



Charity No.1096256

HORIZONS Children's Sailing Charity Plymouth, Devon



E-news: February 2017

TRUSTEES NEWS

On 3 February the Trustees and Horizons Management Team (Simon, Lois and Annette) met for our first planning meeting. With a lot happening in 2016 and a new look management team taking us into 2017 we felt it important to take stock of what we do, how we do it and how we could take Horizons into the future.

We considered our strengths and the opportunities that we can build on, including:

- We believe Horizons has been true to its purpose over its 25 year existence and, as a result, has a good reputation for which everyone should be justifiably proud
- Our volunteers are terrific
- We have a broad training programme for our volunteers and will continue its development
- Our grant application "success rate" is very good
- We have loyal and trusted funders which we very much appreciate
- The arrival of our first female instructor, Lois, presents us with new opportunities and increased flexibility
- We will work on options to make the most of Friendship and its unique design
- We recognise that whilst Horizons provides a good introduction to sailing there are many other forms of sailing which young people could experience. We will look at how we may "signpost" our cadets when the time comes

Each year we provide over 3000 sailing 'sessions' for cadets and run a winter programme. We have a busy maintenance programme to keep the boats and equipment in good condition. This requires funding in excess of £100,000 every year.

So we will now put a plan together that ensures the continued smooth running of our sailing sessions and begins to develop opportunities presented to us. Updates will be included in e-news.

Sailing starts soon!

Rob Cooper, on behalf of Horizons Trustees.

100 Numbers

We asked three of our volunteers to draw this month's 100 numbers.



Ruth Dickens, David Oatway and Jim Woodley

THE WINNING NUMBERS ARE:

48- £25

90- £15

20- £10

Congratulations to this month's winners. January will be the time of the year when we will be asking you to renew your 100 numbers subscription. If you would like a go it's £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 01752 605800.

AGM

This year's AGM will be held at Stonehouse Creek Leisure & Social Club, Kings Road on Thursday 6th April, 6.30pm. Notice and Agenda for the meeting will be available shortly.

VOLUNTEER BRIEFING

This year's Volunteers Briefing will be held at Stonehouse Creek Leisure & Social Club, Kings Road on Thursday 6th April, 7.30 pm. Come along to find out what's new this season. Please look at the [Policies and Procedures Page on the website](#) for this year's versions. We will be emailing existing volunteers with this year's information before the briefing so you can fill in your forms in advance. We will still have some paper copies on the evening. Food and Bar available.

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WINTER PROJECT

Since our last update we have enjoyed a large range of activities, including, Raptor Adventures, an RNLI talk, Snow Tubing and Tobogganing, Wembury Beach rock pooling and a visit to the Queens Harbour Master.

Raptor Adventures was brilliant. We were able to look and hold some amazing birds of prey and see what they are like in their natural habitat. We also participated in some archery which proved very popular and we seem to have some great archer potential in our troops. The adults even got the opportunity to have a go at clay pigeon shooting. It's safe to say the competition got bumped up a level!



After Raptor Adventures, we enjoyed a talk from the RNLI where the children learnt lots about being a crew member and all the different ways we can help and support their amazing charity.



Then came the time where we were able to finally go Snow Tubing and Tobogganing. This was great fun, not only for the children, but for the volunteers too. Derek even managed to gain himself a new nickname, 'Derek the demon spinner!'



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From the high energy excitement of tobogganing, we then went to Wembury beach for some relaxing rock pooling. Even though it was a small group, everybody had a great time and the competition of finding the biggest crab kept us entertained for a good few hours!



The Queen's Harbour Master was our next adventure. Here we got to see how all the marine traffic is controlled and managed in Plymouth Sound. We got to have a play on the electronic charts and have a look through the large binoculars too and saw all the way out to the Mewstone.



SAILING RESTARTING SOON

Our Thursday and Saturday sailing sessions will be starting again very soon. Our first sessions will be on Thursday 27th April and Saturday 29th April. This season's forms will be on the [website](#) for you to print off and bring with you to the first session. Please download the joining and image consent forms and bring all paperwork completed to the sessions, it will save time and get us on the water quickly. Don't forget to bring warm clothing for on the water and leave a spare set of clothes and towel in the hut for when you come off the water.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

We have now scheduled an RYA First Aid course for Wednesday 29th March. Please double check the expiry dates of your current ticket and let me know if you would like to take part. This is especially important if you are an RYA instructor. There are also several instructor CPD sessions arranged around the region that I highly recommend you attend. Details of these can be found [here](#).

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RYA KEELBOAT INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

There will be an information morning for the volunteers who registered an interest in the Keelboat Instructor training on Thursday 2nd March at 10:00 at Richmond Walk. This should last about an hour and I will explain the process so you know what to expect.

Existing volunteers who are dinghy instructors and wish to do a Keelboat Instructors Endorsement are also welcome to attend.

BOAT MAINTENANCE

If anyone would like to help with polishing or antifouling please let us know! We are getting nearer to the time where we will be starting these jobs and help is always welcomed!

Thanks, Simon

EVENTS/FUND-RAISING

As well as looking for grants for the general running cost of Horizons we will continue to look for funds for our rolling replacement programme for our boats. We are looking to replace 2 picos this year so that our fleet stays in tip top condition. We are also applying for grants for training costs for courses for our Cadets and Volunteers, grants to replace clothing and Buoyancy Aids as well as setting up a fund to replace the minibus.

PAYPAL

You can now donate to Horizons via PayPal, we have a link on our website.

EBAY AND FACEBOOK

We now sell our boat Jumble on eBay and Facebook as well as the porta cabin at no. 5 Richmond walk.

EBAY

If you sell anything on eBay you can nominate Horizons to receive a percentage of your sale through the Nominate a Charity database.

ARE YOU A CO-OP MEMBER?

There is still time to nominate Horizons as your chosen charity. When you use your Co- membership card Horizons will receive 1% of what you spend. If you want to support Horizons sign in [Here](#). Under the 1% for Your Community click on "See your local cause". You will see the three local charities in your area.

To support Horizons go to the bottom of the page and under "Find other causes" click on the drop down box:

distance from Horizons "5 miles from you", "10 miles from you" or "15 miles from you".
Leave the next box "Cause category" as "All" Horizons should come up say you want to support this project.

TOUGH MUDDER



Lois will be participating in the 'Tough Mudder Half' to raise money for Horizons.

This consists of running through a muddy and wet obstacle course over 5 miles with more than 13 challenging obstacles along the way.

If there are any budding runners or adrenalin junkies out there, she would love some company over the run and somebody to help keep her on the straight and narrow through training too!

If anyone is interested in joining her in her mission, please let us know by calling the office on Tel: 01752 605800.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS R S BROWNLESS CHARITABLE TRUST

We would like to thank the R S Brownless Trust for supporting Horizons general running costs

ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Plymouth for a donation from their Christmas Santa sleigh which will go towards general running costs.

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