

Sailing for Everyone — A Sailing Charity not a Sailing Club

Watch Report

Hi to everyone! - It's been 'full speed ahead' since our last edition with the highlight in June when we were honoured to welcome HRH, The Princess Royal to the centre - see page 3 for full details and photos.



Outreach with existing groups and the forging of relationships with new organisations is key to our charity's growth and we are working closely with London Youth Rowing and London Youth to expand rowing, introduce dry rowing leagues and increase the number of activities at the centre.

Major focus is on securing funding for the new building in the yard which will give us multi-functional rooms + a fixed dry rowing and fitness area to really participate fully in dry rowing leagues and rowing on the river. We have a growing fleet of Watermen Cutters on-site which will be crossing regularly to France on the AHOY Cross Channel Row Challenge..!

The substantial 6 month Maintenance Plan is near completion and the fleet, yard and centre are all looking 'shipshape'..a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us achieve this work. Here's a photo of Patsy, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, on top of the scaffolding tower cleaning the outside of the centre!

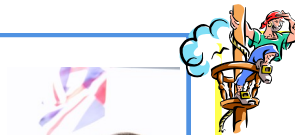


Volunteer numbers are increasing and it is good to see some past volunteers re-engage with us - Welcome Back!. Shipmate numbers are twice the numbers of this time last year which has resulted in Shipmate Teams, Team Leaders and inter-team competitiveness being successfully introduced.

We continue to network with the corporate world to assist with our funding and are always on the look out for courageous teams to row across to France for us.

Thank you to everyone who makes our charity happen - here's to a great Summer !

Clair (Operations Manager)



Press Gang

We are always looking for committed volunteers with the following skills:

- ✓ DIY
- ✓ Admin & Reception
- ✓ RYA & BRA qualified Instructors & Coaches

✓ Competent Helms

We also need help with:

- ✓ Planning and running events
- ✓ Grant research & applications
- ✓ Shipmate Suppers
- ✓ Members for The Volunteer Committee

Please call Patsy if you know of anyone who can

Sailability

This year's sailing got off to a slow start due to funding issues mainly caused by late local authority funding settlements by the Government . However, through the support of volunteers and kind donations elsewhere we have been able to book in several groups. During May through to July we ran two separate Sailability groups who came in from Lewisham College. These groups worked towards their Royal Yachting Association Sailability awards. ..

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Lighthouse

We were inspected by AALA (Activities & Adventure Licensing Authority) and passed with flying colours...!

Welcome to 2 new instructors - **Tim Evans** And **Rebecca Scott** - who are helping out with various activities from sailing to power boating. So a big 'AHOY welcome' to you both..!

We're looking for a support team of volunteers to help with the AHOY CCRC (Cross Channel Row Challenge) - so if you want to help at either end of the row (Dover or Calais) please let Tony know...Merci..! tony@ahoy.org.uk

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'An Oasis in Deptford'

'The Show Me Why' and 'Pulling Together' programmes are progressing and we are concentrating on getting in the final funding for these projects. Our target date for having the building on site is by the end of 2011.

Note—RYA Courses are now available for private paying customers so please do spread the word that our charity provides most of the RYA courses with the added bonus of gaining a "coastal ticket".

Future
Plans
&
Ideas

Rowing

Cross Channel Row Challenge 2011

The AHOY Centre is currently training 4 teams to undertake the Cross Channel Row Challenge this year. They are Oorient Express, Channêl No 7, Smartodds and Blu-3. Each team has pledged to raise £12,000 in much needed sponsorship for the centre. The teams have been working extremely hard over the last 8 weeks or so and are nearing the end of the training and hope to take the challenge in July/August. If you would like to make a donation to any of the teams please visit www.justgiving.com and look for The AHOY Centre charity where you will find Justgiving pages for all of the teams.



Great River Race 2011

This fantastic event takes place on Saturday 17th of September and we are looking for teams to take part in this so if you're up for being part of the 'AHOY Armada' please see Pat. pat@ahoy.org.uk



From the 'Foredeck'

Clair – our Operations Manager

Hi Clair—what's your work history?

"I worked for over 25 years at Marks & Spencer's Head Office and then latterly in Customers Services @ Parker Pen in Sussex and Head of Compliance in a Bromley based Law Firm."

What brought you to The AHOY ?

"After a career working in the private sector I felt I wanted a job that was more about helping others than increasing a company's share price! Family connections meant I had visited The AHOY centre over the years and I wanted to become involved more so applied for the role and here I am 18 months later..!"

What do you enjoy about your role?

