

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

England & Wales · Charity number 1048454

Details

Other names MVS

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [03003565](#)

Registered 1995-08-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITHIN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT.(B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHARITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF MARITIME AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Activities: The charity (MVS) trains its members in maritime, engineering, operations and communications skills. The MVS has a policy of positive social inclusion and around 30% of members are from the disadvantaged sectors of society. MVS members use their skills to support local and national authorities in times of major events, emergencies both real and exercised and in civil resilience.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£194,594	£197,390	-	-
2024-03-31	£172,779	£185,434	-	-
2023-03-31	£227,046	£215,422	-	-
2022-03-31	£187,479	£147,409	-	-
2021-03-31	£116,628	£113,323	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Susan Frances Hawker	Chair	2025-11-15
Alexander NUNNS		2021-12-04
DAVID EDWARD DOBSON		
ELIZABETH GLARE		2017-03-25
Edward WOLTON		2024-04-13
Graham Michael Hedley		2015-10-10
JAMES DELLER		2023-11-20
LESLIE EDWARD MILLER		
MARTYN RUSSELL SHARP		2019-11-17
Mathew Bland		2025-05-14
Nicholas Charles Edward Spencer		2018-10-13
Paul Steven Howes		2024-11-02
Robert John Symons		2021-05-15
Thomas Charles Sparks		2023-11-20
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THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Maritime Volunteer Service Report and Financial Statements

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES
For the year to 31st March, 2025**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Maritime Volunteer Service

Abbreviation: MVS

Company Number: 03003565

**Charity Number: 1048454 SC 039269
and
Noted under Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

Registered Office

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Introduction

The Board of Directors and Council of the Maritime Volunteer Service present its report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015).

Council

The governing body of the Maritime Volunteer Service is known as the Council, which consisted of the following members on the date this report was approved:

Ms Michelle AKINTOYE	Mr. James DELLER
Mr. David DOBSON	Ms Elisabeth GLARE
Ms Susan HAWKER (Chair Designate)	Mr. Graham HEDLEY
Mr. Paul HOWES	Dr David HUGHES (Chair)
Mr. Leslie MILLER (Treasurer)	Mr. Alexander Nunns
Mr. Martyn SHARP	Mr. Thomas SPARKS
Capt. Nicholas SPENCER	Mr. Robert SYMONS (Secretary)
Mr. Edward WOLTON	

Independent Examiner Mr. Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE,
12 Hillbourne Road, Poole, BH17 7JB

Bankers: Lloyds PLC 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN

Solicitors: Bartons Solicitors, The Old Harbour Office,
Guy's Quay, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth PL4 0ES



The Main entrance -Dallam Court

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees as Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the date of the Balance Sheet and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income & expenditure, for the financial year.

The Trustees as Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding

the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20th December 1994 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 11th August 1995. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The MVS also registered with Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in February 2008. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland recognises the MVS but does not wish us to register formally with them at this time and we are noted under Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Council. The Council consists of Trustees, appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and specialist, non-voting staff appointed by the Trustees. Most of the charity's work takes place through its Units established around the coasts and inland waterways of the United Kingdom. Each Unit selects a Head of Unit and local groups of units select a Regional Volunteer Officer.

The following members served on Council during the period covered by these Accounts:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Leslie Miller	Financial Director/Treasurer	07/09/2010
David Dobson	Director of Community Response	07/09/2010
David Hughes	Chair of Council	15/01/2011
Graham Hedley	Lead on Corporate Affairs & External Trustee	10/10/2015
Elisabeth Glare	Director of Training	25/03/2016
Nicholas Spencer	External Liaison Director	13/10/2018
Martyn Sharp	Chief Volunteer Officer	17/11/2019
Robert Symons	Lead on Legal matters	15/05/2021
Alexander Nunns	Lead on Diversity	04/12/2021
Michelle Akintoye	Lead on Young People	20/11/2023
James Deller	Lead on Communications Coordination	20/11/2023
Thomas Sparks	Lead on Communications Coordination	20/11/2023
Edward Wolton	Lead on Communications Coordination	13/04/2024

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are elected by members at an AGM, or may be appointed by Council as external trustees. Council may also fill ad-hoc vacancies by co-opting members who are subsequently confirmed at an AGM. Trustees serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected by members up to a maximum period of nine years. The MVS Policies & Procedures Manual (revised 2016) provides Terms of Reference for Council members; trustees are coached by existing Council members when they are first elected. A summary of the Charity Commission and OSCR guidance and relevant extracts from the Memorandum and Articles are given to all new trustees. New trustees sign a statement to confirm they have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association on the MVS website and have read CC10 the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity and CC3 the Essential Trustee on the Charity Commission website. They sign to acknowledge a statement of their responsibilities taken from CC3 – 'the Essential Trustee'.

Governance and Management

The governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. All policy and strategic

decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees through Council. The Council meets three or four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. The post of Vice Chairman oversees the governance aspects of the Company and Charity working closely with the Company Secretary and Financial Director/Treasurer. The Chief Volunteer Officer manages daily operational matters

Specialist staff

These are appointed by Council to carry out statutory duties (Secretary and Treasurer) or to provide senior management expertise over a number of MVS Regions. Where provided for by the Articles or by Terms of Reference within the Policy documents, specialist staff can also be Trustees of the Charity. Experienced National Managers for the MVS Communications, Insurance, and Resilience are in place and appropriately skilled and experienced candidates actively being sort to fill the small number of gaps to the roles. Where these managers also serve as trustees they have the title of Director.

Annual General Meeting

The 2024 MVS Annual General Meeting was held at Networx 1 Puddle Dock Blackfriars, London EC4V on Saturday 2nd November, it was attended by 38 members in person and 24 attending by a video link.

