

# PROPER CARE OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN'S SHARED PRAM FLEET

## 1) LAUNCHING and RIGGING

- a) Use 4 people to lift/carry boat or put on dolly.
- b) Do not rest the full weight of the boat on the gudgeons (metal parts on the stern where the rudder connects). They can bend under the full weight of the boat.
- c) Make sure you put all drain plugs in. Carefully screw in any round covers – don't force!
- d) Make sure you have a painter and bailer.
- e) Place boat on pram cradle on the beach. Do not ever place boat bottom directly on the beach.
- f) Do not get into the boat when it is on the cradle – this can crack the bottom.
- g) Do not launch the boat from the floating dock. Prams are to be launched from the beach.
- h) Rig boat with bow (front) into the wind.
- i) Prior to stepping the mast, do not allow the mast to get in the sand.
- j) With 2 – 3 other people, take boat into deep enough water to float it without dragging it in the sand. Wade out far enough that the rudder can be attached with at least 6" of water under it.
- k) Have someone hold the bow into the wind while you attach the rudder.
- l) If anchor line is out, tie your boat to it so the other sailors have room to rig their boats.

## 2) ON THE WATER and RETURNING TO SHORE

- a) **AVOID** collisions. Point tiller to the trouble.
- b) When returning to shore, raise the dagger board **BEFORE** it touches the sand. Push tiller to sail and turn boat into the wind to stop it. **AVOID** high-speed landings which damage the boat.
- c) Jump out of the boat **BEFORE** the rudder drags on the sand.
- d) Use 4 people to lift boat out of the water and place on pram cradle.

## 3) DE-RIGGING, WASH, and PUT AWAY

- a) Make sure rigging and bailer are secured properly – wrap mainsheet such that it won't drag.
- b) Thoroughly rinse the boat, rudder / tiller and dagger board. Give an extra special rinsing to all metal parts.
- c) Fully rinse the sand out of the mast step (hole the mast goes in) to avoid damage and unnecessary wear.
- d) Remove all drain plugs after rinsing. Make sure the round covers are kept with the boat.
- e) Use 4 people to lift the OPPI, use 2 people in putting the OPPI/IOD into its slot. Make sure the stern is lined up in the red tape on the floor. If the OPPI/IOD does not slide easily, it is not lined up correctly. **DO NOT FORCE.**
- f) Log any problems with the boat and/or rigging immediately.