



TRUSTEES NEWS

The unusually warm weather in the middle of February reminded us all of what a nice summer day can be like in Plymouth. We are now back to the usual changing pattern of wind and rain (sometimes hail!) which is more typical of our winter months.

But summer will come again! Our boats have been overhauled and are ready to be re-launched – thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers. So we will be back on the water soon, doing what Horizons does best – giving deserving young people the chance to enjoy our magnificent marine environment and develop confidence and self esteem by learning to sail.

Our Annual general meeting takes place on April 4th at the Royal Western Yacht Club when we will be able to talk about future plans and look forward to another great year in 2019.

Andrew Eccleston, Chair of Trustees

100 NUMBERS

This month we asked Will Clancy one of our volunteers to draw 100 numbers.



Will with this months numbers

THE WINNING NUMBERS ARE:

- 22 - £25
- 68 - £15
- 01 - £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.

WINTER GROUP

SNOW TUBING- On a Dark Thursday evening we headed over to the ski slope and tried our hand at some snow tubing and Tobogganing. Everybody had a lovely evening and the favourite was the snow tubing as they could go down very fast spinning all the way – rather them than me!



LEGO BOATS - After hearing about an event hosted by one of the local yacht clubs, I bought some Lego Technic yachts for the children to make and race, so one Thursday evening, we did just that! We got 6 boxes worth and they recommended it takes about 3 hours to complete. One group managed to get theirs done in 40 minutes so we annihilated that time! We will be hoping to run another session to get them raced.



BOATS GO BACK IN

We are planning on putting the boats back in the water around the 18th March., if everything goes to plan. We will send a message out to confirm this nearer the time.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In the run up to the start of the season we still have a few spaces left on the following courses:

Mental Health Awareness Workshop: Thurs 4th April
10:00-13:00 5 Richmond Walk

RYA Sailability Awareness Course: Wed 17th April
10:00-16:00 5 Richmond Walk

We are also looking at setting up an RYA First Aid course on a weekend so let me know if you would like to attend so I can compile a list of interested parties.

We will also be setting up some pre-season sailing sessions and will publish the dates when they are confirmed.

STAFF TRAINING

Lois and Simon have now completed their Sail Foil Instructor course so that they can teach people on the new RS Aero.

EVENTS/FUND-RAISING

ST PANCRAS CHURCH TALK

On Friday 1st March Lois and Andrew headed over to St Pancras Church, PennyCross to talk to their members about Horizons work.

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY YACHT CLUB QUIZ

Plymouth University are holding another quiz for Horizons on Saturday 116th March at the Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery Marina, Plymouth PL4 OTW. All welcome

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years AGM meeting will take place on Thursday 5th April, 6pm come along to find out what we have been up-to this year. There will be a Pasty and Chip supper afterwards. Venue will be at the Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery Marina, Plymouth PL4 OTW.

VOLUNTEER BEGINNING OF THE SEASON BRIEFING

This meeting will take place on Thursday 5th April, 7pm come along to find out if there are any new policies and procedures and complete this years forms. Venue will be at the Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery Marina, Plymouth PL4 OTW.

We look forward to seeing you all at the volunteer briefing, please remember to have a read of the 2019 Volunteers Information which was emailed out and is also available on the Volunteers Info section of the website so you can ask us plenty of questions!

Please bring your Volunteer Application Paperwork with you on the evening. We will be running through changes in Operational Procedures, and the plans for this season at the briefing.

We will also be holding the Election for a Volunteer Representative. The candidates who were put forward and have agreed to stand are: Derek, Jenny, Ray and Will. If you can't attend and would like to vote then please text us before the 3rd April and let us know who you would like to vote for.

SAILING RESTARTS

Our Thursday and Saturday sailing sessions will be starting again very soon, as Easter is late this year our first Thursday session will begin on 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May. Don't forget to bring your warm clothing and please bring a spare set and towel with you.

Like last year we invited cadets to come down on the Thursday before sailing began to complete the forms this year we are offering that again (Thursday 25th April, 4pm-5pm) to save time and get us on the water quickly. This sessions will be for **FORMS ONLY**, you can download the joining

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and image consent forms from our website www.horizonsplymouth.org for you to print off and bring with you to this session.

FUND-RAISING PROJECTS

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

MINIBUS APPEAL - Fund-raising for the minibus is going really well see the thermometer for how well we are doing. We desperately need a new minibus. Lois kicked this off by asking our cadets to help see article below.

POTS OF GOLD - We are still asking our Cadets that wish to help with fund-raising efforts to fill our new 'Pots of Gold' with as much small change that their family and friends can find under the sofa or in any of those hard to reach places. We will be running the competition until the end of the sailing season and a prize will be awarded to the Cadet who manages to raise the most money. All proceeds will go towards the cost of replacing our aging minibus! Even if you are not a Cadet, you can still help by making donations towards the project. If you would like to be involved, please come and pick up a pot from Lois when you are next in. Watch the progress of this fund-raising campaign in following enews.



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.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

THE KELSEY TRUST

We would like to thank the Kelsey Trust for their generous donation towards the Minibus Project.

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

We would like to thank Plymouth City Council for their donation towards Staff Training.