

## **Candidate Statement – Denise Hepburn**

Why would I like to become a trustee

Because from the very first phone call, you made us feel so welcome and getting Tom out on the water on our very first visit. Nothing seems to be any trouble. You understood my apprehension but its all about what can be done. Seeing beyond the disability and what can be achieved with right support. Whether it's just feeling the salty breeze in your face, the movement of the water or racing in a Hansa (with the necessary reefs in) in Portland Harbour your Charity will adapt to people's needs and expectations. You have a good team of people which are friendly and welcoming and work well as a team. Your aim to make sailing accessible is only achieved with the continued support of your trustees and supporters and "ground crew".

I admit I don't know much about sailing, but am learning which end is which and what all the bits do... Have managed to stay out of Hansa unless you count putting the rudder in and changing the traveller rope for a longer piece. I enjoy supporting the race Team and hope we can expand it and do well again this season. I hope for some kind weather this year and look forward to seeing all our sailors return and bring in some new ones. I hope I can bring a different perspective as a parent for a Chesil Sailor but also as someone who been involved with young people for many years and those with additional needs.