



The Vero Beach Power Squadron has become a prime supporter of the newly formed Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County. We have provided funds to help with advertising and start-up costs for the organization along with purchasing a boat kit. Now we plan to construct the boat and have our name placed on the sides of the boat (Vero Beach Power Squadron). Two of our more skilled craftsmen, John Spilman and Bob Scully will lead the efforts to construct our little Optimist dinghy. We will then make the boat available for needy children to use to learn to sail small boats safely and confidently.



### **ADDITIONAL HELP IS NEEDED**



You can help this great adventure for children and parents in Vero Beach and Indian River County. The Foundation still needs volunteers to become “builder instructors” and for funds to help purchase needed supplies and equipment.

Two major facets of this program are unique. The first is that the Optimist dinghies are constructed of special plywood that has been very carefully cut out here in Vero Beach. There are no bolts or screws to hold it together. The boats will be held together totally by fiberglass and special environmentally and people friendly epoxies. The second major facet of the program is where a child and parent will build the boat in a cooperative venture with help from skilled and specially trained volunteers (could be YOU). Can you imagine the **confidence** that can build when the child builds his/her own boat and then learns to sail it competitively? **To lend your support (either with money or time) please contact Dan Thomas at [datcapecod@yahoo.com](mailto:datcapecod@yahoo.com) or 772 978-1701.**