

Sailing for Everyone — A Sailing Charity not a Sailing Club

Watch Report

AHOY there Everyone.

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2010! Happy New Year to you all. Once again, 2009 was a fantastic year. We'd like to say a big thank you to those who made donations for our raffle prize draw that was held at our Christmas Presentation Dinner - Marks & Spencer's, Boots, Starbucks, Alex Savage who provided the photo shoot, Louisa Beer for the Mother Goose tickets and last but not least, Patricia Thompson for the great AHOY cake.

Looking back on previous years, we have no doubt in our minds that 2010 is going to be an even greater year for us with new events, new achievements and new successes - with your continued support that is. So what are you waiting for? Don't hang about, jump aboard!

CELEBRATIONS

In 2009, over 1900 individuals benefited from the activities available at the AHOY and, of these, over 398 had disabilities. As always, we would not have achieved this level of success without the support and help of our volunteers.

In 2009 more and more volunteers developed their skills and experience, gained nationally recognised qualifications and to celebrate these achievements we held a Christmas Presentation and Dinner in December, which gave AHOY the opportunity to say a big Thank you for their support in 2009.

Get it in your diary early - AHOYs Christmas Dinner and Presentation, 4th December 2010.



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Sailability

Want to learn how to sail?

The AHOY Centre offers people with disabilities the chance to sail on the River Thames and we have boats to suit all abilities and disabilities including a Martin 16, Devon Lugger, Access Liberties and a fleet of Laser Stratus Keels. As it is still dark in the evenings we are running these sessions on a Sunday during daylight hours. We will be holding a BBQ/Get together at the end of each session for everyone to warm up and socialize and when the evenings get lighter we'll move these to every other Thursday from 5pm till 9pm.

Dates so far: February 21st, March 14th & 21st, April 4th & 25th.

If you are interested please contact Ibbby on 020 8691 7606 or email: sailing@ahoy.org.uk



New Staff

Tony Mason has sadly resigned as Water Sports Manager but you will still see him teaching either on the water or in the classroom. Ibbby Yusuf will be taking over as

Centre Manager. There are some new faces at the Centre. Jordan is our assistant Bosun. He will help out with all the maintenance at the Centre. Also Sharlene will assist Sarah. Bailey Thompson you know as a volunteer at the Centre for many years. She is now employed as our rowing coach, and will be introducing rowing courses over the coming months both on land and water. She'll gladly put you on a course.

Barry Curtis is our new Chief Sailing Instructor. Make them feel welcome when you next come in and say Hi.

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Future Plans

We are still making progress on the Jetty with Fairview Homes now completing their initial consultation reports & surveys. The next step is to get agreements in principle for the funding from Funders - Companies - Sponsors. This needs to be in place by mid April.

If you know of any possible funding sources or contacts for the development of the Jetty please contact me.

Future Plans & Ideas



Corporate Sponsoring

In 2010 we need to increase the amount of sponsorship funding into AHOY whether this is by having Companies or individuals sponsoring boats or equipment or by running individual Sponsorship events.



On the rowing side Chaucer Syndicates Ltd, (who are an insurance company based in London) and also a team of 'Friends' (now known as the AHOY Buoys!) from various City based companies both raised money in 2009 for AHOY by being sponsored in the Great River Race - this year they are going for the 'Big Pull' as they will be rowing the Channel in June this year. Their challenge is to raise over £35,000.



Steve Highwood who is a friend of AHOY has kindly agreed to run a mini triathlon in his home town in Arundel and has set himself a minimum target of getting sponsorship of £3,000.

Throughout 2010 we need Companies and Individuals to help us raise money and there are many ways in which this can be done - Do you have an idea? - Can you help us? - Could you encourage your work colleagues and friends to become involved?

To talk through any ideas you may have or if you need some suggestions and help please contact Sarah.

From the "Sailors" Mouth

'My name is Antoinette Johnson and I am currently doing a Business and Administration level 2 course based at Lewisham College. This course requires me to do a work placement which happens to be at The AHOY Centre in Deptford. I am really enjoying my work placement here, learning about all the different courses they have for volunteering, answering the telephones, taking messages, data input and other administration duties. I have even been offered the chance to do a power boating level 1 & 2 course where I could achieve an RYA nationally recognized qualification! Being at the AHOY Centre has not just enhanced my admin experience, it has also given me the chance to meet new people. I have met some of the regular volunteers here and most of the staff. I have found them to be very friendly, helpful and patient with whoever comes into the centre. People have gone out of there way to make me feel comfortable and welcome here. Thanks guys!'