The membership confirmed trustees on their reappointment. They also confined an adjustment to the articles to reflect the current trends on the use of technology within meetings.

Risk Management

The Corporate Risk Register has highlighted the main areas of concern facing the Charity. The following have been identified:

G1	Failure to meet strategic goals through the current structure and organisation of the MVS
G2	Lack of clearly assigned responsibilities and authority throughout MVS
F1	Failure to meet budgetary requirements
F2	Failure to know extent of MVS Finances across the Service
F3	Under-utilisation of assets
F4	Under valuation of Insured Assets
F5	Lack of clear procedures to raise funds
F6	Failure to respond to market conditions
H1	Physical Harm to a member of the public or volunteers
H2	Harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult
R1	Poor service provision leading to damage of reputation
R2	Competitive PR from rival training providers or other charitable organisations
R3	Failure to maintain the historical links with locally based organisations
RC1	Failure to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirement
RC2	Volunteers not fit for the specific role they are undertaking

As far as is reasonably practical these risks are reviewed before each meeting of the MVS Council and a report is presented, and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been followed by Units to assess and manage their local risks register. A H&S adviser was appointed and they are tasked with reviewing policy and procedures. Each unit maintains its individual safety management system and bespoke risk assessments are conducted for Events. Unit H&S records are inspected annually by their Regional Volunteer Officer who is encouraged to seek appropriate specialist advice and support as needed.

The Charity operates a fleet of around fifty craft ranging in size from dories to substantial launches with clear safety procedures defined in the MVS Policies and Procedures documentation. These are subject to regular review and updating. The Charity arranges insurance which covers risks to vessels, members and the general public. The induction training of new members includes safety awareness and procedures.

Related parties

Local MVS Units provide skills and resources to support other organisations including: Maritime & Coastguard Agency; Royal Yachting Association; Harbour Masters and Port Authorities; Local Authorities; Local Emergency Planning teams; Royal Navy; Royal National Lifeboat Institute; National Coastwatch Institution; Sea Cadets Corps; Royal British Legion; Nautical Training Corps; The Scout Movement; The Veterans Council and BLESMA.

Objectives and Activities

We review our charitable objects along with our aims and activities each year to ensure we remain focused on our stated purposes. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when undertaking the review and planning our activities.

The Charity's objects are:

- to advance the education and training of the members of the Charity and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communications skills and knowledge; and
- The protection and preservation of life and property primarily but not exclusively within the maritime environment.

In support of this a number of furtherance powers exist, among which the following are of particular note:

To establish and maintain a corps of skilled volunteers throughout the United Kingdom in order to: Support national and local government departments and agencies or support harbour, port, national and local authorities on request or provides support in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and its subsequent amendments and successors (including parallel legislation in other parts of the UK).

Support events on land and sea as required by the organisers to assist in the safety and security of the event participants and of the general public in attendance or to provide communication and operational support.

The aims and activities for the year continued also to focus upon the recruitment and training of volunteer members of the charity in maritime skills and of young people. The MVS is always keen to recruit from the disadvantaged sectors of society to stimulate social inclusion through group training and teamwork. Areas of recruitment include all those with previous service with Her Majesty's Forces, usually known as Veterans. Our skills have been put to practical use in support of other organisations, especially with the Scouting movement. This means that the impact of the training and education goes far beyond only those who are members of the organisation, extending to the wider general public at events where public safety is ensured through MVS support such as at Air Shows, regattas and shore-based events, and in co-operation with local authorities and the police as a level 3 responder for Emergency Response

Achievements and Performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of education and training in maritime skills with emphasis on social inclusion along with support of other organisations.

Social inclusion

Anyone over the age of eighteen can join the MVS and no previous maritime experience is required. There is no upper age limit and members stay in the Service as long as they are fit enough to carry out their chosen MVS activities. There is provision within the membership structure for members to join us in an operational support capacity if they do not wish to be involved in the full range of activities.





All members complete a self-assessment medical form so that MVS managers are aware of any disabilities that may affect the safety of the individual concerned or other members. Every effort is made to include disabled members. An internal demographic survey conducted a few years ago revealed that about 30% of MVS members are drawn from disadvantaged sectors of society.





MVS Units are encouraged to engage with local authority agencies to provide stimulating activities for disadvantaged and socially excluded minorities.

MVS Activities

During the year the MVS has trained or supported their local communities month by month, here are some examples:

