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New Forest & District Sailability hold “Waterfest” with Sainsbury’s

New Forest & District Sailability (“NFDS”) was delighted to host members of staff from the Ringwood branch of Sainsbury’s to a “waterfest” at Spinnaker Lake.

Various fun sailing races were held with each boat manned by an NFDS volunteer and a member of Sainsbury’s staff. The races culminated in a 3 way race between three local Sainsbury’s managers – Kevin from Ringwood, Simon from Bitterne and Damien from Wareham, again each with an NFDS skipper.

The event was held as a thank you to Sainsbury’s Ringwood for nominating NFDS as their “Charity of the Year” for both 2010/11 and 2011/12. Over the two years, staff at Sainsbury’s have held various charity events and collected cash in store for NFDS.



Mary White, NFDS event organizer, said “We are extremely grateful to the staff at Sainsbury’s Ringwood for the amazing amount of money they have raised for us. We have a programme to replace one of our main dinghies each year but they cost around £6,000 to put on the water. So for Sainsbury’s to sponsor a boat is fantastic.” She continued “We hold various events for disabled sailors and have our own fund raising, and Sainsbury’s Ringwood have been very generous in donating prizes for raffles and even food for teas etc. for the events. We will miss them in future – not only for the sponsorship but also for the friendships we have built in the last two years. Whoever their next charity recipient is will be very lucky.”

NFDS is a RYA Sailability Centre of Excellence and recently won the 2012 Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service. It provides sailing for people with all disabilities at their host, Spinnaker Sailing Club at Ringwood. The sailing takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays during the period April to October.

Picture shows the start of the race with NFDS volunteers and Sainsbury's staff in each boat.



For more details or to volunteer, please contact Eric Blyth on 02380 867438, or visit the NFDS website www.newforestsailability.co.uk.

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