"The variety...! No two days are the same at the centre and can involve anything from meeting funders to mopping the office floors...! Some days are long, however, the staff, volunteers and great results make it all so worthwhile."

Your best day yet..?!

"My best day yet was the royal visit – a great honour to meet The Princess Royal and after weeks and weeks of organisation the day went smoothly and everyone had a lovely day to remember"

Funding

Jack Petchey Awards 2011

Congratulations to our 4 Shipmates who will receive Jack Petchey Awards for the period between Jan to June 2011: Brendan O'Shea, Brodie McBride, Colm O'Hagan and Matthew Brundritt. The awards are very well deserved as all of these young people have shown commitment and enthusiasm and are working hard towards their Stage 3 qualifications.

About the Jack Petchey Foundation: The Jack Petchey Foundation was established in 1999 to support young people aged 11-25 through programmes in schools and youth organisations. Since its formation over £65 million has been distributed. The aim of the charity is to support projects to enable young people to achieve their potential and contribute to society. There are two more awards up for grabs later this year. Please use the voting box in Reception to post your nominations.

Volunteer Profile

'We are here to help others'

Name: Thom Crabb

Age: Over 22!!

Job/Career: Unemployed

How long have you been involved with AHOY? 12 weeks

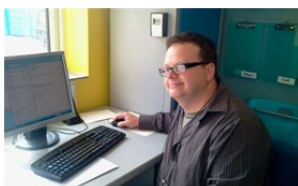
What do you do at AHOY? Assist on systems and databases

What do you enjoy most about AHOY?

Using my skills with computers to help a worthwhile project that ultimately benefits young people in need

What is your 'Message in a bottle'?

Do something useful today!



Name: Brendan O'Shea

Age: 14

Job/Career: Student & Shipmate

How long have you been involved with AHOY? Just over a year—my friend suggested I join AHOY

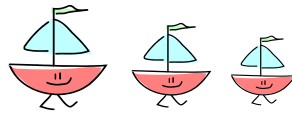
What do you do at AHOY? I am a Shipmate and gaining different qualifications and I come to help others

What do you enjoy most about AHOY? Coming to Shipmates and helping out in any way I can

What is your 'Message in a bottle' ?

Come to the AHOY and learn a lot





Shipmates—Update

The Shipmate numbers are growing and we now have 5 teams headed up by team leaders who are: Storm Smith-Suckoo – Hassan Kamara – Brendan O’Shea – Martin Liles & Brodie McBride. Each team has now adopted a fleet of boats for which they’re responsible for the day-to-day maintenance. The

team leader role is to lead by example – support the training of and encourage progression of their team members. **AHOY there Lymington!**

The Shipmates set sail on a 2 day adventure in the New Forest in April where they camped and sailed from the beautiful Lymington harbour. Lymington Sailability kindly supported the Shipmates by allowing them to use their triamarans and safety boats. On the first day after the long drive down they set up camp and learnt to sail in multi-hull boats and enjoyed cooling down in the sea as the weather was very warm. They broke into their teams and cooked dinner – put up their tents and even washed up...! After a busy day we all slept well...



On Day 2 we had breakfast, packed away the tents and sailed from Lymington over to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight where we had lunch but due to bad weather we left Yarmouth earlier than planned and headed back to the harbour – packed away and said a big “THANK YOU” to the Sailability team who had supported us during the 2 day expedition.

Royal Visit !



HRH The Princess Royal visited us on Monday 27th of June - the hottest day of the year..! The princess opened our charity’s centre back in 2003 and this was her third visit to see the exciting plans for our new training building and to unveil a plaque naming the AHOY’s very special Sailability Powercat craft – **“The AHOY Freedom”**.



The princess was met by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Wing Commander Dudgeon and introduced to other dignitaries including the Mayor of Greenwich, volunteers and trustees. Some of our Shipmates took part in water activities for the guests and crewed and released balloons from the newly named boat. Those Shipmates on land chatted to our guests and Matthew Brundritt and Alison Bayley presented Her Royal Highness with a posy of blue and yellow flowers. A painting of the river featuring the newly named “The AHOY Freedom” boat was painted and presented by 15 year old Shipmate, Francesca Bayley.



Clive (Chair Trustee) said “It was a great honour to have The Princess Royal visit and to have the opportunity to update her on the exciting plans we have for the centre. The new building is key to keep developing and expanding so we can increase the charity’s work and it will allow us to offer maritime based Apprenticeships and NVQs – bringing boat building and repair skills back to Deptford”.



We were very lucky to have Her Royal Highness return to the centre and for her continued support and interest in The AHOY charity. Everyone had a great day and one which will always be remembered.



