



Surf Life Saving Cornwall

‘Vigilance and Service’

Annual Report 2024



Surf Life Saving Cornwall – Region Officers

President	Peter Williams
Chairman	Nigel Bowden
Vice Chairman	Christina Stewart
Treasurer	Diane Green
Secretary	
Region Life Saving Officer	John Paton
Event Manager Rep.	Rob Phillips
IRB Officer	Tom Mcritchie

Affiliated Clubs

Bude
Crantock
Crackington Haven
Gunwalloe
Gyllngvase
Harlyn
Hayle
Holywell Bay
Lusty Glaze
Mullion
Newquay
Perranporth
Polzeath
Porthtowan
Portreath
St Agnes
St Ives
Tintagel
Watergate Bay

Chairman's Report 2024

As we reflect on the passing of yet another year, it's remarkable to realise that we're already eagerly anticipating the summer ahead. The year 2023 brought us a mixed bag of fortunes, particularly with the unpredictable weather and surf conditions. Throughout the year, there has been a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication from everyone involved, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your efforts and support are what truly shape Cornwall into the vibrant region it is today. However, it's been noticed that there has been a decline in club attendance at our meetings, which is a cause for concern as we value the input of all our clubs. Moving forward, we aim to engage more members to actively participate and extend support to our clubs wherever possible. We are actively seeking new members to join the executive committee to help share the workload and organize our competitions effectively.

I would like to express my gratitude to the safety teams and officials who work tirelessly to make our events a success. As mentioned earlier, there is a need to establish an Events Working Group to streamline event organisation. Given that the region's income heavily relies on sporting events, it's imperative that we explore additional grant funding to develop support packages for our clubs. Cornwall Region remains fully committed to supporting our Patrolling Clubs and encourages others to follow suit. The widespread adoption of the Patrol Captain award by many clubs is commendable and underscores our commitment to upholding core values while embracing new initiatives.

I am pleased to announce that Tom McRitchie has taken on the role of Regional IRB Officer, and efforts are underway to reignite club participation in our events. Any clubs interested in engaging with IRBs are encouraged to reach out to him for further information. Despite the challenges posed by heavy rainfall during the winter, our flood rescue team was deployed only once. The team has recruited new members and their training is underway. This was made possible, in part, due to a generous donation from Bude SLSC of new kit, which enabled us to equip our new members for waterside training. A special acknowledgment goes to John (Jock) Paton for his outstanding contributions as Unit Manager and his unwavering dedication to Cornwall's lifesaving operations.

Looking forward to 2024, which will be a long session due to 2024 Lifesaving World Championships at Kurrawa Beach, Gold Coast, Australia. I would like to wish every success to all the Club's, competitor and officials attending.

Yours in Lifesaving



Nigel Bowden

Chairman Surf Life Saving Cornwall

Surf Life Saving Cornwall 2023
Income and Expenditure Account 2023
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Income	Club Affiliation fee	950	900
	Donation	0	50
	Event Entry Fees	23883.34	14975
	Flood Rescue Team	324.82	0
	Grant Funding	0	5440.72
	Live Heats	387.78	0
	OceanPerf	4682.1	0
	Old Region Vehicle	506.66	0
	Stillwater Entry Fees	12600.28	9880
		43334.98	31245.72
Expenses	Competition Equipment	3229	0
	Cornwall Team	1734.08	504
	entry fees(reimburse dup)	25	0
	Equipment Maintenance	0	1758.13
	Event Expenses	3363.21	2210.16
	Flood Rescue Team	1985.71	0
	Insurance	1041	1013
	IRB	2950.08	1505.89
	Live Heats	4285.11	0
	Medals	750	7358.5
	OceanPerf	3666.05	0
	Office	100	549.43
	Oxygen - BOC	506.64	0
	Region Jet Ski	845	0
	Region Officials	1337	0
	Region Vehicle	5721.24	5651.14
	Safety Cover Provision	33.39	78.58
	Sharp's funding	1312.15	0
	Sharps Grant Support	152.5	0
	Stillwater accreditation fee	60	0
	Stillwater Expenses	1653.25	1924
	Swimming Pool Hire	3659	2113
	Training	50	0
	Website	0	100
		38459.41	24765.83
Income over expenditure		<u>4875.57</u>	6479.89

Treasurer Report 2023

As you can see there has been a lot of expenditure mainly with the introduction of Live Heats for our beach events and a lot of the beach event equipment needed replacing or updating. I am sure everyone would agree that Live Heats worked well reducing paperwork and delivery of results, hope all members have safely kept their wristbands for reuse this year.

A big thankyou to Matt Sanwell for setting up the online entry system and to Rob Phillips for all his work with Live Heats to get it up and running.

OceanPerf is showing in the accounts as the Region took in the entries and Sponsorship money and then paid out the prize money to competitors and a fee to SLSGB for use of the competition equipment.

Swimming pool costs increased in 2023 and there is an increase again this year for the Stillwater.

Diane Green

SLS Cornwall Region Treasurer

Surf Life Saving Cornwall Sport Report 2023

Just three words rain, wind and surf.

These three things had a very big impact on this year's regional championships and unfortunately we did not complete the programme for each of the events. Numbers were high and clubs had good representation at the events, well done to the host clubs and thank you to club officials and helpers.

Clubs hosted and ran twilights with high numbers of participation, these are great evenings for clubs to come together and have some fun. While encouraging people to have a go at racing.

We put a number of members through officials beach training and all had a go at different roles at competitions, it is important that the region keep producing officials. Without officials events will struggle to run. We also need to encourage more boat drivers and crews as this is one of the hardest jobs at the competition!

The region along with Wales took the lead in Live Heats and wow what a difference, and we haven't looked back since.

Congratulations to the Cornish members who represented the region and GBR throughout the year either as competitors or team managers. With members coming home with European medals

Our numbers are increasing each year, which is great for the lifesaving and sport of the region. We are always looking for clubs to come forward and host these events.

Emma Phillips

Referee

Regional Lifesaving Officer

Having organised some IRB training and assessments last year it has now been taken over by Tom Mcritchie the Regional IRB Officer. There has been no significant meetings or requirements to update the Region in the last year. The flood team and I continue to support the regional events with safety cover in Cornwall.

Flood Rescue Group

The team have been working closely with Devon & Cornwall Police for local flooding events and are continually on-call for most extreme weather conditions. We have been deployed by D&C Police using the SLSGB Office as a holding area close to the Search & Rescue Head Quarters.

The team has increased in size. We welcome the new members and would like to thank Bude SLSC for additional equipment provided by the club as a contribution to the regional Flood Team.

Nigel Bowden and myself have attended training events to continue to hold our Flood Training qualifications enabling local delivery of training and updating in any new practices.

John Paton

Flood Rescue Manager

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SURF LIFE SAVING CORNWALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1032090

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

14/09/2024

Name:

CRAIG SALAMONE

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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