



# DISABLED SAILORS ASSOCIATION

CHARITY No 1028993 SINCE 1993  
REAL sailing for ALL disabilities of ALL ages in wheelchair accessible boats

PATRON - LORD ROCKLEY

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR THE DISABLED SAILORS ASSOCIATION (DSA) FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered charity number: 1028993 since 1993

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the DSA for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees are required to adopt the provisions of Accounting and Reporting of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(effective 1 January 2019).

ACTIVITIES - Scott Bader provided 104 disabled sailing trips and a further 4 days of training and delivery trips, Verity K provided 16 sailing trips, 10 dinghies were in use and 2313 people used DSA facilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW - An Independent Examiner using the requirements for financial reporting of the Charities Acts and Charities SORPs reports that:

The fund reduced its worth by £254.7K to a total value of £145K. However, this reduction was deceptive as the large sums arrived in 2023 for use by the Children's Catamaran Restricted Fund and were spent in this year leaving it with £27K. Other restricted funds held £5.7K. A further £108.7K was represented by the value of yachts, RIB and equipment. This leaves a General Fund of just £3.6K. (See Note 8 to the Accounts – Statement of Funds)

RESERVES POLICY - It is DSA policy to try to maintain a balance of free reserves which equates to at least three months expense payments. This would be approximately £50K which would be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. However, this remains an aspiration at present.

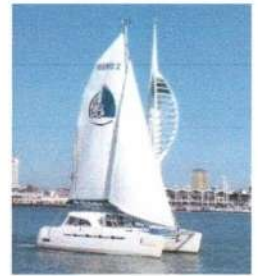
Given the difficulties of recent years and problems of other sailing charities I consider that where we stand today to be a very good achievement.

MIKE WOOD MBE CHAIRMAN

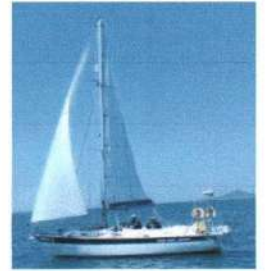
OTHER WORKING NAMES - RoRo Sailing Project (RoRo), Dinghies 4 Disabled (D4D) and The Children's Catamaran Project.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES - SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

PROJECT 1 - THE RoRo SAILING PROJECT (wheelchair accessible yachts) - The DSA designed, built and operate the world's only yachts that can be sailed by any type of disability, without assistance, including wheelchair users. 2023 has again been a very busy season. Our day sails program was delivered in partnership with The Gwennili Trust and included members of 23 other organisations with:-



SPIRIT OF SCOTT BADER - (thank you Scott Bader Resin Company) alone providing active days on the water including the Round the Island Yacht race - Royal Victoria Sailing Club Open Day - Rotarians Kids Day Out, as examples.



VERITY K - (thank you Scott Bader Resin Company) is now back in Port Solent Marina for refitting and renovation.

PROJECT 2 - DINGHIES FOR DISABLED (D4D) The DSA design, build and operate sailing dinghies that cannot capsize or sink. At this time, we have 20 dinghies available for members to use free of charge and more are being built.



SPANISH SAILING FACILITY - is still suspended waiting for a new Marina Management Company to take over and the boats used there are in safe storage.

PROJECT 3 – CHILDRENS CATAMARAN -The Multihull Centre in Cornwall, the highly respected and experienced catamaran designer and builder of Dazcats, has presented a design that is in construction at present.



TYPICAL ACTIVITIES - to promote motivation, pride, dignity, adventure and of course fun for any disability and any age able to take an active part in activities because of purpose designed facilities.





THANKS - The DSA is very grateful for the support and credibility given by our Vice-Patrons, a number of generous individuals and companies and the UK Grant Making Trusts. There are a number supporters who wish recognition in this report :-

Aviva Community Fund  
Awards for All/National Lottery Community Fund  
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund  
Boshier-Hinton Foundation  
David Family Foundation  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Fdn  
Henry Smith Charity

John R Murray Charitable Trust  
Local Giving  
Magic Little Grants  
Shipwrights Charitable Fund  
Sport England  
Tara Getty Foundation  
Whirlwind Charitable Trust

FUND RAISING - has been just sufficient to meet our needs but is becoming more difficult as the world and domestic events grab the headlines and peoples sympathies.

PUBLIC BENEFIT - The DSA achieves its objectives with various 'projects' and in doing so provides recreational facilities for disabled people. I confirm that I have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when deciding the DSA activities.

