

Trustee's News:

Our successful 2022 season is now drawing to a close following the disruption of the recent years. The boats will shortly be taken out of the water and the Winter activities programme will swing into gear.

It's been an eventful summer with highlights including The Eddystone Pursuit, Sail GP, and watching the annual fireworks competition. Simon and Lois have also been busy providing safety boat cover to a variety of events.

Annette's retirement is imminent and we had a farewell dinner in the Barbican to celebrate her 11 years keeping the funds coming in and the administration up to scratch. An excellent evening was had by all who attended.

On a sad note I have been informed that the Rev John Summers, one of the original founders of Horizons, passed away at the end of September. He will be missed. We are proud to have the opportunity to carry on his legacy and passion for sailing here at Horizons.

James Hill

Chair of Trustees



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.



Recent news and updates:

We've had a brilliant season back on the water with you all in 2022, and as the season comes to a close we'd love to tell you a bit about what we've been up to...

Sail GP and the Sail GP Inspire programme.

We had an amazing week in August when Sail GP came to town. Our Horizons volunteers, Cadets and Parents were able to enjoy a tour of the race village, poke their heads in Team USA's boat and see all the amazing kit up close and personal.

The Highlight of the week though had to be watching Katie, Harrison, and Will competing in the Feva racing. We are incredibly proud of them and all they achieved!



Pictures of our young sailors who took part in the Sail GP Feva event

Fingers crossed Plymouth gets SailGP again next year and we can do it all over again!

Through the Sail GP 'Adopt a club' scheme we were also lucky enough to host a Q&A session with Team USA's very own Wing Trimmer, Paul Campbell-James! It was really interesting and inspiring to hear from Paul, lots of questions were asked and answered and we learnt a lot (picture of the Q&A session below)



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 being back on the water with you all this season has meant the world to us. Thank you for all of your support through these difficult times!

With our sincerest thanks to the following generous funders and donations made recently:

The donors listed below have all very kindly supported us with unrestricted grants and donations over the last quarter. We are very grateful for their support.

- **The Barrat Developments Foundation, Exeter;**
- **The Kelsey Trust;**
- **The Swire Charitable Trust;**
- **The Plymstock Yacht Club.**

The Batchworth Charitable Trust has provided much needed funding towards our RYA summer courses.

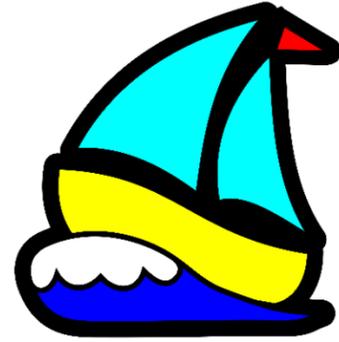
The Devon and Cornwall Oddfellows Friendly Society funded new wheels for two of our dinghy trailers.

Oreston Community Group included Horizons as one of the chosen charities during their recent community fundraising event.

POP- Plymouth Octopus Project kindly funded our replacement gazebo.

The Whirlwind Charitable Trust have been generous enough to fund our mooring fee's at Mayflower Marina, we are extremely grateful for their kind support

In July our brilliant volunteer Steve braved the heat wave and cycled 180 miles on the Great Western Way raising over £170.00 for Horizons. Well done Steve and thank you so much!



Thanks for keeping us afloat!

This year is our 20th anniversary of Horizons being supported by local charity funders, **The Christine Woodmancy Charitable Trust**. Their donations over the years have helped us to run RYA summer courses, regular sailing sessions and purchase essential equipment. It was a pleasure to meet their trustees Bob and Anne who recently took the time to visit our offices and find out more about what we are doing now, and how we are recovering post-covid. We cannot thank them enough for their interest and ongoing support.

In other news:



It is sadly time for us to say "thank you, and good bye" to Annette who will be retiring from her role at Horizons. Annette has worked tirelessly in her roles as a business manager, and more recently part time fundraiser with Horizons for almost 11 years. There is no doubt that Annette's fundraising skills helped us to ride out the challenges of Covid, and contributed to all that we have been able to achieve.

Annette, we wish you all the best and a very long and happy retirement. Thank you for everything!!!

Congratulations and a big well done to everyone who took part in our summer RYA courses. It was wonderful to see you all gaining in your skills and confidence as you take your sailing to the next level. Here are a couple of action shots from the courses.



Winter activities programme 2022:

Our winter, youth club sessions will be running from **Thursday 10th November**. In keeping with tradition we will kick off by going bowling, and other activities to be confirmed. If you have any suggestions these can be sent to Lois via text. Updates will be provided on our facebook page and via text message.



Thank you all for being part of our fantastic 2022 season!