



HORIZONS' ENEWS

Horizons Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



February 2009

100 CLUB

Congratulations to our first winners:

1st Prize of £25 - No.29

2nd Prize of £15 - No.78

3rd Prize of £10 - No.68

There were 78 numbers in the hat and this month's numbers were drawn by Nathan Handley of Ullman Sails.

The 100 Club is running well and there are a few numbers left.

If anyone would like a number or knows anyone who might like to join then contact Craig for a small information flyer.

Thank you to all that are supporting Horizons in this way.

MISS MUFFET!

Yes we have made it and 'Miss Muffet' will soon sit beside two of our Hawk 20's.

With the help of The Kelsey Trust who have given us a whopping £8000 we have reached our target to purchase a new Hawk 20 that will be adapted for the use of our disabled sailors.



This project was started and helped throughout by Julia Creeke and in recognition of all of her help and support, a lot of it financial, we have named it after Julia's mother Eleanor Creeke. (Eleanor was affectionately known as 'Miss Muffet').

The boat will be with us very soon to compliment our existing disabled power boating provision aboard "Friendship".

SIMULATOR FUN

Rod O'Connor has booked a visit to the Plymouth Universities Marine Simulator, where you can helm a variety of ships in complete safety.

Please contact Craig or Jon if you would like to have a go. The numbers are limited to about 12; if there is a great demand for this event we will ask for another opportunity to use this great facility.

FOR SALE

The Tamar - our good old workhorse for many years (and star of stage and screen) is now up for sale.



With the addition of a third Hawk 20 we also have our Yeoman Keelboat to sell (with the blessing of Lord Owen), It will be advertised on the internet.



We have had an offer on the Tamar but if anyone knows anybody looking for a good fishing/family boat and/or the keelboat please put them in touch with Horizons. We would like to sell reasonably soon to enable us to work in our dinghy compound.

THANK YOU STEPPINGSTONES

Jon, Craig and 'Molly' were recently invited to receive a £90 donation from the residents of Steppingstones (see www.steppingstones.org.uk) thanking us for taking them out in "Friendship".

All of the young people that came on board presented us with thank you cards that they had all made, 'Molly' enjoyed



all the fuss and made a good impersonation of a vacuum cleaner with chocolate biscuits 'accidentally dropped' on the floor.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Throughout the year we are hoping to get more helpers and volunteers trained, this is a voluntary scheme and one day courses are held on a Tuesday or Thursday.

If anyone wishes to be added to the training list please e-mail Craig. Also if anyone has already attended some Child Protection training can you also advise Craig.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

A Happy New Year to those of you whom I have not yet seen this year.

Excellent news about the third Hawk, all we need now is some half decent weather this summer!

I am glad too that the 100 club is up and running. Quite apart from the benefit to the winners, it will add some much needed funds to our coffers.

The Trustees and I are also gratified that the Mitchell is proving to be such a success amongst those of limited ability. Users, carers and institutions who have used her to date have been unanimous in their enthusiasm for the vessel.

I would urge those of you that are in our front line to take up the offer of Child Protection Training; it is a serious subject that requires serious consideration. The permanent staff and I will attend the first available course to ensure its suitability for our activities.

As ever, my thanks to all of you who contribute in any way to Horizons continuing success.

Rod O'Connor

2009 SEASON

The new season will soon be upon us and the weather is already challenging even the most foolhardy of us. But it will get better I am told.

The calendar is slowly filling up with new organisations wishing to use our facilities and this is adding some exciting new events into our diary.

We are hosting the presentation of the Plymouth Young Carer of the Year award at Mayflower Marina on June 13th. There will be sailing activities throughout the day and a BBQ lunch and awards ceremony with a celebrity/dignitary doing the honours (no names yet). We will also be welcoming young people from "Friends and Families of Special Children" (www.friendsandfamilies.org.uk) and "Powerpack", (www.powerpack.uk.com) two local charities helping young people with all forms of disability.

There will be occasions when these two organisations join us when some extra help may be required, if anyone wishes to be involved specifically with these events please contact Craig for a detailed itinerary.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- February 26th @ 18:30 ~ simulator training at Plymouth University.
- March 26th @1830 ~ Horizons Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 5 Richmond Walk.
- April 23rd first Thursday evening & April 25th first Saturday ~ Horizons club sailing (provisional).
- June 13th - Plymouth Young Carer of the Year.
- July 11th ~ 'Eleanor Creeke' in the Eddystone Charity Sailing Pursuit.
- September 5th Diana Princess of Wales Challenge

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