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Sail for Life



SAILING...HAVE A GO!

St John's Rotary sponsored 11 local schools to participate in Yachting NZ's Volvo Sailing...Have a Go! programme in Okahu Bay in May 2018.



***242 students took part over 11 days, in groups of up to 27 kids per day.
72% of these students had never been sailing before.
95% of students rated the day as "Awesome" and 96% said they would like to go sailing again.***

Volvo Sailing... Have A Go! is designed to give students between the ages of 8 and 12 years old the opportunity to experience the thrills of Sailing in a safe and convenient environment. All the equipment and required gear is provided, including wetsuits and wind jackets up.

With a focus on water safety and building confidence in and around the water, kids were taught the importance of wearing adequate clothing and correctly fitted life jackets, rigging and parts of the boat, and the basic ideas behind how to make a boat sail.

All this education was disguised by fun activities, capsizing and often a sneaky water fight!





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The contact details of the kids who expressed an interest in continuing sailing will be passed along to local sailing clubs.



If the weather suited, some groups took their lunch and sailed to Mission Bay or Devonport for a picnic.



"Thank you for organising such an amazing day for our kids - we had a very quiet trip home due to all our kids being worn out!" Regan Bell,
Teacher at St Patricks School

