

## Trustee's News:

The sailing season is about to start at last! The boats are in the water looking perfect and Simon and Lois have been running refresher sessions for the volunteers before activities get under way. Personally, I have found these sessions extremely useful and a reminder of their great skill and patience when instructing.

Our new safety boat "Skippy" is due for delivery shortly, production having been delayed by parts shortages. She will be an invaluable addition to the organisation.

The Horizons Annual General Meeting was once again held in the Marine Station – a great venue with wonderful views over the Sound. Thanks to all who attended. It is a legal requirement under Charity law that we hold an AGM, and it is also an enjoyable social gathering.

Looking forward to meeting you all on the water!

## James Hill

Chair of Trustees



## About us:

Horizons are a small local charity based in Devonport, Plymouth. We work with young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 for those with disabilities. We provide opportunities for young people to take part in sailing and powerboating which improves general wellbeing. Our sailing sessions are safe, fun & inclusive, and we aim to be as accessible as possible. Through our activities participants gain confidence, improve their problem solving skills, and learn to work as part of a team. This all helps to build their resilience and positive character attributes, whilst gaining transferable skills that improve the chances of success in their wider lives.

## Recent news and updates:

***We're due to be back on the water by the end of this month and we just can't wait! We've got two lovely new Bahia's on their way, and our new safety boat due to be delivered next month. We'll see you all soon!***

## Back on the water for 2023:

We are so excited to be back! Despite the weather not being on our side we have completed all of our winter boat maintenance and the boats are now back in the water, all looking lovely!



We have been busy running training courses and volunteer refresher sessions, getting everyone ready for our first club session on 20/04/2022.

## Additions to our fleet:

Our two new Bahia dinghies are on their way, and delivery of the new safety boat is scheduled for next month (fingers crossed). These boats were purchased through our two most recent major capital fundraising projects and we are delighted to see them reach a successful conclusion.

## AGM:

We had our AGM in March, which was attended by all staff members, 5 trustees and 23 volunteers and guests. Thank you very much to everyone who came, it was a great opportunity to get an update on our last year of activity and to hear our Chairperson and Treasurers reports.



## Winter Youth Club Sessions:

The winter project has now wrapped up, since the start of the year we have enjoyed a visit from Seadreams Education with their VR headsets; we've been Pontoon exploring and learning more about what lives in Plymouth Sound. We also went to Laser tag and Adrenaline both of which were great fun!





## Preparations for the 2023 season:

Six of our lovely volunteers recently braved the wind and rain to complete their Power Boat level 2 courses. Well done everyone!



**Our first after school club session for 2023 is on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. As usual we'll be meeting at our "Hut" in Mayflower Marina.**

### Dates for the diary in 2023:

- **RYA Discover Sailing** – Adult/prospective volunteers evening Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- **RYA Discover Sailing** – Family day, young people aged over 8 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May
- **PPSA Regatta** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

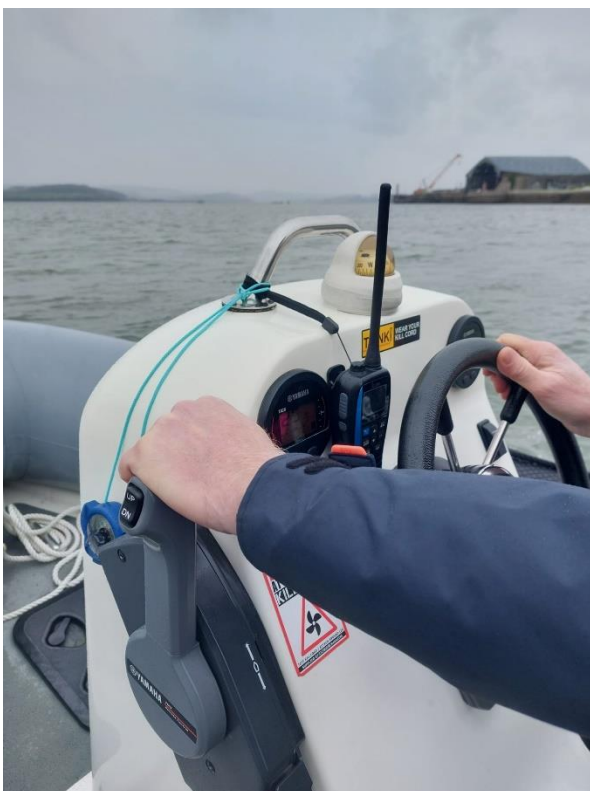
**Text updates and details will be provided closer to the time.**

### The Eddystone Pursuit 2023 is taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Please talk to Lois asap if you would like to take part. If you are a boat owner don't forget you can take part on behalf of Horizons. The Eddystone Pursuit is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and with costs rising sharply this year we need your help more than ever! Please sponsor our teams if you can, and if you have any ideas to maximise fundraising opportunities call Kathy in the office on 01752 605 800.



## We're ready to go!!!



**"On a day when the wind is perfect, the sail just needs to open and the world is full of beauty" Rumi**

