

# Thanks to Macks

Andy and Jaime Mack deserve a giant "Thank you" for organizing the family and kids sailing night this past Thursday as well as this summer's community education kid's sailing clinics. The Macks selflessly borrowed and purchased boats, took on a project that had been jeopardized administratively, and ran a first rate "Intro to Sailing" class for ages five to 45.

Our 10-year-old son, Levi, found his stride early on Thursday evening, and he's been talking up Optimist dinghies since then. It would have been impossible to ignore the bright outlook for Hood River's future, when shouts and giggles propagated from an 8-foot sailboat. Manned only by three excited pre-teens, the craft overtook a slower vessel that swerved under the command of a 5-year-old. All this in 3 knots of wind and 85-degree sunshine.

Protected within the confines of the Marina and tempered by the light traffic that is characteristic of a small town, our community is fortunate to have the perfect venue for young sailors to flourish.

Thanks also to Mike Schend of Community Education and to the Port of Hood River, for helping to facilitate such a wonderful opportunity for our kids to expand their horizons.

**Cory and Terese Roeseler**  
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