

Trustee's News:

A Happy New Year to all involved with Horizons!

It looks to be a promising one with the new safety boat about to take to the water, and fundraising well underway to replace our Laser Bahia dinghies.

We are in the middle of replacing the masts on two of our Hawk 20's as the old ones had reached the end of their working lives.

Keeping up with funding all of this is a challenge, but Kathy has been working hard and keeping finances coming in effectively.

We've had a few new and experienced volunteers sign up to join us this season, but as always we would welcome more.

We are all looking forward to seeing you on the water this season.

James Hill

Chair of Trustees

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a safe and very happy festive season.



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:

Our 2022 season wrapped up in October and all of the boats were taken out of the water in November and December, maintenance is now well underway and we're looking ahead to the 2023 season.

A quick summary of our 2022 season statistics:

- 1,079 young people participated across 168 separate sessions,
- As a total footfall count Horizons delivered 2,188 sessions, which is 6,564 hours of activity time for young people,
- 61 after school cadet club sessions,
- 15 RYA accredited summer school courses,
- 77 school group sessions,
- 20 private/charity group sessions,
- All of which was made possible thanks to the support of our incredible volunteers, who gave 3,999 hours of their time in 2022.

Overall 2022 was a year of recovery and we built up some really positive momentum. The cadets club, summer school, and school groups have all fully bounced back to pre-covid levels. Our private/charity groups in 2022 were less than before, however we have some exciting new partnerships lined up for 2023 which should give a real boost to this area of our work.

Thank you so much to everyone who has made this possible and been part of our 2022 adventures.

Winter activities update

The winter group started in November and we have been as busy as ever.



It has become a tradition to have bowling as the first activity and this year was no different. Clip and Climb was also a firm favourite, then an evening at Crazy Golf which was very competitive to say the least! We wrapped up 2022 with film night and pizzas at our main office.



For 2023 our first outing was to the theatre to see Pinocchio. We had a great time and really enjoyed how interactive and funny the production was. The following week, we had a visit from Chris Turner from Plymouth RNLI. We watched videos on how to keep ourselves safe in the water, and had the opportunity to try on their uniforms – very fetching! The next activity was a trip to the Aquarium. Not only did we get to have a really good look around, we also got to watch a squid dissection... calamari anyone?!

The programme is nearly fully booked up but if anyone has any ideas of what they might like to do throughout the winter, please let us know!

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, 2022 was a year of recovery and we hope that 2023 will be even better. Thank you to everyone who has joined our winter youth club activities, we hope you've had fun. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in spring for the 2023 sailing season.

Thank you to **Plymouth Rotary** for supporting Horizons through their annual Santa Sleigh event, a good evening was had by all and we were humbled by the generosity of the people of Plymouth.



Laser Bahia Dinghy Replacement Fund:

Our two Bahia dinghies are firm favourites with our young sailors, and form a core part of our club and training activities. These small dinghies facilitate the key learning stage of moving off the beginner keelboats, and into a dinghy to develop independent sailing skills. Sadly our two Bahia's are now old and requiring endless repair, so we are aiming to replace them for the 2023 season. We are off to a strong start thanks to the kind support of **The Battisborough Trust**, and **The Hedley Foundation**.

The **Cattedown Wharves** team have kindly chosen to support Horizons as their charity of the year 2023, we look forward to working with them to support their fundraising efforts, Thank you very much!

Our heartfelt thanks to the following recent funders who have kindly donated to Horizons to support our work in 2023:

- **The ESG Robinson Charitable trust**
- **Thomas Miller Claims Management**

The **Peter Harrison Foundation** has once again provided substantial support for our School Groups Project as part of a 3 year grant (now in its final year). This has been a huge help, thank you so much!

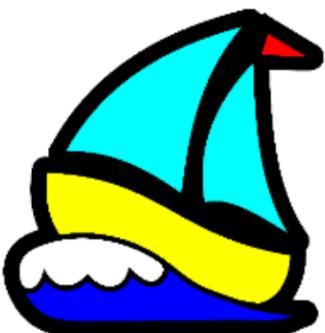
A very special shout out and thank you to our long term supporters, **The Philip Nicholas Charitable Trust**, who have generously funded our work for the last 15 years. We are extremely grateful for the long running contribution they have made to Horizons, and with the help of their donations we have been able to make a positive difference in the lives of so many young people.

A big congratulations to Simon who was recently awarded **The Peter Harvey Salver** by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association in recognition of endeavour and involvement in the Sport of Sailing.

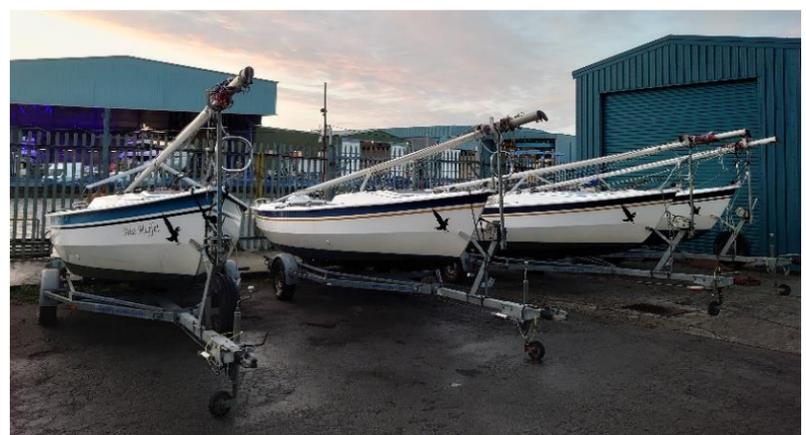


Our new safety boat is due to be delivered in February, fingers crossed! We are so excited to add this to our fleet and it will be a great help once we're back on the water.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for this boat!



Maintenance work on the boats is well underway. Lois and Simon have been working hard, with all of the boats out of the water, and they are now getting the Hawks fully scraped back to be repainted all ready for the 2023 season.



We have started planning to get back on the water after the Easter Holidays (April), we can't wait! Exact dates will be confirmed closer to the time...