<p style="text-align: center;">April 2024</p> 	<p>April saw the return of the MVS to Merseyside. After a gap of 10 years the MVS ensign can be seen again. The new unit meet at TS Starling in Litherland. Head of Unit George Bayley said “It is a privilege to re-start the MVS locally</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2024</p> 	<p>May saw members of MVS Northumbria completing their RYA Safety Boat qualification at Kielder Water Sailing Club.</p> <p>The MVS recognises the work required in gaining this qualification which will enable the unit to provide safety cover for a wide range of maritime events in our area of operation which stretches from Berwick to the Tees. We are very proud of their achievement.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June 2024</p> 	<p>March saw members of the newly reformed Menai Bridge unit in North Wales have spent time with Penmon Coastguard, being shown the station, equipment and procedures they use. This followed on from a search and rescue incident involving the Coastguard, the RNLI and the MVS. One of our members assisted with the 999 call after local builders heard cries for help near the coast in a remote location, then helped direct the search volunteers to the scene.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 2024</p> 	<p>The MVS attended the West Yorkshire Resilience Forum held to enable local organisations to showcase their equipment to demonstrate their capabilities during major incident response. The event was arranged in response to the Manchester Arena Inquiry recommendations</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">August 2024</p> 	<p>Trinity House in Newcastle saw a rare father and daughter award ceremony in August. Stephen and Angela Carrington founder members of the Northumbria Unit being presented with their long service medals.</p> <p>Captain Nick Spencer read out the citations while Commander Andy Collier RNR presented the medals</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 2024</p> 	<p>The MVS national training vessel East Sussex 1 was deployed to Littlehampton to support the annual Waterfront Festival.</p> <p>East Sussex 1 was a star attraction, welcoming aboard many visitors.</p> <p>Meanwhile the local Littlehampton Unit was active, supporting the harbour master using their RIB Peregrine. An unexpected additional attraction was provided by the Spinnaker Shanty group who entertained the passing crowds from East Sussex 1's after deck.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 2024</p> 	<p>October saw the Isle of Wight unit, supported by the City of Portsmouth unit, took part in the Maritime Careers Fair hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron on the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>The fair, held in Royal Yacht Squadron grounds, attracted numerous leading maritime organisations and educational institutions, including the Royal Navy, BAE Systems, Warsash Maritime Academy, Wightlink, and Red Funnel.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">November 2024</p> 	<p>11th November is Remembrance Day with services being held across the UK on the nearest Sunday to mark this event.</p> <p>However our Northumbria Unit again took their commemoration onto on the River Tyne. From a small beginning the flotilla has grown and we are joined by crews from across the river community,</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">December 2024</p> 	<p>December saw our Severn Unit being called into action after Storm Darragh wreaked its fury and left the rivers Avon and Severn well in flood. Avon Navigation Trust again called upon the unit to help out when a cruiser moored on one of the town moorings partially broke free in the rising floodwaters. Three members attended the incident and despite a very fast current they were able to reach the boat and re secure it the mooring</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 2025</p> 	<p>Putney Unit made an early start to powerboat training in 2025. Despite “chilly” waters, new members of the Putney Unit, enjoyed their power boat training on the Thames in mid- January.</p> <p>This was the Unit’s first run out on the river in its RIB Seax, They negotiated the strong tide running between Albert Bridge and Richmond</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February 2025</p> 	<p>On a cold but dry day in early February 12 members of City of Portsmouth Unit, including several new recruits, a mustered on their vessel Arkwright at her Whale Island mooring.</p> <p>They conducted alongside training covering safety, engine checks, navigation aids and mooring lines. This was followed by throw line and heaving line practice.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 2025</p> 	<p>The end of the reporting year saw the MVS’s RYA accredited afloat training centre at Eastbourne becoming operational.</p> <p>Co-located with the East Sussex Sovereign Harbour Unit, the centre has a Ballistic WK55 RIB that meets the RYA’s exacting requirements for powerboat training.</p>

Principal funding sources

The charity has received sponsorship donations from major companies and lottery grants. The Trustees also recognise the generous voluntary service and contributions provided by all the membership in addition to the current annual fee of £20 paid by each active member.

Investment policy

Almost all of the Charity's funds are spent in operating costs – especially those of the training fleet – therefore, at present; there are no funds for long term investment.

Reserves policy

Whilst lack of funds has hitherto limited the amounts held as reserves, the wholly-owned training fleet represents a significant asset for the Charity which strives to ensure that each craft is maintained to the standard needed to maximise its value. However the fleet of training vessels will, over time, need to be replaced and the Charity will therefore need to hold reserves. The results of the fund raising efforts mentioned above will result in clear policies regarding reserve provisions.

Plans for the Future

The charity plans to increase active membership from the existing number of just below 400 by raising awareness, focused advertising and word-of-mouth. Further efforts will be focused upon the disadvantaged and socially excluded.

MVS continues to work at developing and improving relations with major maritime organisations for mutual benefit at local and national levels. This work is on-going and the aim is to improve both recruiting and funding.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Leslie Miller
Treasurer

Date: 28 November 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maritime Volunteer Service (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 14(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA and ACIE, both of them listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or

The accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or

The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.



Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE

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Date: 19 December 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2025

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	1					
Donations and Legacies	14	86942	79165	-	166107	152083
Charitable activities		0	23025	-	23025	18950
Other trading activities						-
Investments						-
Other		4944	519	-	5463	1746
Total		91887	102708	-	194594	172779
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		-17128	-11852	-	-28980	-21644
Charitable activities		-87928	-80482	-	-168409	-163790
Other						
Total		-105056	-92334	-	-197390	-185434
Operating surplus / (Deficit)		-13169	10374	-	-2795	-12655
Net gains/ (Losses) on investments						-
Net Income / (Expenditure)		-13169	10374	-	-2795	-12655
Transfers between funds		10502	-10502	-	0	0
Other recognised gains / (Losses)		0	0		0	0-
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of assets						-
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		-	-	-	-	--
Other gains/ (Losses)		0	0	-	0	0
Net movement in funds	3	-2667	-128	-	-2795	-12655
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		115869	179023	-	294892	307547
Total funds carried forward		113201	178896	-	292097	294892

BALANCE SHEET**For MVS (Company No: 03003565) at 31st March 2025**

		2025	2024
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(3)	125860	140500
Total Fixed Assets		125860	140500
Current assets			
Stocks		3826	2946
Debtors and Prepayments	(4)	6064	6198
Cash and bank -Unrestricted		42411	26474
Cash and bank – Restricted		118051	118818
Total Current Assets		170353	154436
Liabilities			
Creditors - falling due within one year	(5)	4116	44
Net Current Assets		166237	154392
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		292097	294892
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
Long term liability – marine mortgage	(6)		0
Net Assets		292097	294892
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds			
General		55965	79234
Designated – National Training Fleet		57237	36635
Total Unrestricted Funds of Charity	(11)	113201	115869
Restricted funds	(10)	<u>178896</u>	<u>179023</u>
Total Funds of the Charity		292097	294892

The trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

The accounts were approved by the trustees, authorised for issue and signed on their behalf by:



Leslie Miller
Treasurer

Date: 28 November 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

• **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

MVS meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

• **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Each distinct unit is accounted as a separate restricted fund, as it is expected that all of the income of each unit is to be spent by that unit. Units are incorporated on a line by line basis.

