

**A Thank you for putting on the Youngsters and Families Sailing Day 23rd
August 2009 - Bea Faulkner**

We so enjoyed the Youngsters and Families sailing event a couple of weeks ago. We'd been reading the "Swallows and Amazons" stories over the summer, and it was wonderful trying sailing for real. Having been canoeing members of the club for several years, observing others of you sail, it did feel good actually sailing ourselves.

Duncan and our 6 year old son Kipper were each taken out in Lasers, and then Dunc had a go at sailing one solo. He's been keen on the idea of sailing for decades and was thrilled to be entrusted with a boat to himself. I took our Canadian canoe out at the same time: I was the "able sea-lady" and was accompanied by Captain Annie and Captain Ella, 3 & 4 year olds. Then I had a couple of turns being taken out in a Laser which included going for an exhilarating unplanned swim when we jibed.

We came away full of enthusiasm, and with thoughts about getting a boat of our own. Kipper thinks capsizing looks fun and would like to try taking a boat out by himself sometime too...

