Lions donate new safety boat

A NEW state-of-the-art safety boat has been launched at Frensham Sailability for the Disabled.

The modern composite construction craft was donated by the Farnham Lions and has been named Lionheart 2 in the club's honour.

For many years the Lions have been closely involved with Sailability at Frensham and the boat is a successor to the original Lionheart.

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Presented by the Lions in 2001, the first craft - an inflatable RIB type boat - has served Sailability well for 14 years but has now reached the end of her days.

The replacement craft is an altogether more modern design with a powerful engine and comfortable seating.

Geoff Jeal from the Lions introduced a gathering of officers and committee at the launch and the Lions' current president Keith Harris welcomed all to the ceremony and poured the traditional Champagne on the bows.

Lionheart 2 was then launched and the full compliment of Lions went out to sea - or rather on a tour of Frensham Great Pond.

The Lions have not only contributed the two boats in the region of £20,000 to Sailability, but also many helpers and other support.

Frensham Pond Sailing Club is famous for its disabled sailing as well as for its youth training.



Lions' president Keith Harris christens Lionheart 2