



Scotland

Scottish Charity No. SC020022

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Annual Report from the Trustees of Sailability Scotland
1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This Annual Report has been drawn together by the Trustees of Sailability Scotland with valuable contributions from other Committee Members.

RYA Scotland is a valuable partner and the support they provide is very much appreciated. Our work as a charity is wholly the result of voluntary donations and effort. Without them we would not be able to operate.

It is acknowledged Sailing Groups and Sailing Clubs manage most sailing events in Scotland. This network is the target of our support.

Our sincere thank you go to all those who have supported the work of Sailability Scotland and supported disabled sailing including Mr R Kelly our independent examiner.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Charity are:

- To promote the art and skills of boating for all people who have any form of physical, sensory or learning disability to improve their quality of life.
- To co-ordinate the activities of all that join the Association in matters of teaching, coaching, cruising and competition and in respect of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- To encourage local and to promote and arrange National and International competitions.
- To encourage and assist in the setting up of new clubs or groups specifically for disabled sailors and to encourage sailing generally to accept disabled sailors into membership.
- To associate with RYA Sailability in its development work in Scotland, and shall do all of these things in association with RYA Scotland, ISAF and Scottish Disability Sport.

MANAGEMENT

Sailability Scotland is an unincorporated association governed by its Constitution. The document sets out the management structure of the Charity. It is reviewed periodically and was last revised at the AGM in 2014. Any proposed changes are put to the membership for approval at the AGM or a specially convened General Meeting of members.

Trustees are elected by the membership to serve for a two year term and may be elected to serve a subsequent two years. Following two successive terms in office a two thirds or more majority is required to continue in office. Recruitment of Trustees is by advertisement and nomination by members, they can be appointed by the Executive Committee when a vacancy arises however this must be ratified at the next General Meeting.

At the last AGM the vacant Trustees position was filled by Keith Wilson a long standing active member of the Charity, we welcome him on board his knowledge and experience will be invaluable. Derrick Robinson started the second of a 2 year appointment as Trustee in 2015; he has indicated he would be willing to stand for election for a subsequent term. at the next AGM in 2016. Duncan Greenhalgh was re-elected in 2015 to serve a further 2 years as a Trustee.

The Committee started the process to make the Charity into an incorporated SCIO association, working with EVOC and OSCR along this route. 2015 AGM approved the committee to advance along this path. There is a small amendment needed to the current constitution to allow the funds to be transferred essentially back to ourselves with a new constitution with exactly the same aims and name other than including SCIO. A resolution is prepared for submission to the 2016 AGM.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Membership

There were a total of 3 sailing groups taking out membership during 2015. In addition there were 20 individual members. This is an increase on the previous year. Membership recruitment will continue a major initiative of the management.

Organised Championship Events

Scottish Open Challenger Championship took place on Strathclyde Loch with 10 boats competing gathering from all over the country.

The Challenger Travellers Series travelled round Scotland to 6 events with 20 participants in total taking part.

These sailing events enable sailors; many with varying levels of disabilities to compete on equal terms with anyone wanting to enter and experience dinghy racing. In the Gold/Silver fleets once on the water the sailors are unsupported, Bronze fleet sailors must have a buddy on board to assist the main participant compete.

Types of support offered/requested

Assistance and advice on setting up new Sailability groups in Scotland.

Participating and facilitating at experience days and demonstrations.

We supply boats to enable clubs and centres to provide sailing for people with a disability.

We give specialist advice and supply expertise for running specialist regatta/events.

We provide direct financial support for the provision of any form of disabled sailing.

Funding and Expenditure

Main running costs are restricted to insurance and maintenance, as well as the costs for governance which was funded from unrestricted funds.

In general terms this year has seen us continue to fund specific events from resources.

Income has come from membership fees, various corporate sponsorship arrangements, events and also from personal donations.

Support to Member Groups

The Charity owns various boats designed specifically or otherwise suitable, for individuals with a disability. The boats are now all in use or in the process of being prepared to be used in the near future. They are distributed around Scotland to enable access to a wide a proportion of the population as possible.

The charity owns fourteen Trimaran Challenger Class dinghies; these are distributed across Scotland. They are used for training, racing and general sailing based at clubs and sailing centres.

The Charity owns three 2.4mR keelboats; these boats are Paralympic class boats and are currently sighted at Castle Semple and are undergoing restoration to bring them in to use for the first time in our ownership.

Two National Squib keelboats are owned by the charity; one is in regular use on the Tay near Dundee. We are actively looking for a purposeful home for the second boat.

Media Promotion

The charity has had a YouTube channel active since 2012 and so far has published 14 videos.

A Facebook page was started after the 2014 AGM and has posted updates regularly throughout the year. The page currently has 103 followers.

Our Website was launched in November 2014 at www.sailabilityscotland.org.uk and is also regularly updated throughout the year.

A printed newsletter, "Starboard" magazine, is produced quarterly and reports are submitted to "Challenger News" and others.

Development Policy

The Charity has a Strategic Management Plan designed to guide the trustees and management team in the path of the stated aim and objectives. The initiatives headlined include; Fundraising, Funding related activities, Activity organisation, Raising awareness and Public relations.

The policy is fluid and subject to changes as circumstances dictate, in addition we endeavour to complete an annual review. We have tried to set out measures by which success of the objectives can be assessed.

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees:



Date: 10 February 2016

D. F. Greenhalgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAILABILITY SCOTLAND

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th November 2015 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 12 February 2016