

Trustee's News:

A lot has happened since the last e-news! As an organisation we have been able to move on from the worst of Covid and are building back up to a full timetable of schools and club sessions. Friendship is also getting a lot of use, as are the safety boats providing cover for events in the Port.

The boats are all in good shape thanks to Simon and Lois for all their hard work.

We have a new fundraiser, Kathy Impey who will work alongside Annette until her retirement later this year. She has a lot of relevant experience and will be a great addition to the team.

Simon celebrated his 10 year Anniversary working for Horizons and was presented with a fine tee-shirt to commemorate the event!

The Eddystone Pursuit was a great day, we had 10 boats sailing for Horizons – after a boisterous sail we secured over £14,000 of sponsorship and prize money, with no major breakages. Many thanks to all involved. An excellent barbeque at the office followed (special mention to Tara and Jenny for the BBQing, thank you).

These difficult times have shown us that as an organisation we are resilient and well equipped to deal with any hurdles that come our way. Let's hope it's plain sailing for a little while now...

Best wishes for the summer

James Hill
Chair of Trustees



Some of our boats and sailors on the bank holiday trip to Cawsand. (Picture courtesy of Paul Gibbins photography)

Recent news and updates:

We are delighted to be bringing you the first of our new, quarterly newsletters. Fingers crossed that after the very challenging recent years we will be able to bring you plenty of good news and exciting updates about our activities.

We recently enjoyed a special bank holiday trip where our fleet of 15 boats manned by 47 sailors set off from [Mayflower Marina](#) with Cawsand Bay as their destination. After a fantastic sail over, everybody anchored up and was then able to get ashore by rib to enjoy a picnic on the beach. We then boarded our boats again, lifted anchors and head home for a nice afternoon cuppa tea! Thank you to everybody involved for such a wonderful day

Over the bank holiday weekend, two of our amazing Cadets competed in the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA) Regatta. This is a yearly event with a very high turnout. This year was no different with roughly 36 boats starting each race. Both Will and Harrison have both never competed in any racing before, so for this to be their first event was an amazing achievement! Well done boys, you've made your Horizons family incredibly proud!!



Photo from one of our sessions in May

About us: Horizons are a local charity providing accessible sailing opportunities for young people aged 8-19 and people with disabilities. We are based in Devonport serving the local area and Plymouth central. Our sailing sessions are safe, fun & inclusive. Our sailors not only enjoy themselves, they gain confidence, a sense of achievement and the awareness to keep themselves and others safe on the water. These transferable skills improve the chances of success in their wider lives.



Will and Harrison participating in the PPSA (1st picture courtesy of Paul Gibbins Photography)

Eddystone Pursuit 2022

We want to say a HUGE thank you and well done to all of our sailors, skippers and supporters!! This years Eddystone pursuit gave us challenging sailing conditions, but our brilliant teams were more than up to it. Together they raised an amazing £14,113.40 for Horizons.

Results: First Overall (Bidwell), 2nd Place Team (Fluency, Falcon, Imelda), 3rd Place Team (Papagena, Miss Muffett, Sir Jasper), 1st boat back from the Marina (Papagena), Girls Only Boat (Fluency) and Youngest boy sailing (Liam). Congratulations to everyone involved!! Official photos should be coming soon on the Eddystone Pursuit website eddystonepursuit.com.



With thanks to...

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our young sailors, volunteers, their families and our friends and supporters of Horizons. It has been a very difficult couple of years for everyone and we are so happy to be back on the water with you for the 2022 season. Thank you for all of your support through these difficult times!

2021 was a year of pretty changeable weather, but that didn't stop Josephine Rogers from completing her amazing challenge of swimming in open water, at least twice a week, without a wetsuit! She raised a brilliant, £871.94 for Horizons, well done and thank you so much Josephine!



Thank you to [William Wates Memorial Trust](#) for their incredibly generous donation towards our club sessions!

On Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings we enable local children of Plymouth to go sailing with their friends and enjoy all that the [#NationalMarinePark](#) has to offer.



Thank you so much to our neighbours at [The Chandlery](#) for raising a whopping £285 on their raffle!! We hope everybody enjoyed their prizes and Happy 1st Anniversary to the team!



In other news:



Welcome to Kathy who has recently joined the team as our new fundraiser. She will be taking over from Annette when she retires later this year. Kathy has a background in international development partnerships and community projects, with local experience in charity work and advice services. She is excited to join Horizons as a fundraiser, and hopes to gain a bit of sailing experience too.

We recently attended the Plymouth Parent Carer Voice annual SEND conference at the Plymouth Guild Hall. It was great to be part of this event and we really enjoyed meeting lots of other local organisations and parents to spread the word about the great things that we do here at Horizons. Thank you to PPCV for letting us attend, and for anyone who is interested check them out here www.plymouthpcv.co.uk

We have recently been lucky enough to run several trips on Friendship for Friends and Families. These have been really enjoyable and the children loved having a go at steering the boat. This is another group doing great work locally to support friends and families of special children www.friendsandfamilies.org.uk



One of our Friends and families groups out on the water.

In the harbour:

A beautiful comb jellyfish spotted in Plymouth Sound National Marine Park



RNLI art competition:



Congratulations to Maisy (aged 14) for this beautiful, winning entry in the RNLI art competition. She took home a South West Stand Up Paddle Boarding voucher!

2021 round up.

- In 2021 Horizons took 476 young people out on the water.
- 91 of those 476 participants had a registered disability.
- We ran 119 sessions separate.
- This amounts to 1,288 individual sessions if counted as footfall.

Although this is about half of what we deliver in a typical year, we think that managing this level of participation and activity delivery in the face of all the challenges we had in 2021 is an absolutely incredible achievement. **Thank you so much** to everyone who made this possible. We couldn't do it without you!!