



## **SeaRegs Training taking the helm at Plymouth Sailing School**

Plymouth Sailing School has reached an agreement with SeaRegs Training to handover the helm of the school from October 2018.

Plymouth Sailing School was set up in 1957 and is one of the UK's longest established sea schools. It runs RYA Sail Training courses from beginner to professional Yachtmaster and Instructor. Current school Principal, Richard Brown, who has helmed the school for the last 25 years said, 'I'm pleased to see the school carry on in the safe hands of SeaRegs and located just half a mile downstream at Turnchapel Wharf. The sale of the school leaves me time to go cruising on my new barge, that is now I have time to finish building it...'

Simon and Vicky Jinks of SeaRegs Training are delighted to take over the watch. Simon said, 'Richard and I have worked together for years and it is a privilege to be taking the over the helm especially as both training centres share the same values and have a reputation for safety conscious fun and professionalism.' Simon continued 'whilst the final details are worked out, our intention is for SeaRegs Training and Plymouth Sailing School to keep their own identities, but with one centre for bookings, enquires and classrooms at our new purpose built Plymouth training centre'.

SeaRegs were looking at creating greater pathways into maritime training and incorporating with Plymouth Sailing School will help create a full picture of both leisure and commercial training in the South West.

### **Background**

SeaRegs Training based at Turnchapel Wharf in Plymouth is an MCA, SQA, RYA and RSPH approved training provider for skipper and crew training including STCW, Boatmasters, Workboats, Tugs and Master 200 and 500. Its focus is the commercial vessel sector and operates classrooms in Plymouth, London and at operator's bases.

As well as their experience in the commercial vessel sector on passenger and workboats, Simon and Vicky have a solid background in RYA Training. Simon is a Yachtmaster Instructor Trainer for Yacht and Motor schemes, managing a centre in the Solent for 10 years before working at the RYA as the Chief Cruising Instructor where he managed the Yachtmaster Scheme, overseeing instructor training and standards of RYA Training Centers.

Vicky is an RYA Instructor; she managed a centre in Hampshire before moving on to working for World Sailing, the World Governing Body for Sailing. Having grown up cruising the South Coast and France as well competing successfully in Sigma 33's, plus cruising on their Dehler 34, Elizabethan 30 and Lochin 33 and RIB she'll happily chat about anything to do with boats and knows her way around the RYA Schemes.