



L-R Luna on the helm of Cutter 271, Yoka, Willow and Anthony. One of New Lynn's younger crews getting some coaching from Yoka and Anthony.

## The perfect winters day...

*"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats". This quote by Ratty in Kenneth Grahame's Wind in the Willows adorns the back of the activity shirt worn by the New Lynn Sea Scouts. It sits well with them, as being out on the water is something that these Scouts love doing.*

So when a perfect winters day presented itself: blue skies, a light breeze and calm waters in the Tamaki Estuary for the penultimate day of the Scouts 2017 Winter Sailing Series, the Scouts couldn't wait to get out on the water.

Being part of a racing series, the "mucking about in boats" part was put to one side for a while and replaced with some serious concentration while two races were sailed. With only one race day to go, New Lynn are now sitting first overall in the Cutter class (a 3-5-person boat) while one of their junior crews, the youngest pairing out on the water, are currently lying second overall in the two-handed Sunburst class.

"It is pleasing to see the Scouts doing so well while also having fun on the water" says David, one of New Lynn's leaders. "One of the underlying goals of teaching the Scouts sailing is that it is a fun means to help with them with development of their team work, communication and leadership skills - and



Out of a fleet of 39 Sunbursts, Alex and Jasper (helm) seem to have that X-Factor as they currently stand second overall despite being the youngest crew on the water.

the success of this really seems to be showing through in their results" notes David.

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