GRANT MAKING - The DSA does not provide grants for individuals.

RISK ASSESSMENT - the DSA regularly reviews risks to which it is exposed, and has Policies in place.

INVESTMENT POLICY - there are no investments as the DSA does not have spare funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT - Governing document, the charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS - Registered Charity number 1028993 (1993)

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS - DSA, 53 Wych Lane, Gosport, Hampshire, PO13 0TA.

#### TRUSTEES

M L Wood Chair  
D K Bullen  
D J Muffett  
T S Skeels-Piggins

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER - P A Nicholls MBE MAAT, 5 Nursery Road, Havant, Hants, PO9 3BG

APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:



M L Wood MBE - Trustee

Date 25 April 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of the Disabled Sailors Association.  
Registered Charity No. 1028993**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Disabled Sailors Association for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a licenced member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination; I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than in any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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25 April 2025

**DISABLED SAILORS ASSOCIATION**  
**Charity Registration Number 1028993**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31-Dec-24**

**ASSETS**

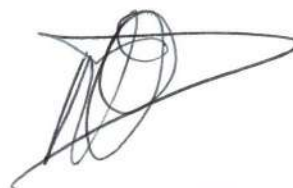
		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>31-Dec-23</u>
	<i>Note</i>				
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Trust Property	4	£ 108,700	£ -	£ 108,700	£ 112,600
Total Fixed Assets		£ 108,700	£ -	£ 108,700	£ 112,600
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors & Prepayments	5	£ 28,552	£ -	£ 28,552	£ 2,211
Bank Accounts		£ 13,040	£ 305,856	£ 318,896	£ 288,531
Total Current Assets		£ 41,593	£ 305,856	£ 347,449	£ 290,741

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities

Creditors	6	£ 15,630	£ 295,540	£ 311,170	£ 3,620
Total Current Liabilities		£ 15,630	£ 295,540	£ 311,170	£ 3,620
Net Current Assets		£ 25,963	£ 10,316	£ 36,279	£ 287,121
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>£ 134,663</b>	<b>£ 10,316</b>	<b>£ 144,979</b>	<b>£ 399,721</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 25 April 2025



M Wood MBE

**DISABLED SAILORS ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**For year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Reserve Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	Year to Dec 23
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations & Legacies		£ 27,500	£ -	£ 597,335	£ 624,835	£ 280,000
VAT Refunds		£ 8,149	£ -	£ 6,688	£ 14,836	£ 10,608
Total Income	2	£ 35,649	£ -	£ 604,023	£ 639,671	£ 290,608
<b>Expenditure on</b>						
Charitable Activities		£ 76,950	£ -	£ 742,627	£ 819,577	£ 197,490
Raising Funds		£ 17,677	£ -	£ 57,160	£ 74,837	£ 39,788
Total Expenditure	3	£ 94,627	£ -	£ 799,787	£ 894,414	£ 237,278
Net Gain or (Loss)		£ (58,978)	£ -	£ (195,764)	£ (254,742)	£ 53,330
Transfer		£ 50,000	£ (50,000)	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Movement in Funds		£ (8,978)	£ (50,000)	£ (195,764)	£ (254,742)	£ 53,330
Total Funds Brought Forward		£ 121,241	£ 50,000	£ 228,480	£ 399,721	£ 346,391
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>£ 112,263</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 32,716</u>	<u>£ 144,979</u>	<u>£ 399,721</u>



## Notes to the Accounts dated 31 December 2024

### Note 1 - Accounting policies

a. The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards: Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 and the provisions of the Charities Acts. Significant policies adopted are:

#### Income

- a. Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the recipient becomes entitled to the donation or grant and it is reasonably certain that it will be received.
- b. Income is reported gross in the SOFA but intangible income is not included.
- c. The Trust receives unpaid volunteer help but this is not included in the accounts.

#### Expenditure

- a. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure.

#### Assets

- a. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
- b. The yachts are maintained by a programme of repair and replacement and have reached a residual value. Motor vehicles and equipment are depreciated straight line over their expected life.

