their boats along and join in.

Open Day at Concord Ryde

Five boats turned out at the Concord Ryde Sailing Club Open Day in March. The CRSC is keen to initiate some FireBug inter-state competition. Contact: Ross Venner Ph 0418 457 020 or rossvenner667@gmail.com



'Bugs at CRSC Open Day



The Pilbara 'Bug fleet on the AABB front cover



Andra and Cintia enjoying launch day.



Errol Smith and team at 'SAILS at Bayside'

'SAILS at Bayside' Brisbane

Errol Smith (striped shirt) and the team at the 'SAILS at Bayside' boatbuilding loft have completed their first FireBug. The plan is to learn the ropes then start taking in some selected youths from the various local clubs and associations and build a fleet to sail at the local yacht club at Wynnum-by-the-Sea, Brisbane. Anyone interested or needing 'Bugbuilding help is welcome to contact Errol at: joanerrol@acenet.net.au

'Bugs on the Cover of AABB

The Pilbara School 'Bug fleet looked great on the cover of Australian Amateur Boatbuilder magazine Issue #68. Many thanks to the team at AABB for being so supportive of the FireBug. AABB - Australia and New Zealand's best boatbuilding magazine!

Mordialloc Club events coming up that will include FireBug sailing are:

Sail Mordi Regatta with special activities for FireBugs: 28-29 August.
Winter Series: 1st of August until the 19th of September. All 'Bugs are welcome, entry on a per race basis. Junior and senior all in together. Contact is Richard Lozell: richard.lozell@getintosailing.com www.mordiallocsc.yachting.org.au

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FireBug plans/regos have now passed 1000 in 25 countries!





Members of the Náutico Clube Boa Esperança, Lisbon, Portugal. Antonio and Carlos back row 8 and 9 from left.



Sealing the inside before gluing on the deck.



Rigging the boat ready for the presentation.



Carlos, Master of Ceremonies.



Young players of Metropolitan Orchestra of Lisbon provide the music.

South Island Champs 2010

The S I Champs sailed at Lake Hood near Christchurch attracted 19 entries, with seniors and juniors all sailing in the one fleet. It was a very successful regatta. Results: Overall Tom Arthur 1st, Ian Douglas 2nd. Junior: Jessy Woods 1st, Amy Linford 2nd. Full results and photos, next issue.

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Náutico Clube Boa Esperança

Antonio writes in an email: "Allow me to introduce ourselves. We're a small club born 1998 in Lisbon, Náutico Clube Boa Esperança. We like the name Good Hope because as it stands for reaching the aims we pursue which are some how different from regular clubs around here, our philosophy is sailing for everyone, no matter age or handicap, welfy or not, etc. Affordable sailing and a boat build by children is project we want to take on and clearly this is what designers of Firebug have made possible to everyone. Our workers are disable people that volunteered to build a boat for other children that cannot afford it. Best Regards, Antonio"

Antonio and Carlos first made contact with FireBug Yachts in January 2009. The club had some fibreglass dinghies which they used for teaching sailing but they wanted to do some boatbuilding. The 'Bug was exactly what they were looking for. Funding was to come from sponsors plus the proceeds from Carlos and Antonio's sailing school. The first boat was completed a few weeks back and the occasion was celebrated with a Presentation Ceremony. Club members, sponsors and supporters attended. Launching day soon and the next boat is underway.

Happy 'Bug Sailor on the Big River



Alison Ostenfeld on the Big River

"My name is Alison Ostenfeld and I am 12 years old. I have been learning to sail at the Big River Sailing Club for a few years and just started sailing a FireBug. The FireBug is great! When I get in, I never want to get out. It is really hard to capsize, but if you do it is a dream to get it back up and it doesn't take on much water.. no bailing!

Recent Launchings..



Rob Hargreave and family in Auckland.



Alan Eaton's 'Tiger' launching, Niagra Park

The Derwent Fleet

John Slevin's Derwent Fleet is taking shape in Hobart. 3 'Bugs - one for the grandson, one for the grandson's friend and not to be left out, one for John!



John Slevin and the Derwent Fleet

Hugh's Rudder Stirrup

Hugh Blank at the Titahi Bay Boating Club in Wellington uses a cord foot 'stirrup' to get back on board after a capsize. The cord attaches to small saddles on the rudder stock and is kept out of the way under a bungy until needed.. see pic below.



Hugh's instant 'foot stirrup'.

'BugNews gets Better and Better

Thanks for great photos, news: Ross Venner, Ray O'Brien, Richard Lozell, Alison Ostenfeld, Antonio and Carlos, Hugh Blank, Rob Hargreave, Alan Eaton, Simon Rutherford, John Slevin and the Pilbara Camp School. Some are held over for the next issue.

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