



HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon

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100 NUMBERS

This month our numbers were drawn by Harry Roberts our First Aid instructor and witnessed by The First Aid Class of 2010 at Horizons

**The Winning numbers are:
63 - £25, 24 - £15, 73 -£10**



Left: Harry being ably assisted and witnessed by Will Clancy

ARE WE THE BOAT PEOPLE?

On Thursday 18th we were visited by 7 young asylum seekers from the PCC Youth Services - South West Multi Cultural BME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) group's Thursday club for a trip on Friendship, They came from a wide selection of countries including Afghanistan, Iraq and China.

We took them for a trip around Plymouth sound and to Saltash, it was slightly disconcerting to have asylum seekers on the boat and to have the Ministry of Defence Police launch shadow us all the way to Saltash.... !!!!

A great time was had by all, some were better at driving than others and their English was much better than my Chinese and Afghan. Does it mean if we have more multi cultural clientele all our signs will have to be mutli-language as well?? Molly had no problems with translation - cheese offered from a sandwich is the same in any language!



SAILING CLUB DATES ANNOUNCED.....

Thursday nights and Saturday mornings are nearing the Horizons, with the clocks altered taking us into Spring (perhaps someone should tell the weather) we have planned the first Thursday to be the 22nd April – usual times of 17:00 (5 pm) and Saturday the 24th 09:00 (9 am).

We are hoping for a press turnout on the 22nd to publicise the start of our season and to show off our new clothing and kit which we have had bought for us with a grant from Heart FM, Northcott Devon Foundation and Sport England.

And all the sailors that turn up will have their names put in a hat and have a chance of being the official representative of Horizons to do the naming of the new Pico bought for us by the Hedley Foundation.

We might even be visited by a by a group of Ghanaians that are visiting as part of the English Community Exchange Team. Oh! and we will go sailing...

GOOD NEWS FROM SPORT ENGLAND



We have been given a small grant to support our sailing clubs and summer courses for our slightly older sailors, this has allowed us to purchase some larger buoyancy aids and clothing, and they have also given us some money to assistance with the wages for an instructor.

MONKEY CURRY

The volunteers had a pre season get together and re-acquainting with old friends and meeting with the newest recruits. A great evening was had eating curry and racing monkeys at The Artillery pub with our hosts Belinda and Mark. It was good to be able to use the Artillery again after their enforced spring clean (they were flooded just before Christmas). We are always grateful for the overwhelming support Horizons receives from Belinda, Mark and their regulars and this month was no exception their hospitality is legendary.....



Above: Six Little Monkeys all ready to swing

STEERING MADE EASIER

A visit from Tony this month left us with some new gadgets to try out that will give more disabled young people the options of driving friendship.

Tony's son Alex came on board last year and found it difficult to move the joystick due to little hand movement and not very strong muscles. Tony has come up with some new gadgets and a softer joystick that should make this much easier.

They are not quite 'flappy paddles' such as an Aston Martin but its getting close! The red and green buttons turn the boat when pressed and the rudder centres itself when released.

With the aid of Velcro fastenings anyone with any amount of movement can now steer the boat.

More about steering innovations in later e-news when we have developed their uses further.



Left: Mk1 version of the new equipment, we are hoping to get the box smaller, hopefully we get Red to Port and not the other way around!!

PREPARATIONS FOR LAUNCH DAY

All is going well getting the larger boats ready for launching. 'Jubilee' has been painted and the seat covers have been re-covered, other repairs and antifouling have been progressing – if you would like a laying down job give Jon a ring, both Arlene and I cant take any more of Jon's blue antifouling rinse coloured hair.....

The small rib is off soon for its annual engine service and all of the Pico covers have now been ably repaired by Jon and his sewing machine (sorry no pictures of the seamstress at work)

Right: James painting The rib hull, himself, the dog and anything that stands still long enough with a nice coating of grey antifoul



Left: With Two horse power and a dog we can move mountains. If it can be pushed we are your men.



Right: After cleaning and painting it all needs polishing. For polishing jobs all over the house just call on Michael he's the business.



RECYCLING MAKES MONEY

Horizons is embarking on recycling to raise extra cash.

- Used Postage Stamps
- Milk Bottle Tops
- Ink Cartridges
- Mobile Phones
- Old Coins – and out of date coins and notes (old Francs etc)



Please mention this to all of your friends that there is money in our recycling... Please do not forget we still have 3 collecting tins left that are in need of a good home..

EVERYONE IS NOW SAFER!

Last week a group of volunteers successfully completed a First Aid course. It now means – Terry, Derry, Nick, Jon, Craig, Ray, Rod, Will, Barry and Babs are now suitably qualified to administer to your every first aid needs.....



Above: Babs demonstrating with Jamie the correct position of the head and neck to receive correct CPR



Everyone took turns at demonstrating their proficiency at CPR. To was commented that after this course as long as we only have to administer to small very fair skinned no legged casualties we will be perfect...

More next month – and don't forget to keep up to date by visiting our recently refurbished website:

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