



Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC047162

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Annual Report from the Trustees of Sailability Scotland SCIO.  
1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This Annual Report has been drawn together by the Trustees of Sailability Scotland SCIO.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr B Tunnock CBE for his continued support of our regatta programme.

We would like to thank all clubs who hosted a regatta during our 2017 regatta programme.

Thanks also go to the trustees who are all volunteers, giving up their time to promote and organise disabled sailing in Scotland.

## Purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- To promote and advance public participation in the sport of sailing.
- To promote the potential benefits to all people in need by reason of age, health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, that the art and skills of boating can bring to improve their quality of life and that of their carers.
- To co-ordinate the activities of all who can benefit from sailing in matters of teaching, coaching, cruising and competition with equality and diversity in respect of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- To encourage and support local and to promote and arrange National and International competitions.

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- To encourage and assist in the setting up and running clubs or groups specifically for disabled sailors and to encourage sailing organisations 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, World Sailing and Scottish Disability Sport.

## MANAGEMENT

Sailability Scotland SCIO is governed by its Constitution. The document sets out the management structure of the Charity.

Any proposed changes are put to the membership for approval at the AGM or a specially convened Extraordinary General Meeting of members.

At each AGM trustees are elected by the membership to serve for a one year term. A trustee can serve a maximum of three consecutive years and then they must stand down for at least a year.

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.

It is of great concern that the current trustees are about to start their maximum term. In light of this and to provide some sort of continuity, at least one trustee will stand down and take the mandatory years break so that they may be considered for 2020. However, this means we will have two vacancies for trustees for the 2019 year. Please consider putting yourself forwards for any position. Please contact Dik for more information.

Name	Position	Years Served	Years Remaining
Richard (Dik) Toulson	Chairman	2	1
Stephen Thomas Bate	Treasurer	2	1
Duncan Greenhalgh	Secretary	2	1
Derrick Robinson	Trustee	2	1
Vacant	Trustee		

## **THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

### **Finance by Stephen Thomas Bate**

#### **Membership**

There were a total of 15 individual members (14 in 2017).

#### **Financial overview**

Income has come from membership fees, boat lease charges, and generous sponsorship from Mr Boyd Tunnock CBE.

Our main running costs are insurance and fleet maintenance, as well as the costs for governance.

A net surplus of £ 5,528 (a loss of (£ 790) in 2017) was retained during the year. Our total reserves now stand at £ 15,205 (£9,677 in 2017).

#### **Accounts**

##### **Income**

Income in 2018 amounted to £ 11,922 (£ 3,907 in 2017).

The income includes significant fundraising donations. Tunnocks generously donated £ 1,500 to allow free of charge entries for our sailors during this year's Traveller Regatta Series. We also received £ 750 from Newburgh Sailing Club for the sale of two Challengers (144 Telethon Challenge and 145 Mugdock Youth). HMP Prison Dumfries provided £ 300 toward VHF radio courses. Finally, right at the end of November, we received £ 5,000 from Tunnocks towards the purchase of a new Challenger, and £ 2,000 from the Bruce Wake Charity, towards a disabled access ramp at Monklands Sailing Club... This £ 7,000 is ring-fenced, and not available for general charity activities.

##### **Expenditure**

Insurance is our main running cost. In 2018 this was £1,441 (£1,387 in 2017). There is a small increase in 2018 is due to a couple of new items being added to the fixed asset register. We do also receive a 10% discount for RYA membership. RYA membership is £125 per annum.

Boat maintenance and storage in 2018 was £ 1,441, compared to £1,878 in 2017. The reduction is due to the elimination of boat storage fees for one of the Squibs. This is offset by further updates of the fleet, particularly to Great Scot and Scottish Flame which are now fully upgraded.

Maintenance costs are funded by our reserves.

##### **Audit of accounts**

Neill Smith has kindly confirmed that he will continue to act as our external, independent examiner for our accounts.

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## **Activities**

Throughout the year the Trustees have had meetings to ensure the purposes of Sailability Scotland SCIO have been met. In addition to these meetings the trustees have:

- Liaised with RYA Scotland.
- Held a stand at a disability conference (Bobath)
- Ensured boats are maintained.
- Set up a sailing centre in conjunction with Monklands SC.
- Secured funding to assist with club house access
- Completed the 2018 Regatta series.
- Set up the 2019 Regatta series.
- Secured funding towards a new Challenger boat.

This is not an exhaustive list but gives you an idea of the work trustees are doing for Sailability Scotland SCIO. It is worth reminding everyone that Trustees are unpaid volunteers.

