



Media Release

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Stromness Sailing Club

- **Heart of the Community Trust to assist young sailors at Stromness Sailing Club**

Sailors in Stromness, Orkney will benefit from £4,000 from the Heart of the Community Trust and are looking ahead to a bumper sailing season in 2015.

The Stromness Sailing Club will put the money towards a new RIB powerboat and Scottish Sea Farms is also sponsor of the new Junior Champion Trophy, which is competed for annually. The new and more robust RIB will provide safety cover and be used in powerboat training.

Stromness is a small and friendly sailing club based at the Ness Point end of Stromness harbour. The Club has been raising funds over the past three years and has previously received help from Scapa Landscape Partnerships, Stromness Community Council, **sportscotland** and the Orkney Communities Development Fund. During this final phase, the Club has a further commitment from OCDF and is very grateful to have received donations from Aquatera (£750), Talisman Sinopec Energy UK (£500), member Duncan Porteous matched by RLG International (£250/£250), Scot Marine (£250) and Scotrenewables Tidal Power (£250). The balance of the cost will be met by the Club's own resources.

Kenny Holland, Commodore, Stromness Sailing Club, said: "Training and bringing new people, especially young people, into the exciting sport of sailing is very important to the vitality of the Club. We have to ensure that we provide good safety cover for those on the water, whether training or racing. The purchase of a new RIB and engine is the fourth and final phase of this particular project.

"We are absolutely delighted to have this tremendous level of support from Scottish Sea Farms which, along with the other financial support committed, has enabled us to go ahead with buying the RIB. When the sailing season gets under way in 2015, local people will be able to see the Scottish Sea Farms logo on the RS Feva mainsails as young improvers train in the Stromness harbour area and juniors members compete for the Junior Champion trophy, with the new RIB patrolling in support."



Richard Darbyshire, Orkney Regional Manager, Scottish Sea Farms, said: “With so much of our activity being water-based it seems entirely appropriate that we sponsor the Stromness Sailing Club. Safety and knowledge on the water is invaluable when living in Orkney and we look forward to hearing more about the junior members as they progress with their training and sailing experience.”

Application forms for the Heart of The Community can be found on the Scottish Sea Farms website – www.scottishseafarms.com – together with full details of the criteria required.

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Notes to editors:

- The ‘Heart of the Community’ Trust supports projects and charities that will deliver lasting change to local communities and allow them to grow and develop. Awards are considered in the areas of health and health promotion, education and life-long learning, personal development and various community projects that bring benefit
- Scottish Sea Farms was established in 1974 and currently has over 400 employees
- Scottish Sea Farms is one of Scotland’s leading seafood producers and is the 2nd largest salmon farmer in Scotland
- Sites include hatcheries, freshwater and marine locations in the West Coast of Scotland, Orkney Isles and the Shetland Isles. Processing and freshwater locations include South Shian, Argyll, Scalloway, Shetland and Dumfries
- Scottish Sea Farms is jointly owned by Leroy Seafood Group and SalMar ASA. It has three main markets – UK, France and the USA – and exports salmon to 20+ different countries
- The UK salmon industry is estimated to be worth £1.75bn a year