AHOY offers work experience opportunities each year - for more information please speak to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Farewell Caravan

THE MAERSK COMPANY LIMITED

The Maersk Company Limited, the UK and Ireland organisation, has been a key sponsor of AHOY for a number of years. In 2009, once again they have shown their support by helping AHOY fund a much needed new site office. This site office is a replacement for the caravan, which is on its last 'legs' and will be occupied by the outreach and fundraising team by mid February. This will allow AHOY to expand its activities and ensure financial independence for the future.

Nigel Pusey, CEO of The Maersk Company have said "The Maersk Company Ltd is very pleased to support AHOY and its valuable work using the maritime environment to help young people from our local communities."

AHOY would like to thank Maersk once again for their continued support, without which we would not be able to achieve our aims and objectives.

Volunteer Profile

'We are here to help others'

Name: Ayomikun Patience Ekundayo

Age: 22

Job/Career: Volunteer Admin/Receptionist

How long have you been involved with AHOY? Nearly 6 months

What do you do at AHOY? Admin/Reception work

What do you enjoy most about AHOY? I enjoy doing the administration stuff.

What is your 'Message in a bottle'? Discovering your passion and following it. I am enjoying every moment at AHOY.



Name: Storm Smith Suckoo

Age: 13

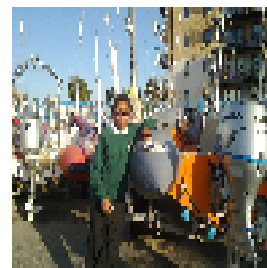
Job/Career: Student

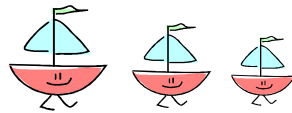
How long have you been involved with AHOY? 1 year

What do you do at AHOY? I help with lots of stuff... like maintaining the boats and learning loadz of new skills.

What do you enjoy most about AHOY? Sailing

What is your 'Message in a bottle'? Its fun, come and join.





We Are Sailing, We Are Sailing



Calling All Shipmates! Are you budding shipmates? We have started up the shipmate series again! So if you are a beginner to sailing (bronze) or a little more advanced (Silver/Gold), then sign up for our weekend sailing shipmate scheme. You will learn more than just sailing. You will gain team leadership, initiative and management skills. Shipmate is a life skill and qualification you can add to your CV. We have also added a Platinum shipmate to our program this year.

Sessions run every Saturday (alternating between Bronze, Silver and Gold) and are run by Barry Curtis. If you would like to know more about our Shipmate scheme then please speak to Barry or Ibby. If you haven't already signed up for a shipmate then contact Patsy on 020 8691 7606 or email info@ahoy.org.uk.



Youth Committee

ATTENTION! We are relying on the voices of the youth this year as ever. So if you are already a part of the Youth Committee, and have something to say, this is where to do it. Be heard in a respectful way and make a difference. You can air your ideas, voice your opinions and if any, make a complaint.

If you are not part of the Youth Committee and would like to be, pop into the centre or call on 020 8691 7606. Or email sharlene@ahoy.org.uk

Don't fade into the background, this is your chance to speak out.



UPCOMING EVENT—Honda Rib Challenge

It's that time again!

All you powerboat level 2 and above youth aged between 8-16 can apply to be a part of the Honda Rib Challenge.

Honda places an event every year to find the best young power boater in the country. They have to complete a timed circuit that includes going astern and picking up a bouy. The quickest time around the course wins.

The finalist go to the Southampton Boat for the finals with the prize - A brand new 4.5 Honda Rib for the Centre.

We have had a youth reach the finals in the past, so all you striving power boaters get stuck in and lets bring the Rib home to the AHOY this year. Training will begin in March. The National heats will be held at Bewl Water on the 21st August 2010.

Anyone interested please contact Ibby - ibby@ahoy.org.uk.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

Are you aged 11 or above? Do you live in Greenwich Borough? Are you looking for something exciting to do on a Friday night?

Then look no further. The Friday Night Project is just the thing for you. With all our different on water and on land activities every week such as sailing, power boating, navigation class, dance and much more, you will never be bored on a Friday again.

You'll learn new skills and make new friends. How much does it all cost you ask? Well that's the great part. Just £1 per session.

So don't miss out. Come to The AHOY Centre, Borthwick St, Deptford to pick up a consent form.

For more info call Sharlene on 020 8691 7502 or email me on sharlene@ahoy.org.uk.



