

Haden lets go with 200 baby lobsters at Trevone

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A PADSTOW youngster has enjoyed a rare experience by releasing 200 baby lobsters into the sea.

Haden Dawe won a competition ran by the National Lobster Hatchery in Padstow and the *Cornish Guardian*.

To qualify for the exciting prize people were asked to submit a sea-theme joke to celebrate World Oceans Day.

Haden's entry gave judges lots of laughs. His joke was: "Why did the lobster cross the beach? To get to the other tide."

For his effort he won a VIP tour of the National Lobster Hatchery, a giant cuddly lobster and then had the opportunity to assist with the release of 200 baby lobsters at Trevone beach just two miles from Padstow.

Hatchery general manager Dom Boothroyd said: "These 200 are just a small sample of the 5,000 that we have released so far this season.

"We also released 800 from fishing boat *Peter John II*, owned by Ivor and Cameron Henry out of Mylor on the south coast using the tube system and we still should have several months left of production still to go this season.

"I am sure that Haden enjoyed his afternoon with us and his joke is now on display at the visitor centre. When we received his joke it made us all laugh – we like a good fishy joke."



General manager of the National Lobster Hatchery Dom Boothroyd with competition winner Haden Dawe releasing baby lobsters on Rocky Beach. 0907ID06501LOBSTER