• **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

- Voluntary income is received by way of core grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included in the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The services provided by volunteers have not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Subscriptions and uniform receipts are recorded on a received basis.

• **Unrestricted Funds**

The charity continues to seek new and innovative ways to increase its income and reduce costs and this year again, a significant amount was raised by a single sponsor. The Unrestricted funds balance has increased from a brought forward balance of £115869 to a carried forward balance of £113447.

The post of National Fundraising adviser remained vacant during the year with no major improvement in funding being received. The post is being re-advertised.

Expenditure

Expenditure on costs of generating funds and charitable activities has been charged on an accruals basis.

• **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates

Operating vessels and equipment	10% straight line
Office equipment-	10% straight line
Office machinery	20% straight line

- **Unit income and operating expenses**

These Financial Statements include the income and expenditure controlled locally by MVS Units. In order to assist the units in the preparation of their accounts, procedures are in place to gain direct access to bank statement details.

2. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER CHARGING:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds	£	£
Depreciation	-8129	-8168	-16297	-23941
(Loss) Gain on disposal	4554	353	4907	680
Independent examiner	925	0	925	850
Governance costs	-11032	0	-11032	-8986

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Operating vessels and equipment	Office equipment	Unit Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	422152	6408	48229	476789
Additions	1	0	2038	2039
Disposals	-21500	0	-1462	-22962
At 31st March 2025	400653	6408	48805	455866
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	288257	6408	41624	336289
Adjustment to PY	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	13780	0	2517	16297
Disposals	-21500	0	-1080	-22580
At 31st March 2025	280537	6408	43061	330006
Net book value				
At 1 April 2024	133895	0	6605	140500
At 31st March 2025	120115	0	5744	125860

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4. DEBTORS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Insurance Prepayments	5000	5000
Other Debtors	1064	1198
Total	6064	6198

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Other creditors	2591	-1936
Accrual – IE Fees	925	900
Pre-paid Membership Subs	600	1080
Total	4116	44

6. LONG TERM LOAN

none

7. TRUSTEES' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPENSES

A total of **£505** (2024: £2242) was reimbursed to Council members during the year. These payments were for sundry expenses and travel costs incurred in attending general, fundraising and public relations meetings.

No Trustee has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025 continued

8. TRUSTEES & RELATED PARTIES

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity is party to several leases. These are at peppercorn rents but include commitments to maintain premises to present standards.

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds shown in Unit bank accounts are restricted for that unit's use and are not available to support general operating expenses or other unit's costs. Each unit is set up in the accounts structure as a Restricted Fund.

A further restricted fund contains the entire fleet of vessels funded by Unit funds. This has been done to allow clearer visibility of the monetary funds held within Units.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2024	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 2025
Total unit funds	179023	102708	-92334	-10502	178896
Total Restricted Funds	179023	102708	-92334	-10502	178896

11. Unrestricted Funds

Within the General Fund, a designated fund holds the written down value of the National Training Vessels. This has been done to allow a clearer view of the operational funds available to the Charity.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2024	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 2025
National training fleet – designated fund	36635	0	-8030	28632	57237
General fund	79234	91887	-97026	-18130	56210
Total Unrestricted Funds	115869	91887	-105056	10502	113201

Nb total all funds	294892	194594	-197390	0	292097
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12. Members Guarantees

The company's liability is limited by members' guarantees of £1.

13. TAXATION

In the opinion of the directors, since the company is a registered charity, and operates only limited non-primary purpose trading, there is no Corporation Tax liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025 continued

14. Sources of Income

Grants:

With the general reduction in government grants to local authorities we are becoming more reliant on the national lottery and other organisations for funding: These organisations have increasing demands on their funds which is having the effect of increasing the competition from other deserving causes.

Source of grant	£ 2025	£ 2024
Central government	5371	3000
Local government	5188	6977
Other sources	77000	80000
Including:		
Caledonia Investments Charitable Foundation	75000	75000
River Thames Society	-	5000

Professional fundraising costs

There were no payments of commission for successful funding applications this year. (Last year £0)

Donations:

Donations come from a variety of sources ranging from individuals to donations from other charities and local support groups. There is also a small income from shopping schemes where a small percentage of the amount spent is collected as donations through establishments such as give as you live.

Expenditure on Raising Funds

Following the advice received from our major donor, we have now employed a national fundraising manager. The total cost of raising funds £-28980 (2024: £-21644) includes employment agency costs and salary for one month. It is expected that the lead time before funds begin to flow from this source will be a few months and this has been allowed for in the operating budget.

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1048454

Accounts



THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Maritime Volunteer Service Report and Financial Statements

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES
For the year to 31st March, 2024**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Maritime Volunteer Service

Abbreviation: MVS

Company Number: 03003565

**Charity Number: 1048454 SC 039269
and
noted under Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

**Registered Office
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Introduction

The Board of Directors and Council of the Maritime Volunteer Service present its report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015).

Council

The governing body of the Maritime Volunteer Service is known as the Council, which consisted of the following members on the date this report was approved:

Dr David Hughes (Chair), Mr Leslie Miller, Mr Graham Hedley, Mr David Dobson, Ms Elizabeth Glare, Mr John Spencer-Barnes, Capt. Nicholas Spencer, Mr Martyn Sharp, Mr Alexander Nunns, Jordan Michael David Meade, Robert John Symons, Michelle Akintoye and James Deller.

