



Chesil Sailability Annual Report & Accounts

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

Annual Report

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Chesil Sailability

Charity Registration number: 1154416 (Registered 31st October 2013)

Principal office: Chesil Sailability, c/o 42 South Court Avenue, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 2BZ.

Trustees:

During the year ended 31st December 2021

Trustee	Office	Original appointment	Most recent re-appointment
David Griffith	Chair	7 th February 2017	28 th July 2020
Kirsty Lydeard	Secretary	19 th May 2014	27 th September 2021
Mike Clarkson	Treasurer	19 th May 2014	9 th April 2019
Hugh de longh		31 st October 2013	28 th July 2020
Philip Hall		31 st October 2013	9 th April 2019
Shaun Kerigan		5 th June 2017	27 th September 2021
Rob Lydeard		5 th June 2017	27 th September 2021
Louis Gale		28 th July 2020	
Philip Hall		31 st October 2013	9 th April 2019
Shaun Kerigan			
Rob Lydeard			
Louis Gale			
Shaun Kerigan		5 th June 2017	27 th September 2021

Rob Lydeard

5th June 2017

27th September 2021

Louis Gale

28th July 2020

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank, Current & Deposit Account, 1-2 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UG
CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Chesil Sailability is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with a constitution as its governing document, dated Tuesday 28th July 2020 (as at last amendment).

Appointment of Trustees

All the current Trustees have been elected by Chesil Sailability members through the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution also allows Trustees to be co-opted. All Trustees are unpaid.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of the charity has remained unchanged in 2021.

Affiliation

Chesil Sailability is affiliated to Royal Yachting Association Sailability and is accredited by Royal Yachting Association Sailability for disability sailing at our venue.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees and the Committee of Chesil Sailability believe that sound risk management is integral to both good management and good governance practice, and a culture of risk management is embedded throughout the charity.

Risk management should form an integral part of the charity's decision-making and be incorporated within strategic and operational planning.

A Register of Risk Assessments is maintained, identifying the main areas of risk and the relevant specific Risk Assessment and review cycle.

3. Charity Objects

The charitable object of Chesil Sailability is:

'To promote the equality, inclusion and relief and the rehabilitation and good health of disabled people and to improve their conditions of life through providing and assisting in the provision of activities, facilities, equipment and services to enable them to participate in healthy recreation and in particular but not exclusively in sailing and other water sports.'

Chesil Sailability implements its charitable object by providing sailing opportunities for people with disabilities (physical disabilities, learning difficulties or long-term health conditions). We provide opportunities for people to sail such for the experience and for fun, to learn to sail, and to sail competitively or to progress in any other aspect of sailing.

We are based at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, which hosted the 2012 Paralympics, so has excellent accessible sailing facilities. We have a range of accessible sailing boats, the main ones being five Hansa 303s, and two Hawk 20s. We have also had access to two Hawk 20s on a loan basis.

Chesil Sailability is run entirely by volunteers, they are the backbone of what we do, and the time and skills that volunteers bring are invaluable. Volunteers run the sailing sessions, and also all the background administration, finances, funding, maintenance, etc.

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on Public Benefit, as our activity is in accordance with our charity's purpose and is for the public benefit.

4. Summary of Main Achievements

Chesil Sailability's Aims and Objectives are:

Aims:

- Provide opportunities for people with disabilities to sail for fun, to learn to sail, to progress to sailing competitively, or any other aspect of sailing, regardless of disability.
- Provide a sailing experience which is valued by people with disabilities and becomes an important part of what they do.
- Actively support progression and personal development for sailors and volunteers in whichever area they are interested in.
- Provide access to world class sailing facilities both for local people with disabilities, and at a national level

Objectives:

- Increase our sailor numbers, through more individual sailors and with groups
- Build the numbers of sailors who sail regularly with us

- Introduce new people to sailing, as well as those who have been sailing before
- Run sailing sessions which are fun for sailors, and include challenge where appropriate
- Value volunteers, and make sure volunteering with Chesil Sailability is a fun and rewarding experience
- Develop more involvement of sailors & volunteers in the development of Chesil Sailability as a whole
- Work with partners to deliver national level events

Sailing

In 2021, we continue to run weekly sailing sessions on Tuesday afternoon / evenings. We are entirely volunteer run, and each session needs around 20 + volunteers to cover the different roles, so is quite a complex operation.

Having developed and run some Covid secure sailing sessions in 2020, we were able to start the year in a Covid secure way, which was a real bonus. This year we ran 16 out of the 23 possible sessions, as we lost some sessions due to winds above our safety limits, mostly due to a run of storms early in the season. We provided 424 individual sailing sessions for our 38 sailors and their carers.