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03-Feb	Maintenance Day	10:00	16:00	25-Feb	Maintenance Day	10:00	16:00
04-Feb	Maintenance Day	10:00	16:00	26-Feb	Project: Sils 3 - Sailing	10:00	14:30
05-Feb	Project: SILS 3 - Powerboat Day 2	10:00	14:30	26-Feb	Project: Knights Academy - Sailing	10:00	14:30
05-Feb	Project: Knights Acedemy - Powercoat	10:00	16:00	26-Feb	Friday Night Project	18:30	20:30
06-Feb	Shipmate - Silver and Gold	10:00	17:00	27-Feb	Private Customers Powerboat Day 1	09:00	17:00
07-Feb	RYA First Aid Course	10:00	17:00	27-Feb	Shipmate - Bronze	10:00	16:00
08-Feb	Project: Kidbrooke School - Sailing	10:00	16:00	27-Feb	AHOY Shoremaster - Day 2	10:00	15:00
08-Feb	Project: Prendergast School - Sailing	16:00	17:30	28-Feb	Private Customers Powerboat Day 2	09:00	17:00
09-Feb	Project: Kidbrooke School - Sailing	10:00	16:00	1-Mar	Project: Kidbrooke - Rowing	09:30	15:30
09-Feb	Project: Knights Academy - Rowing	10:00	14:30	2-Mar	Project: Kidbrooke - Rowing	09:30	15:30
10-Feb	Maintenance Day	10:00	16:00	2-Mar	Project: Knights Academy - Sailing	10:00	14:30
11-Feb	No Activities			2-Mar	Project: Blackheath Bluecoats - Rowing	10:00	14:30
12-Feb	Project: SILS 3 - Sailing	10:00	14:30	3-Mar	No Activities		
12-Feb	Project: Knights Academy - Sailing	10:00	16:00	4-Mar	No Activities		
13-Feb	Shipmate - Bronze	10:00	17:00	5-Mar	Project: Knights Academy - Sailing	10:00	14:30
14- Feb	Centre Closed			5-Mar	Friday Night Project	18:30	20:30
15-Feb	Shipmate - Bronze/Silver/Gold	10:00	17:00	6-Mar	RYA Saftey Boat Course - Day 1	09:00	17:00
16-Feb	Shipmate - RYA Sailing Stage 1 + 2	09:00	17:00	6-Mar	Volunteer Racing - Regatta	10:00	16:00
16-Feb	Project: Southwark YOT - Sailing	13:30	16:00	6-Mar	Shipmate - Silver/Gold	10:00	16:00
17-Feb	Shipmate - RYA Sailing Stage 1 + 2	10:00	17:00	7-Mar	RYA Saftey Boat Course - Day 2	09:00	17:00
17-Feb	Project: Southwark YOT - Sailing	13:30	16:00	8-Mar	Project: Kidbrooke - Bellboating	09:30	14:30
18-Feb	Shipmate - Bronze/Silver/Gold	10:00	17:00	9-Mar	Project: Kidbrooke - Bellboating	09:30	14:30
19-Feb	RYA Assistant Dinghy Course Day 1	10:00	16:00	9-Mar	Project: Knights Academy - Sailing	10:00	15:30
20-Feb	RYA Assistant Dinghy Course Day 2	10:00	16:00	9-Mar	Project: Blackheath Bluecoats - PB	10:00	14:30
20-Feb	Shipmate -Bronze/Silver/Gold	10:00	16:00	10-Mar	No Activities		
20-Feb	AHOY Shoremaster Training Day 1	10:00	15:00	11-Mar	Project: Sailability - Taster Day	10:00	15:00
21-Feb	RYA Assistant Dinghy Course Day 3	10:00	16:00	12-Mar	Project: Knights Academy - Presentation	10:00	14:30
21-Feb	Volunteer Sailing	10:00	16:00	12-Mar	Friday Night Project	18:30	20:30
22-Feb	Project: Kidbrooke - Sailing	09:30	15:30	13-Mar	RYA Seamanship Course - Day 1	09:00	17:00
22-Feb	Project; Prendergast School - Sailing	16:00	17:30	13-Mar	Shipmate Bronze	10:00	16:00
23-Feb	Project: Kidbrooke School - Sailing	09:30	15:30	13-Mar	RYA Safety Boat Course - Day 3	09:00	17:00
23-Feb	Project; Knights Academy - Rowing	10:00	14:30	14-Mar	RYA Seamanship Course - Day 2	09:00	17:00
23-Feb	Project Blackheath Bluecoats - Sailing	10:00	14:30	14-Mar	Volunteer Sailing	10:00	15:00
24-Feb	No Activities						



Friday Night Project

Feb 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. Mar 5th & 12th

Shoremaster Training

Feb 20th & 27th

Maintenance Days

Feb 3rd, 4th, 10th & 25th

Contact the Centre for more details on any of the above.



Course	Date	Time	Places Taken	Places Left
Beginners Adult RYA Levels 1 & 2	20th - 21st March	0900 - 1700		3
Beginners Youth Stage 1 & 2	17th - 18th February	0900 - 1700		12
Adults and Youth Powerboat	17th -18th February	0900 - 1700		6
	27th - 28th March	0900 - 1700		6
Shore Master	20th - 27th February	10:00 - 15:00		3
Race Training	6th February	09:00 - 16:00		12
	6th March	09:00 - 16:00		