Secretary: Mr Robert Symons, RD, VR, FRSA, FCMI

Treasurer: Mr. Leslie Miller, FFA, FIPA

Independent Examiner: Mr Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE, 39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Bankers: Lloyds PLC, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN

Solicitors: Barton's Solicitors, The Old Harbour Office, Guy's Quay, Sutton Harbour, PLYMOUTH PL4 0ES

Dallam Court



Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees as Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the date of the Balance Sheet and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income & expenditure, for the financial year.

The Trustees as Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20th December 1994 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 11th August 1995. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The MVS also registered with Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in February 2008. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland recognises the MVS but does not wish us to register formally with them at this time and we are noted under Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008



Our Special Privilege Ensign

Recruitment and appointment of Council

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Council. The Council consists of Trustees, appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and specialist, non-voting staff appointed by the Trustees. Most of the charity's work takes place through its Units established around the coasts and inland waterways of the United Kingdom. Each Unit selects a Head of Unit and local groups of units select a Regional Volunteer Officer.

The following members served on Council during the period covered by these Accounts:

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Leslie Miller	Financial Director/Treasurer & Member	07/09/2010
Mr David Dobson	Director of Resilience & Member	07/09/2010
Dr David Hughes	Chair of Council & Member	15/01/2011
Mr Graham Hedley	Lead on Corporate Affairs & External Trustee	10/10/2015
	Corporate Secretary w/e 18/03/2024	
Mr John Spencer-Barnes	Director of Communications & Member	21/11/2015
Ms Elizabeth	Director of Training & Member	25/03/2016
Capt Nicholas Spencer	External Liaison Director & Member	13/10/2018
Dr Mark Dustin	Company Secretary & Member	17/11/2019
	Resigned 18/02/2024	
Angela Carrington	Lead on Marketing & Member	17/11/2019
Martyn Russell Sharp	Chief Volunteer Officer & Member	17/11/2019
Jordan Michael David Meade	Vice Chair of Council - Lead on Public Affairs & External Trustee	02/05/2020
Robert John Symons	Lead on Legal matters & Member	15/05/2021
	Company Secretary w/e 18/03/2024	
Alexander Nunns	Lead on Diversity & Member	04/12/2021
Michelle Akintoye	Lead on Women and Young Persons & Member	20/11/2023
James Deller	Lead on Personnel & Member	20/11/2023
Tom Sparks	Member without portfolio	20/11/2023

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are elected by members at an AGM, or may be appointed by Council as external trustees. Council may also fill ad-hoc vacancies by co-opting members who are subsequently confirmed at an AGM. Trustees serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected by members up to a maximum period of nine years. The MVS Policies & Procedures Manual (revised 2016) provides Terms of Reference for Council members; trustees are coached by existing Council members when they are first elected. A summary of the Charity Commission and OSCR guidance and relevant extracts from the Memorandum and Articles are given to all new trustees. New trustees sign a statement to confirm they have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association on the MVS website and have read CC10 the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity and CC3 the Essential Trustee on the Charity Commission website. They sign to acknowledge a statement of their responsibilities taken from CC3 the Essential Trustee

Governance and Management

The governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. All policy and strategic decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees through Council. The Council meet three or four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. The post of Vice Chairman oversees the governance aspects of the Company and Charity working closely with the Company Secretary and Financial Director/Treasurer. The Chief Volunteer Officer manages daily operational matters

Specialist staff

These are appointed by Council to carry out statutory duties (Secretary and Treasurer) or to provide senior management expertise over a number of MVS Regions. Where provided for by the Articles or by Terms of Reference within the Policy documents, specialist staff can also be Trustees of the Charity. Experienced National Managers for the MVS Communications, Insurance, and Resilience are in place and appropriately skilled and experienced candidates actively being sort to fill the small number of gaps to the roles. Where these managers also serve as trustees they have the title of Director.

Annual General Meeting

The 2023 MVS Annual General Meeting was held at The Churchill Gardens Residents Association, Churchill Residents Hall, Churchill Gardens, London SW1V 3AL on: The 28th of October 2023, with 43 members attending in person and 19 attending by a video link



The membership confirmed trustees on their reappointment.

Risk Management

The Corporate Risk Register has highlighted the main areas of concern facing the Charity. The following have been identified:

- G1 Failure to meet strategic goals through the current structure and organisation of the MVS
- G2 Lack of clearly assigned responsibilities and authority throughout MVS
- F1 Failure to meet budgetary requirements
- F2 Failure to know extent of MVS Finances across the Service
- F3 Under utilisation of assets
- F4 Under valuation of Insured Assets
- F5 Lack of clear procedures to raise funds
- F6 Failure to respond to market conditions,
- H1 Physical Harm to a member of the public or volunteers
- H2 Harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- R1 Poor service provision leading to damage of reputation,
- R2 Competitive PR from rival training providers or other charitable organisations
- R3 Failure to maintain the historical links with locally based organisations
- RC1 Failure to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirement
- RC2 Volunteers not fit for the specific role they are undertaking

As far as is reasonably practical these risks are reviewed before each meeting of the MVS Council and a report is presented, and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks faced by the Charity. The MVS Health & Safety Manual can be followed by Units to assess and manage their local risks register. An H&S adviser was appointed and they are tasked with reviewing policy and procedures. Each unit maintains its individual safety management systems and bespoke risk assessments are conducted for Events. Unit H&S records are inspected annually by their Regional Volunteer Officer who is encouraged to seek appropriate specialist advice and support as needed.

The Charity operates a fleet of around fifty craft ranging in size from dories to substantial launches with clear safety procedures defined in the MVS Policies and Procedures documentation. These are subject to regular review and updating. The Charity arranges insurance which covers risks to vessels, members and the general public. The induction training of new members includes safety awareness and procedures.