Photos kindly taken by our professional photographer **Claire Swindale** (AHOY Supporter) www.clairewindale.com

Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee is the voice of the AHOY

volunteers about the management of the AHOY Centre, the AHOY social and Watersports activities and the management of AHOY resources and the future development of the charity.

Chaired by Peter Andrews with both youth and adult representatives and reporting to the trustee, Liz Chowienczyk. At the beginning of the year the committee input suggestions and reviewed the Activities Programme to ensure we had a great year of sailing and rowing planned and also helped review our fleet. The minutes of the meetings are posted on the Volunteer Notice Board in Reception.

We need more dedicated volunteers to join the committee to help organise social and funding raising events, to encourage new volunteers and also a Committee Secretary. If you would like to further contribute to the AhoY by joining this committee then please contact Peter (pmandrews@ntlworld.com) or Liz.

Sailability

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The AHOY’s own keen Sailability members continue to sail on Wednesday afternoons. All the Sailability dates and bookings to sail can be accessed through Patsy.

This season saw a new supporter joining the Sailability team but we could always use more help in welcoming and helping our Sailability visitors get the most out of their day at the AHOY.

Please contact Patsy patsy@ahoy.org.uk if you would like to join the Sailability Team.

Calendar & Events

See our Website for the whole years activities & events

Mon	01-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 1 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Tues	02-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 1 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Tues	02-Aug	Rowing Training	17:30	20:30
Weds	03-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	17:30	20:30
Fri	05-Aug	Social Event - tbc		
Sat	06-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	09:30	16:30
Sat	06-Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Sun	07-Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Mon	08-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 2 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Tues	09-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 2 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Tues	09-Aug	Rowing Training	17:30	20:30
Weds	10-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	17:30	20:30
Weds	10-Aug	Powercat Crew Training	17:30	20:30
Thur	11-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 3 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Fri	12-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 3 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Sat	13-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	09:30	16:30
Sat	13-Aug	Sunbury Amateur Rowing Regatta	19:00	21:00
Sun	14-Aug	Closed		
Mon	15-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 1 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Tues	16-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 1 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Tues	16-Aug	Rowing Training	17:30	20:30
Weds	17-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	17:30	20:30
Sat	20-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	09:30	16:30
Sat	20-Aug	RYA Sailing Level 1 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Sun	21-Aug	Maintenance	09:30	17:00
Sun	21-Aug	Sailing Shipmate		
Sun	21-Aug	RYA Sailing Level 1 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Mon	22-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 4 - day 1	09:30	17:00
Mon	22-Aug	Sailing Shipmate		
Tues	23-Aug	RYA Sailing Stage 4 - day 2	09:30	17:00
Tues	23-Aug	Rowing Training	17:30	20:30
Weds	24-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	17:30	20:30
Sat	27-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	09:30	16:30
Sat	27-Aug	RYA Sailing with Spinnakers - day 1	09:30	17:00
Sun	28-Aug	RYA Sailing with Spinnakers - day 2	09:30	17:00
Sun	28-Aug	Social Event - Sail & Row to Tower Bridge	10:00	17:00
Mon	29-Aug	Bank Holiday		
Tues	30-Aug	Rowing Training	17:30	20:30
Weds	31-Aug	Shipmate - Sailing / Maintenance	17:30	20:30

Dates
For Diary**1st / 2nd / 3rd
August**

Cross Channel Row

Shipmate Week

5th August

Volunteer Social Event

13th AugustSunbury Rowing
Regatta**28th August**

Sail to Tower Bridge

21st AugustSummer Maintenance
DayContact the Centre for
more details on any of
the above.

Course/Training	Date	Time	Places Taken	Places Left
RYA - Adult Sailing Level 2	Two days 30 & 31 July	09:30-1700	4	2
	Two days 17 & 18 Sept	09:30-1700	0	6
RYA - Powerboating Level 2	Two days 6 & 7 Aug	09:30-1700	3	3
RYA - Youth Sailing Stage 1	Two days 1 & 2 Aug	09:30-1700	5	1
	Two days 15th & 16th Aug	09:30-1700	3	3
RYA - Youth Sailing Stage 2	Two days 8th & 9th Aug	09:30-1700	2	4
RYA—First Aid Course	One day 24th July	09:30-1700	6	6
	One day 4th Oct	09:30-1700	12	12
RYA—Sailing with Spinnakers	Two days 27th & 28th August	09:30-1700	2	4



Training Programme

Contact Details—Tel: 020 8691 7606—Email: info@ahoy.org.uk—Web: www.ahoy.org.uk