



TRUSTEES NEWS

Thank you to everyone that attended our AGM on 4 April. As usual the formal business was followed by a briefing for Volunteers – which marks the start of a new sailing season for Horizons.

Soon after the AGM Simon and the team had all the boats overhauled, rigged and launched ready for the first Thursday evening Sailing Club session of the year. This was attended by 22 children, supported by 15 volunteers with 10 boats out on the water. A really good start!

Unfortunately, the arrival of storm ‘Hannah’ scuppered us on the following Saturday, but we look forward to better weather for the start of the Schools programme in the second week in May.

Alongside all this, ‘Friendship’ is making regular trips for people from Dame Hannah’s and other groups. We are hoping to make more use of this boat – which is specially adapted to take wheelchairs – so if you know of any other groups that could make use of her, please let us know.

Andrew Eccleston, Chair of Trustees

100 NUMBERS

This month we asked Ben Morgan one of our volunteers to draw 100 numbers.



Ben with this months numbers

THE WINNING NUMBERS ARE:

- 62 - £25**
- 37 - £15**
- 47 - £10**

Congratulations to this months winners.

Renew your 100 numbers subscription. If you would like a go its £12 per year, per number the draw takes place every month. Why not set up a Standing Order so that you don’t miss out every year. Please call the office if you would like a number or would like information regarding setting up a Standing Order please call 01752 605800.

BEN'S STORY

I started sailing with horizons at the age of 15, joining along with my friends from school who came here. I spent my first season coming along on a Thursday and Saturday and learning the basics. By the time my second season came along I did my youth stage levels, seamanship’s skills and spinnaker course through the summer course programme. These programmes were great for learning new skills and refining skills I’ve learnt through the Thursday night sessions. Following on from this I did my assistant instructor qualification on Wednesday evenings and through this started taking on more responsibility on club nights and started coming during the week to help with the school groups on the hawks. These volunteering opportunities made me realise how much I enjoyed teaching and so I went off and completed my dinghy instructor. From the skills that I learnt at horizons I have had to opportunity to teach sailing in America, Spain and Australia totaling 6 seasons of working abroad. It is though the help that my horizons mentors gave me that allowed me to believe that I could go and teach the next generation. I am now about to leave for another summer in America, and then come home and begin my masters in outdoor education in Plymouth. I still find the time when I’m home to come down to horizons and help out in any way I can so that the next generation of young sailors can have the same opportunities I have had.
Ben Morgan

WINTER GROUP

We had a busy month for the Youth group. It was our final 4 activities and they were brilliant. We watched Peter Andre at the Pavilions and the week after went up to Crown Fort to look at all

the old cannons and war uniforms. Thank you to Peter Carpenter for your help!



The last 2 activities were on Saturday mornings. The first was a trip down to Newquay to see the Search and Rescue Helicopter and the second was a visit to Saltram House Forest School. The trip down to Newquay was kindly organised by Sue and her daughter, Steph, so thank you ever so much! Thank you to Jon and Peter who also helped out on the day too.



I hope everybody who came along to the Winter Youth Group this year enjoyed it, and if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to do next year, please let me know! Thank you, Lois

BOATS GO BACK IN

The boats went back into the water at the end of March.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Over the winter period we ran a variety of training courses which were well attended. These included a MIND Mental Health Awareness Workshop, a Sailability Awareness Course and 2 RYA First Aid Courses. The next volunteer training opportunity is a Sports Coach UK Safeguarding Workshop on 15th May 18:00-21:00 at Saltash Sailing Club. Since the beginning of the season we have also had several volunteer refresher sailing and powerboat sessions. Wednesday evenings are up and running again and this is your opportunity to come down to practice your skills.

Over the coming weeks we will be running an RYA Safetyboat course, and then looking further ahead, some multi-hull and foiling training.

Mental Health Awareness Training for Horizons - this session was delivered by Richard Wakerell from Plymouth Mind (soon to be re-named Devon Mind). The group learned how to recognise different types of mental health condition and what the underlying causes or triggers can be, as well as how to help someone experiencing from some of the common problems – such as anxiety or depression. It was helpful to take the time to think about this issue under the guidance of an expert. A valuable exercise for Horizons – and would be useful for anyone who cares about the mental health of the people around them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years AGM meeting took place on Thursday 5th April, 6pm at the Royal Western Yacht Club, this was well attended.

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VOLUNTEER BEGINNING OF THE SEASON BRIEFING

This meeting took place on Thursday 5th April, 7pm at the Royal Western Yacht Club, where Simon, Lois and Annette presented the volunteers with this years forms and amendments to the 2019 Operating Procedures.

The Election for the Volunteer Representative took place and Jenny Tsang was elected.

EVENTS/FUND-RAISING

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY YACHT CLUB QUIZ

Plymouth University held another quiz for Horizons on Saturday 16th March at the Royal Western Yacht they raised £276.47

SAILING RESTARTED

Like last year we invited cadets to come down on the Thursday before sailing began to complete the forms, we opened our doors on Thursday 18th April for the cadets to come down and complete the forms. Our first Thursday evening club session started on Thursday 25th April with 22 children attending but unfortunately the Saturday session was cancelled due to bad weather.

EDUCATION PROJECT RESTARTS

We have 10 schools booked in for this season the first school High View kicks the season off and starts on Thursday 2nd May.

DAME HANNAH ROGERS

Has signed up for sessions again with us this year their first session started on Tuesday 16th April.

PUSH THE BOAT OUT/PIRATE DAY

Saturday 11th May will be Push the Boat Out and Pirate weekend this will be a normal clubs session but you can bring a friend and parents can join in the fun. You can dress as a Pirate if you wish but it is not compulsory (there will be a prize for the best dressed pirate).

FUND-RAISING PROJECTS

EDDYSTONE CHARITY PURSUIT 2019

Calling all you yacht owners why don't you join in with this years Eddystone Charity Pursuit for Horizons.

On the 15th June 2019, Horizons will be participating in the Eddystone Charity Pursuit. This is a 26 mile sail to the Eddystone Lighthouse and back. If anyone would like to help us to raise some sponsorship you can donate direct to us at a club session or you can download a Eddystone Sponsorship Form 2019 and collect from friends and family that way. We really appreciate all your support.

As well as raising money for core funding i.e. running cost etc. We are Fundraising for various equipment projects this year.

MINIBUS APPEAL

We are still Fund-raising funds for the minibus which is going well we have not reached our target yet but we are getting closer.

BOAT JUMBLE WANTED - HELP HORIZONS STAY AFLOAT

The Boat Jumble is going well but we still need items, if you have any boating items that you no longer need and would like to donate or if you need something for your boat come to Horizons 5 Richmond Walk, please contact the office 01752 605800. We can collect items if you are stuck.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

CO-OPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT FUND

We would like to thank the staff at the Co-op in Plympton for their generous donation towards the general running cost.



PENTLAND STALLS CHARITABLE TRUST

We would like to thank Pentland Stalls Charitable Trust for their most generous donation towards the general running costs.