

# Maritime Museum of Tasmania

## School Holiday Program – October 2017

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## Yacht Make and Race Day

*Cardboard yachts, build your own, no water, but loads of fun (we hope)!*

**Dates:** Tuesday, 10 October: 10 am - 12 noon

Thursday, 12 October: 10 am - 12 noon

**Ages:** 7-12 years

**Cost:** \$5.00 per family

(for this fee you gain entry to the whole Museum on the day)

Ahoy there, shipmates. With the official opening of the yachting season upon us, we thought it would be good to have our very own yacht race. So we have come up with a fun day of activities (without getting wet)!

Did you know that the Maritime Museum has its very own yacht? The “Westward” (pictured right) is moored in Constitution Dock. It is the only Tasmanian yacht to have won the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race TWICE in 1947 and 1948. She is a very special boat and you can see her when you visit the Museum.

However, have you ever wondered how hard it is to sail a yacht? The only power you have comes from the wind, so how do you set your sails to go fast? What happens if the wind changes direction? We will have a “pre-race briefing” to help you learn about sailing yachts.

You will get to make and decorate your own yacht (we will provide all the materials for the hull, mast, and sails). Then we will head off to the waterfront where we will have a course set up for the big race. But beware, it may not be all plain sailing!

We will also have a scavenger hunt through the museum, when you first arrive. For the little ones, we also have our very popular “Animal Hide and Seek”. You would be surprised just how many animals we have lurking in the museum. There will also be colouring-in and storybook activities for those that do not want to race.



**NOTE:** Places are limited, so please call or email us to make a booking very soon. We ask that a parent or guardian accompany the children.