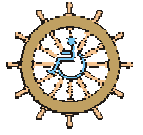


# FRIENDS of the M.V.FREEDOM

— A boat for the disabled in the heart of the Jurassic Coast —



Registered Charity Number 283955

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Here we are after a busy and enjoyable year for our skippers, crew and committee. Our English weather has not always been our side however Freedom will have still been able to take out over 1,000 people by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Here are two of our passengers having a go at taking the helm with Mike our head skipper giving tuition!



Thanks to Mike, other skippers and crew our gift aiding of donations for trips are proving to be an invaluable way of increasing revenue.



## FREEDOM DISABLED ANGLING

There has been a lot of work done setting up the outlines of Freedom fishing club open to both serious and novice disabled anglers by Al Newman for which the committee very much appreciates. Al has organised fishing buddy volunteers through Wellworthy Angling Club of which he is member.



There is still a lot of work to do with promoting this side of Freedom Mike has very kindly offered to help get the club off the ground and has been able to find a volunteer chairman however we are desperately looking for more volunteers to get this up and running for next year. Please phone Mike 07836 663716 if you or anyone you know may be interested in helping to develop the Freedom disabled fishing club.

## Sir Kristians charity ball 8th November Portland Sailing Academy

Sir Kristian and our committee have been working closely with him, we have had few problems as the economic climate has made it more difficult to obtain business sponsors, however we are sure it will be a success. Update on how it all goes will be in the spring newsletter.

## Freedom website

Freedom's website ([www.mvfreedom.co.uk](http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk)) has been running for some time would welcome any pictures or comments about trips taken as this helps to keep our site interesting.

**Helpers** If anyone has a anytime to spare we would be very grateful for your help on fundraising event and collection pots. Please phone Geoff on 01305 761825 for more infor-

## [Fundraising news](#)

### [2008 Events Diary](#)

#### [Swannery trail sponsored walk/wheelchair push \(provisionally Friday June 6th\)](#)

Once again our regular users (Ridgeway, Bridport, Acorns and Wyvern) of Freedom supported this event raising a fantastic sum of £926 .60. Everyone had enjoyable morning going around the trail and if they had time many had a picnic in the field, with Abbotsbury Swannery and the centre's continued support this will continue to be date on the fundraising calendar.

#### [Skipper Mike Winter's sponsored single handed sail to the Azores June](#)

Mike had some bad luck with an oil leak shortly after setting off, however we thank him very much for his effort and he was still able to raise £70 in sponsorship.

Freedom accompanying Mike to Portland Bill



#### [Spirit of the Seas Festival July](#)

Some of the committee members and volunteers manned a tombola stall and face painting at this festival. We were lucky with the weather and were able to raise £97.27 from the stall and talked Alex from the Chapelhay Tavern in to taking part in the fishing tucker trials I won't go into the details of what he had to eat! Thanks to his participation we were given a further £80. Everyone agreed that the stall had been a success and worth doing next year.

#### [Red Triangle Cricket match and Fun day August 24th](#)

Despite clashing with the Olympic handover celebrations everyone enjoyed the afternoon and Freedom's team won the match (mainly thanks to Grant from the red triangle club getting some excellent cricketers batting on our behalf) Again we had a tombola stall and along with contributions from the cricketers this event raised £195.17. Portland Red Triangle club would like to make this a permanent fundraising match for Freedom

#### [Eddystone Charity Pursuit](#)

Mike and the commodore from the R.D.Y.C took part in this event enabling us to claim £185 from the pursuit I also understand that they are collecting personal sponsorship so there will be more to add to this figure later..

### [COLLECTION POTS](#)



Collection pots / Bottles in pubs are doing exceptionally well this year raising over £4,100 so far with the Duke of Cornwall taking the helm with a total of £2,421 this includes money from their fundraising evenings.