Four sailors went down to England last year to compete in the UK National Championship, and they hope to be competing again this year. Please consider joining them at Rutland Water. We also had one member (Duncan) who entered the Challenger Open at Ogston, England.

The Weston SC (Southampton) had an 'Opening Inclusive Regatta'. Despite being so far away, attendees included our Duncan Greenhalgh and Jof McGill RYA Sailability Manager.

## **Membership**

Individual membership has increased slightly in the last year and it is hoped it will continue to do so as the Monklands sailing centre develops. It is hoped that we, as a charity, will be able to support our members with a subsidised regatta entry fee in 2019.

## **Organised Championship Events**

The Scottish Open Challenger Championship (SOCC) took place at The Solway YC last year. It was a popular venue and a huge amount of work was put in by The Solway YC, including media coverage.

The Challenger Travellers Series travelled round Scotland with 6 events at various locations throughout Scotland. Many thanks go to Dik Toulson and Duncan Greenhalgh who arranged the venues.

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 fleet, once on the water, the sailors are unaided. Silver fleet is for inexperienced sailors. Bronze fleet sailors must have a buddy on board to assist the main participant to compete.

### **Types of support offered/requested**

Although most of us are interested in racing in the six regattas we organise each year, we would like to remind you that we can offer assistance and advice on setting up new Sailability groups in Scotland.

We are keen to develop experience days and demonstrations with other clubs and organisations. Not forgetting that we have a fleet of boats for lease to enable clubs and centres to provide sailing for people with a disability.

We are able to give specialist advice and supply expertise for running specific regatta/events.

### **Support to Members**

We listen to our members and will always try to help where we can.

If you enjoy sailing a Challenger and you like your boat set up in a particular way to suit your needs, you should consider leasing one from us. We can give help and advice on how to make adjustments to tailor it to your needs.

We have several Challenger boats in clubs at various locations for members and prospective members to use. It may be possible to have use of a boat for your holidays for example, or to take part in a regatta.

Two National Squib keelboats are owned by the charity. One has been leased to Loch Earn Sailenable. The second is available for anyone to use/lease.

The trustees secured sponsorship to pay the entry fees for all competitors at our regattas. We are constantly promoting and raising the awareness of Sailability Scotland SCIO with a view to support our members.

### **Media Promotion**

We have updated our emails to GSuite which is a Google product and includes email. It also includes document management and a calendar. This product means that our communications are stored in the cloud, rather than local machines.

Our website needs an update to make it fresher and more appealing to prospective members as well as existing members.

The Facebook page continues to operate and updates can be found there. But it is not really suitable as our primary communication.

The Tack-Tick news sheet was sent out each month during the sailing season, and a couple of them sent out over the winter months to keep in touch with members.

We have purchased marketing materials for use at events and also leaflets and business cards. If you would like any, please contact Dik.

## **Looking Forwards**

We have six regattas planned for the coming year. These are in various locations around Scotland. In addition there are five National Challenger Championships you can take part in:

- The Scottish Open Challenger Championship is on the 8/9 June at Loch Venachar.
- Multi-Class Open 5/6/7 July at Weymouth.
- The Welsh Open Challenger Championship is on the 20/21 July next year. It would be nice to send a Scottish fleet of Challengers down and support this event. There is a risk that if it is not supported the event will drop off future calendars.
- The English Open Challenger Championship is on the 24/25 August at Ogston.
- And finally the UK Challenger Nationals is on 13/14/15 September at Rutland.

We have identified three Scottish regattas for 2019 that can include both Challengers and Hansa classes. They are the regattas at:

- Galloway Activity Centre (GAC) 27/28 April;
- Castle Semple SC 11/12 May;
- Bardowie CCC 17/18 August.

We have embarked upon a significant maintenance and upgrade programme for our boats. To enhance the fleet further, it is hoped that we can start to replenish our fleet with new boats in the coming year and significant fund raising is required to do so. To date we have received £5000 from Boyd Tunnock, so we are halfway to a new Challenger already.

Would you consider doing a sponsored sailing event? The Royal Corinthians YC has a 'Round Shuna' event and it would provide the perfect backdrop to a fundraising event. We have contacted the club and received a warm reply welcoming the participation of Challengers.

## **Policy Development**

This past year we have been setting out various policies and forms in line with the RYA's guidelines.

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- Code of Conduct
- Communication and Images
- Good Practice Guidelines
- Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines.
- Medical Consent Form
- Photography Consent Form

The Charity has a Strategic Management Plan designed to guide the trustees and management team in the path of the stated aims and objectives. The initiatives headlined include: Fundraising, funding-related activities, activity organisation, raising disability awareness, and public relations.

The policy is fluid and subject to change 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.