



HORIZONS' ENEWS

Horizons Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



December 2009

100 NUMBERS

This month our numbers were picked by Aiden Mepsted of Curtis Marine Insurance (our insurers).



The winning numbers are:

21 - £25

89 - £15

70 - £10

IT TAKES 3?

Yes everything comes in threes but sometimes one will do. Sam Hanniford now believes this.



It took three to clean the Horizons RIB's - two to supervise and point - (Michael Pape and Sam Miller) whilst the aforementioned

Sam H did the work! It looks that way from the photograph but good on them all, they cleared off the undergrowth from both boats when they were hauled out. **Good job boys.**

CHRISTMAS SLEIGH RIDE

Santa and Christmas carols (you don't have to sing its recorded):- 14th December at Montpelier School, North Down Road, PL2 3HN. (Time: 1850 > 2100 ish!)

Please come and help us once again. This year as usual we have been invited to help Drake Rotary with their annual Christmas sleigh ride. We help by calling door to door collecting for the Rotary fund. We get a percentage of the evenings takings for helping out. As we are calling door to door we would like as many adult helpers in the evening. Contrary to what Craig said at the prize giving this is unfortunately restricted to people 16 years and over.

If you are able to help can you please let Jon know as soon as possible?

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We still have a few Christmas cards left for that extra special person in your life!



TIDY UP AND PRIZE GIVING.

A BIG BIG thank you to all the young people, parents, and volunteers that braved a very cold but thankfully not too wet Saturday for the annual Horizons work party.

Three great jobs were tackled and finished exceptionally well:-

ONE - The tidying up of the compound in Blagdons boatyard removing years of leaves, trees and plants that had taken route and all manner of rubbish.



TWO - The Classroom in Mayflower Marina has never looked so large - we are

still not sure whether its all been skipped or simply put away properly, we'll let you know if we can't find anything half way through next season.

THREE - The last job which is always the wettest and is manpower intensive is the washing, cleaning, sorting and hanging up of all of the clothing and buoyancy aids. The big blue shed resembled a Chinese laundry with twin tubs and spinners running for most of the day.

All of the jobs we wanted to do were completed - fantastic. Everyone did exceptionally well and names are

too many to mention, but we could not have done it so well without this help.



The reward was not long coming after the work, with chefs in abundance there was soon a flow of sausages making their way into No5 to be devoured..... by young starving helpers, It was noticed that some volunteers were swimming uphill to beat these young sharks to the food!

(Right: Daryl and James helping out the chefs!!!!)



The guest of the day was Mrs Jane Lankester who most kindly comes each year to present the Lankester trophy, 'To the Cadet who has shown the most determination, perseverance and effort throughout the year'. Awarded to **James Sowter**.

(l-R: James Sowter, Jane Lankester & Rod O'Connor)



Rod O'Connor then presented three prizes: The Mayflower International Marina Prize, 'To the Instructor or cadet who has embodied the spirit of Horizons Trust'. Awarded to **Michael Pape**.



Left - Michael with Rod O'Connor with his New Buoyancy Aid and Sailing Top

A special award was made to **Martin Northcott** of a buoyancy aid signed by Paul Goodison 2008 Olympic Laser 1 Gold medallist. Presented by Rod O'Connor (Right).



Also this year - an extraordinary prize to 'Horizons Young Carpet Layer of the Year', awarded to Peter



Carpenter for services above and beyond the call of duty.

Left: Peter Carpenter - Carpet-layer with his Carpet picture prize....

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Please do not forget us when you do your online Christmas shopping. You can buy all your Amazon, Tesco's direct, eBay presents etc as normal but Horizons get a percentage of the total cost you have spent. All you have to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register Horizons (Plymouth) as your charity of choice. You use this site as a portal to your shopping site and we get a donation every time you spend.

This is free money to Horizons; (with no cost to yourself) please think about this before spending on line. Many thanks. If you have any questions please contact Craig.

CHRISTMAS SWIM 18TH DECEMBER

Don't forget to get down to the West end of the Hoe to cheer on the intrepid swimmers at 12:00.

CHAIRMAN'S END 2009

As another year draws to an end, we can look back over a period of sound consolidation and a number of valuable initiatives. These have included the acquisition of the third Hawk (Miss Muffet!), the arrival of the wide pontoon that eases wheel chair access to Friendship and the election of a Volunteer's Representative. The Trustees consider the last of these to be particularly significant.

The Volunteers are the heart of Horizons and as such it is essential that their voice be heard at all levels of our organisation. It has been encouraging to see new faces this year, both amongst the volunteers and our young sailors, indicating that our venture is vibrant. Of course, in the wake of the "Credit Crunch", fund raising has been more difficult than in previous years. I thank all of you who have helped in this area in so many ways, ranging from participation in or support of the magnificent Eddystone Pursuit to the distribution and management of our collection boxes.

Finally, on behalf of all the Trustees may I wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (and perhaps a little better weather?)



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