### Note 2 - Income

<u>Charitable Activities</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Donations and Legacies	£ 27,500	£ 597,335	£ 624,835	£ 276,815
Other Income	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,185
VAT Refunds	£ 8,149	£ 6,688	£ 14,836	£ 10,608
Total Income	£ 35,649	£ 604,023	£ 639,671	£ 290,608

### Note 3 - Expenditure

<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
Dinghies for Disabled (Restricted)	£ -	£ 82,630	£ 82,630	£ 74,344
RoRo Sailing (Restricted)	£ -	£ 340,272	£ 340,272	£ 89,070
Children's Catamaran (Restricted)	£ -	£ 288,420	£ 288,420	£ -
Apprentice (Restricted)	£ -	£ 632	£ 632	£ 11,788
<u>Governance Costs</u>				
Independent Examination	£ 200	£ 600	£ 800	£ 750
AGM				£ 667
<u>Support Costs</u>				
General Expenses	£ 63,857		£ 63,857	£ 1,472
Secretarial/Book Keeping	£ 750	£ 2,250	£ 3,000	£ 2,830
Insurance	£ 1,768	£ 5,687	£ 7,455	£ 7,882
Telephone Costs	£ 342	£ 978	£ 1,321	£ 547
Postage	£ -			£ 512
Fuel	£ 270	£ 3,281	£ 3,551	£ -
Marketing	£ 3,535	£ 11,432	£ 14,967	£ -
Public Relations	£ 3,535	£ 11,432	£ 14,967	£ 2,006
Equipment/wheelchairs	£ 5,748	£ 17,243	£ 22,990	£ 1,043
Bank Charges	£ 115	£ 634	£ 749	£ 808
Depreciation	£ 3,900		£ 3,900	£ 3,770
	£ 84,020	£ 765,491	£ 849,511	£ 197,490
<u>Raising Funds</u>				
Fundraising	£ 10,606	£ 34,296	£ 44,902	£ 39,788
Total Expenditure	£ 94,627	£ 799,787	£ 894,414	£ 434,767

**Note 4 - Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Yachts	Rib	Equipment	Vehicles
Property Valuation as at 1 Jan 24	£ 99,700	£ 12,000	£ 400	£ 500
Less Depreciation	£ -	£ (3,000)	£ (400)	£ (500)
Property Valuation as at 31 Dec 24	£ 99,700	£ 9,000	£ -	£ -

**Note 5 - Miscellaneous Debtors**

HMRC - VAT Refund	£ 4,052
Unrestricted Grants (Received Jan 25)	£ 24,500
	£ 28,552

**Note 6 - Creditors**

MultiHull	£ 250,000
Fundraising	£ 59,920
Gas	£ 300
Electricity	£ 150
PNIE - Examination Fees	£ 800
	£ 311,170

**Note 7 - Endowment or Restricted Income Funds**

There are four Restricted Funds with bank holdings at 31 Dec 24 of:

Children' Catamaran	£ 26,993
RoRo Sailing Project	£ 4,195
Dinghies for Disabled	£ 1,528
Apprentices	£ 0
	£ 32,716

Fund raising and administration costs are apportioned to the to the restricted and general funds in addition to the direct expenses reported in Note 2.

**Note 8 - Statement of Funds**

	at 1 Jan 24	Income	Expenditure	at 31 Dec 24
Property	£112,600	£ -	£ (3,900)	£ 108,700
General	£ 58,641	£ 35,649	£ (90,727)	£ 3,563
Childrens'Cat	£215,250	£376,540	£ (564,797)	£ 26,993
RoRo	£ 2,678	£116,948	£ (115,431)	£ 4,195
Dinghies	£ -	£110,535	£ (109,007)	£ 1,528
Apprentices*	£ 10,552	£ -	£ (10,552)	£ -
	£399,721	£639,671	£ (894,414)	£ 144,979

\* Apprentices fund subsumed into Ro Ro Fund.



#### **Note 9 - Trustees and Other Related Parties**

No payments were made to the trustees or any persons connected to them during this financial period, other than for reimbursement for expenditure on behalf of the trust paid by the trustees.

#### **Note 10 - Other Information**

- a. The fund does not have any material commitments not provided for in the accounts.
- b. The fund has not given any guarantees to any third party that could be called on at the year end.
- c. The fund has not granted any loans.
- d. The fund did not make any ex gratia payments during the year.

#### **Declarations**

- a. The Trustees have not changed the year end date nor the length of the fund's financial year.
- b. All the fund's operations are continuing operations and no operations have been discontinued.
- c. No funds are in deficit.
- d. The fund has no marketable intangible assets
- e. None of the funds functional assets have been revalued during the year and the fund does not have a policy of revaluation of these assets.
- f. The fund has no material fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included in the Balance Sheet.