Related parties

Local MVS Units provide skills and resources to support other organisations including: Maritime & Coastguard Agency; Royal Yachting Association; Harbour Masters and Port Authorities; Local Authorities; Local Emergency Planning teams; Royal Navy; Royal National Lifeboat Institute; National Coastwatch Institution; Sea Cadets Corps; Royal British Legion; Nautical Training Corps; The Scout Movement; The Veterans Council and BLESMA

Objectives and Activities

We review our charitable objects along with our aims and activities each year to ensure we remain focussed on our stated purposes. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when undertaking the review and planning our activities.

The Charity's objects are:

- to advance the education and training of the members of the Charity and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communications skills and knowledge; and
- The protection and preservation of life and property primarily but not exclusively within the maritime environment.

In support of this a number of furtherance powers exist, among which the following are of particular note:

- To establish and maintain a corps of skilled volunteers throughout the United Kingdom in order to: Support national and local government departments and agencies or support harbour, port, national and local authorities on request or provide support in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and its subsequent amendments and successors (including parallel legislation in other parts of the UK).
- Support events on land and sea as required by the organisers to assist in the safety and security of the event participants and of the general public in attendance or to provide communication and operational support.

The aims and activities for the year continued also to focus upon the recruitment and training of volunteer members of the charity in maritime skills and of young people. The MVS is always keen to recruit from the disadvantaged sectors of society to stimulate social inclusion through group training and teamwork. Areas of recruitment include all those with previous service with Her Majesty's Forces, usually known as Veterans. Our skills have been put to practical use in support of other organisations, especially with the Scouting movement. This means that the impact of the training and education goes far beyond only those who are members of the organisation, extending to the wider general public at events where public safety is ensured through MVS support such as at Air Shows, regattas and shore-based events, and in co-operation with local authorities and the police as a level 3 responder for Emergency Response

Achievements and Performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of education and training in maritime skills with emphasis on social inclusion along with support other organisations.

Social inclusion

Anyone over the age of eighteen can join the MVS and no previous maritime experience is required. There is no upper age limit and members stay in the Service as long as they are fit enough to carry out their chosen MVS activities. There is provision within the membership structure for members to join in an operational support capacity if they do not wish to be involved in the full range of activities.

All members complete a self-assessment medical form so that MVS managers are aware of any disabilities that may affect the safety of the individual concerned or other members. Every effort is made to include disabled members. An internal demographic survey conducted a few years ago revealed that about 30% of MVS members are drawn from disadvantaged sectors of society. MVS Units are encouraged to engage with local authority agencies to provide stimulating activities for disadvantaged and socially excluded minorities.

MVS Activities

During the year the MVS have trained or supported their local communities month by month, here are some examples

April 2023



To start the new MVS City of Portsmouth has conducted DEFRA 1 water safety training carried out by the DCVO Martyn Sharp. 11 members attended the training which included two supporters and one honorary member. The certificates were presented to members by the outgoing CVO Nick Spencer.

May 2023



Representatives of the Maritime Volunteer Service were honoured by the River Thames Society at their Annual General Meeting held in Staines-upon-Thames. The society awards a trophy annually to organisations that have gone above and beyond in serving the community of the River Thames. Previous winners have included the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police's Marine Unit.

June 2023



The Tewkesbury based Severn Unit are pleased that their Colvic cruiser "Pirata" has been launched after several years ashore undergoing work by unit members. Head of Unit Nic Price said, "We managed to get Pirata launched in time for the Tewkesbury Big Weekend aiding in fulfilling the many roles the unit undertook, including operating safety boats over the whole weekend and running the duck race."



July 2023

After just under 10 years at the International Business Centre in Warrington, the MVS has moved to new office accommodation. Thanks to RAMM Properties the administrative centre for the MVS can now be found at Dallam Court, Dallam Lane, Warrington, WA2 7LT. While thanking our previous hosts the Warrington Chamber of Trade and Commerce for looking after the MVS so well for those nine years and nine months, we look forward to working alongside RAMM Properties in the same way.



August 2023

The Tewkesbury based Severn Unit was invited for the second year to assist at the Evesham Medieval Festival by providing safety cover throughout the weekend. HOU Nic Price said, "It was a big undertaking for the unit as we took three cruisers including our training vessel MVS Minerva to Evesham along with our Rigiflex dinghy.



September 2023

The late summer saw the MVS on display at various events around the country. Here we see our Humber unit both recruiting new crew and raising some funds for future activities



October 2023

Eleven officer cadets who have just started their Merchant Navy careers at the Warsash Maritime School at Solent University have been able to experience coastal navigation in the busy waters of the Solent on board the MVS's national training vessel East Sussex 1. Suzanne Galloway said: "A huge thank you from all of us at Warsash to the MVS volunteers from the East Sussex and Southampton units for facilitating the experience and to Skipper Neil Hunter."



November 2023

November sees the MVS marking Remembrance Sunday in towns and cities around Britain. The Northumbria Unit lead their parade of sail on the River Tyne. Severn Unit was represented at the parade in Tewkesbury.

December 2023



The MVS once again brought Christmas cheer to the Neonatal Unit at Warrington Hospital after donating cuddly toys, which will be used as gifts for babies who are not ready to go home for Christmas Day. Erica Wiles from the Neonatal Unit said: “Chris’s generosity is heart-warming, and we are forever grateful to him on behalf of the Maritime Volunteer Service for the soft cuddly toys for our babies to wake up to on Christmas morning.

