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Sail for Life



## SAILING...HAVE A GO!



***In term 4 2016, St John's Rotary sponsored four local schools to participate in Yachting NZ's Volvo Sailing...Have a Go! programme.***

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. The programme engages students in the marine environment, promotes water safety, builds confidence and independence, encourages teamwork and is, most importantly, fun!!!

With a focus on water safety and building confidence in and around the water, kids are 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 is disguised by fun activities, capsizing and often a sneaky waterfight!

The Sailing...Have a Go! programme was launched by Yachting New Zealand in 2006, looking to fulfil Sir Peter Blake's idea that ***all children should get a chance to go Sailing.***



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## Point England School

12 Students took part in 2 full day sessions at Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club. This was the first time sailing for all of these students, and they all rated the experience as 'Awesome'

### What was the most fun?

*"The race around the basin"* Jordan Samuels, student at Point England School



*"Have a Go! was a great day, all the kids really loved it. Reuben was great, very informative. Having all the gear there for our kids was really helpful as well, our kids definitely struggle sometimes to find the right gear to wear."* Emma Berry, Teacher at Point England School



## Stonefields School

21 Students took part over 2 full day sessions.

None of these students had been sailing before, and wet drizzly conditions did not dampen the spirits.

### Name something you learned...

*"The names of all the parts of the boat and what to do if it is about to capsize"*- Lucas Quiroz, Student at Stonefields school

*"How to be safe when I go out on boats"*  
Francis Brookes, Student at Stonefields school



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## St Pius X Catholic School

21 students Had a Go! at sailing in half day sessions at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, in Okahu Bay.

**What was the most fun?**

*“The most fun part is having to control the boat with the tiller”* Fiopo Manuhaapai, St Pius student



## Glen Taylor School

20 students participated over 2 full day sessions in perfect summer sailing conditions.

A highlight for this group was the games they played while out sailing, such as ball tag, netball and sailing soccer, as well as being taken for rides by instructor Reuben in the big boat (Weta Trimaran). This was a first sailing experience for all 20 children.