We have a strong core of sailors who come on a regular basis, demonstrating how sailing can become an important part of people's lives. This year, the range of sailors with us was wider, with more sailors sailing independently and solo, and also more new sailors with severe learning difficulties needing considerable carer and volunteer support. Two of our regular young adult sailors also made great progress with in achieving sailing certificates.

We ran a few Thursday morning sessions specifically for day groups in the Hawk 20s, providing sailing for 21 sailors and 6 carers.

We have a small race team, who compete in events across the country, and which includes one of our young sailors. Our team came second overall in the Hansa double-handed results over the year. We also took part in Bart's Bash, a sailing race that takes place in September each year across the world and is one of the great dinghy mass participation events.

It is clear from sailor feedback that getting on the water, for whatever reason, makes a real difference to people's quality of life. We continued with a sailor feedback model called Sailactivity used by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), where sailors score their feedback after each sailing session. Our feedback averaged out over this year as follows:

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| • Improving my Wellbeing | 4.9 out of 5 |
| • Helping me Connect with Others (social) | 4.8 out of 5 |
| • Increasing my Physical Activity | 4.8 out of 5 |
| • Learning New Skills | 4.3 out of 5 |

We have been fortunate to have received some very generous support from a range of sources, including:

- The Valentine Charitable Trust, who have helped with a grant towards our core costs such as insurance, boat fees, etc
- The Dorset Health Trust agreed to pay our 2021 rent at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.
- WPNSA have loaned us a Safety boat for our sessions as one of our Safety Boats required significant maintenance.

5. Finance

Sources of funds

As maintaining sailor fees at an affordable level is a priority for us, and so generates limited income, we have to be pro-active about securing funding. During the year, funding has come from a number of sources:

- Sailor & member fees and session fees. This represents a small proportion of our income as we maintain fees at an affordable level particularly this year with a limited number of sessions.
- Own fundraising. Members did some fund-raising activities, all of which are really valuable.
- Grants. We secured some grants towards our general running costs, although most of our grant income was for specific projects or equipment.
- Donations. Many individuals and local organisations have supported us with donations, particularly appreciated both as this helps our finances considerably, and because of the local support it demonstrates.

Expenditure

The main fixed costs are maintenance, facility fees and insurance.

A summary of the Income and Expenditure costs, including a comparison with the financial year 2020 is given below.

Reserves Policy

Chesil Sailability's Reserves Policy during the year was to have operational and asset replacement reserves as follows:

Operational reserves, which

- a) Cover up to nine months' running costs (within Charity Commission recommended range)
- b) Help with cash flow as some of the big expenses are at the early part of the year
- c) Help forward fund grants when grant payments are in arrears

Asset replacement reserves, which

- a) Enable us to cover replacement of any essential equipment quickly
- b) Build up funds to put towards long term replacement of equipment & facilities, (the purchase of the container above being an example)

In implementing this policy, Chesil Sailability held reserves of £22,000 during 2021

Carry forward to 2022

Of the £26,975 of Unrestricted Funds carried forward from the end of 2021 to the start of 2022 we will continue to hold reserves of £22,000 so as to maintain our financial resilience. These reserves comprise £13,000 for operating costs (approx. nine months) and £9,000 for replacement of key equipment and assets.

Summary of Income & Expenditure

Income	Proportion	2021	2020	Change
	%	£	£	%
Membership & session fees	14	2,505	720	248
Grants	62	10,903	10,431	5
Donations	14	2,508	3,153	-20
Fundraising & charitable activities	4	627	1,012	-38
Sales	0	68	1,082	-94
Other income (Gift Aid, event fees etc.)	6	1,045	2	
Total income	100	17,656	16,399	8

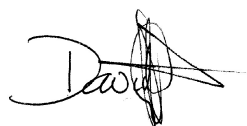
Expenditure	Proportion	2021	2020	Change
	%	£	£	%
Insurance	30	3,484	3,151	11
Facility fees	31	3,600	3,680	-2
Administration & governance	8	974	1,073	-9
Repairs, fuel & renewals	17	1,997	3,312	-40

Training	4	492	0	
New boats & equipment	10	1,203	6,178	-81
Other expenditure	0	0	162	-100
Total expenditure	100	11,750	17,555	-33

Total funds held at end of year	38,852	32,946	18
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Major items purchased in 2021

	£
Replacement storage container (installation)	1,145
Total	1,145



David Griffith
Chair of Board of Trustees

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