January 2024



MVS Southampton has developed a relationship with Warsash Maritime School at Solent University which has seen several maritime officer cadets joining the MVS on the water to gain practical experience. Each officer cadet can also gain the internationally recognised RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualification. Steve Collins, Head of Unit said: “We have built a close relationship with the Warsash Maritime School and invited officer cadets to volunteer with us at the weekend. This gives them the opportunity to develop their small boat handling skills and learn how to maintain engines while gaining experience in harbour patrolling.”

February 2024



Members of the Bristol Unit have visited the RNLI Lifeboat Station in Portishead for an opportunity to look at their B class Atlantic 85 Lifeboat. The RNLI station at Portishead has been open since 2015. The Bristol Unit is looking to support the RNLI at an open day to be held in the spring.

March 2024



The MVS is back on Merseyside for the first time in many years. The Unit will meet at TS Starling in Litherland, North Liverpool. The six founding members, Paul, Alison and Harvey Early along with George Bayley, Vincent Furlong and Simon Brown joined our HQ Manager Chris Todd to take the first formal steps in launching the Unit. George who is a former RNXS member has become the provisional Head of Unit while Vincent stepped up to take on the combined role of Unit Administrator and Finance Officer.

Principal funding sources

The Maritime Volunteer Service continues to be indebted to the Caledonian Investments Charitable Foundation for their continued financial support.

The Trustees also recognise the generous voluntary services provided by all the membership in addition to the current annual fee of £20 paid by each active member.

Investment policy

Almost all the Charity’s funds are spent in operating costs – especially those of the training fleet – therefore, at present; there are no funds for long term investment.

Reserves policy

Whilst lack of funds has hitherto limited the amounts held as reserves, the wholly-owned training fleet represents a significant asset for the Charity which strives to ensure that each craft is maintained to the standard needed to maximise its value. However the fleet of training vessels will, over time, need to be replaced and the Charity will therefore need to hold reserves. The results of the fund raising efforts mentioned above will result in clear policies regarding reserve provisions.

Plans for the Future

The charity plans to increase active membership from the existing number of just below 400 by raising awareness, focused advertising and word-of-mouth. Further efforts will be focused upon the disadvantaged and socially excluded.

MVS continues to work at developing and improving relations with major maritime organisations for mutual benefit at local and national levels. This work is on-going and the aim is to improve both recruiting and funding.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Leslie Miller
Treasurer

Date: 11 December, 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Maritime Volunteer Service

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maritime Volunteer Service (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA and ACIE, both of them listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. Accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or*
- 2. The accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or*
- 3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or*
- 4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.*

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.



Jason Foxwell FCCA

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st March 2024

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	1					
Donations and Legacies	14	82734	69350	-	152083	151092
Charitable activities		41	18909	-	18950	20189
Other trading activities						-
Investments						-
Other		219	1527	-	1746	55765
Total		82994	89785	-	172779	227046
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		-11008	-10636	-	-21644	-38935
Charitable activities		-60628	-103162	-	-163790	-176486
Other						
Total		-71636	-113798	-	-185434	-215422
Operating surplus / (Deficit)		11358	-24013	-	-12655	11624
Net gains/ (Losses) on investments						-
Net Income / (Expenditure)		11358	-24013	-	-12655	11624
Transfers between funds		2072	808	-	2880	0
Other recognised gains / (Losses)		0	0		0	0-
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of assets						-
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		-	-	-	-	--
Other gains/ (Losses)		0	0	-	0	0
Net movement in funds	3	10551	-23205	-	-12655	11624
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		102438	205109	-	307547	295923
Total funds carried forward		112989	181903	-	294892	307547

Balance Sheet**For MVS (Company No: 03003565) at 31st March 2024**

		2024	2023
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(4)	140500	141581
Total Fixed Assets		140500	141581
Current assets			
Stocks		2946	3038
Debtors and Prepayments	(5)	6198	8949
Cash and bank -Unrestricted		26474	63397
Cash and bank – Restricted		118818	122783
Total Current Assets		154436	198168
Liabilities			
Creditors - falling due within one year	(6)	44	32202
Net Current Assets		154392	165966
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		294892	307547
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
Long term liability – marine mortgage	(7)		0
Net Assets		294892	307547
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds			
General		79234	102059
Designated – National Training Fleet		36635	379
Total Unrestricted Funds of Charity	(12)	115869	102438
Restricted funds	(11)	<u>179023</u>	<u>205109</u>
Total Funds of the Charity		<u>294892</u>	<u>307547</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

• **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

MVS meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

• **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Each distinct unit is accounted as a separate restricted fund, as it is expected that all of the income of each unit is to be spent by that unit. Units are incorporated on a line by line basis.

• **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

- Voluntary income is received by way of core grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included in the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The services provided by volunteers have not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Subscriptions and uniform receipts are recorded on a received basis.

• **Unrestricted Funds**

The charity continues to seek new and innovative ways to increase its income and reduce costs and this year again; a significant amount was raised by a single sponsor. The Unrestricted funds balance has increased from a brought forward balance of £102438 to a carried forward balance of £115869.

The post of National Fundraising adviser remained vacant during the year with no major improvement in funding being received. The post is being re-advertised.

• **Expenditure**

Expenditure on costs of generating funds and charitable activities has been charged on an accruals basis.

• **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates

Operating vessels and equipment	10% straight line
Office equipment-	10% straight line
Office machinery	20% straight line

- Unit income and operating expenses**

These Financial Statements include the income and expenditure controlled locally by MVS Units. In order to assist the units in the preparation of their accounts, procedures are in place to gain direct access to bank statement details.

2. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER CHARGING:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Funds	Funds	£	£
Depreciation	-8172	-15769	-23941	-25304
(Loss) Gain on disposal	0	680	680	38137
Independent examiner	930	0	930	850
Governance costs	-8906	0	-8906	-9970

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Operating vessels and equipment	Office equipment	Unit Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	401889	6408	46712	455009
Additions	22063	0	1517	23580
Disposals	-1800	0	0	-1800
At 31st March 2024	422152	6408	48229	476789
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	268855	6408	38165	313428
Adjustment to PY				
Charge for the year	20482	0	3459	23941
Disposals	-1080	0	0	-1080
At 31st March 2024	288257	6408	41624	336289
Net book value				
At 1 April 2023	133034	0	8547	141581
At 31st March 2024	235253	0	6605	140500

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4. DEBTORS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Insurance Prepayments	5000	5000
Other Debtors	1198	3949
Total	6198	8949

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Other creditors	-1936	2727
Accrual – IE Fees	900	850
Pre-paid Membership Subs	1080	2244
Total	44	32202

6 LONG TERM LOAN

None

7 TRUSTEES' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPENSES

A total of **£957** (2023: £2242) was reimbursed to Council members during the year. These payments were for sundry expenses and travel costs incurred in attending general, fundraising and public relations meetings.

No Trustee has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

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8. TRUSTEES & RELATED PARTIES

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

9 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity is party to several leases. These are at peppercorn rents but include commitments to maintain premises to present standards.

10 RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds shown in Unit bank accounts are restricted for that unit's use and are not available to support general operating expenses or other unit's costs. Each unit is set up in the accounts structure as a Restricted Fund.

A further restricted fund contains the entire fleet of vessels funded by Unit funds. This has been done to allow clearer visibility of the monetary funds held within Units.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 2024
Total unit funds	205109	89785	-113798	808	181903
Total Restricted Funds	205109	89785	-113798	808	181903

11. Unrestricted Funds

Within the General Fund, a designated fund holds the written down value of the National Training Vessels. This has been done to allow a clearer view of the operational funds available to the Charity.

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 2024
National training fleet – designated fund	379	0	-4494	40750	36635
General fund	102059	82994	-67142	-38678	79234
Total Unrestricted Funds	102438	82994	-71636	808	112989

Total all funds	295923	172779	-185434	0	294892
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12. Members Guarantees

The company's liability is limited by members' guarantees of £1.

13. TAXATION

In the opinion of the directors, since the company is a registered charity, and operates only limited non-primary purpose trading, there is no Corporation Tax liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2024 continued

14. Sources of Income

Grants:

With the general reduction in government grants to local authorities we are becoming more reliant on the national lottery and other organisations for funding: These organisations have increasing demands on their funds which is having the effect of increasing the competition from other deserving causes.

Source of grant	£ 2024	£ 2023
Central government	3000	0
Local government	6977	9875
Other sources	80000	80000
Including:		
Caledonia Investment Trust	75000	75000
River Thames Society	5000	-
Quartet Communications	-	5000

Professional fundraising costs

There were no payments of commission for successful funding applications this year. (Last year £0)

Donations:

Donations come from a variety of sources ranging from individuals to donations from other charities and local support groups. There is also a small income from shopping schemes where a small percentage of the amount spent is collected as donations through establishments such as give as you live.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Leslie Miller
Treasurer

Date: 11 December, 2024

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1048454

Accounts



THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Maritime Volunteer Service Report and Financial Statements

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES
For the year to 31st March, 2023**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Maritime Volunteer Service

Abbreviation: MVS

Company Number: 03003565

**Charity Number: 1048454 SC 039269
and
Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

Registered Office

(At 31/03/2023)

International Business Centre, Delta Crescent, Warrington, Cheshire, WA57WQ

(As of 01/08/2023)

Dallam Court, Dallam Lane, Warrington, WA2 7LT

Telephone 01925 563620.

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Introduction

The Board of Directors and Council of the Maritime Volunteer Service present its report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015).

Council

The governing body of the Maritime Volunteer Service is known as the Council, which consisted of the following members on the date this report was approved:

Dr David Hughes (Chair)	Mr Martyn Sharp
Mr Leslie Miller (Treasurer)	Ms Angela Carrington
Mr Graham Hedley	Mr Alexander Nunns
Mr David Dobson	Jordan Michael David Meade
Ms Elisabeth Glare	Robert John Symons
Mr John Spencer-Barnes	Dr Mark Dustin (Secretary)
Capt. Nicholas Spencer	

Independent Examiner: Mr Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE,
39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Bankers: Lloyds PLC 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN

Solicitors: Bartons Solicitors, The Old Harbour Office,
Guy's Quay, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth PL4 0ES

Dallam Court



Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees as Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the date of the Balance Sheet and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income & expenditure, for the financial year.

The Trustees as Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20th December

1994 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 11th August 1995. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The MVS also registered with Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in February 2008. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland recognises the MVS but does not wish us to register formally with them at this time and we are noted under Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.



East Sussex 1: Our National training vessel

Recruitment and appointment of Council

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Council. The Council consists of Trustees, appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and specialist, non-voting staff appointed by the Trustees. Most of the charity's work takes place through its Units established around the coasts and inland waterways of the United Kingdom. Each Unit selects a Head of Unit and local groups of units select a Regional Volunteer Officer.

The following members served on Council during the period covered by these Accounts:

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Leslie Miller	Financial Director/Treasurer & Member	07/09/2010
Mr David Dobson	Director of Resilience & Member	07/09/2010
Dr David Hughes	Chair of Council & Member	15/01/2011
Mr Graham Hedley	Lead on Corporate Affairs & External Trustee	10/10/2015
Mr John Spencer-Barnes	Director of Communications & Member	21/11/2015
Ms Elisabeth Glare	Director of Training & Member	25/03/2016
Capt Nicholas Spencer	External Liaison Director & Member	13/10/2018
Dr Mark Dustin	Company Secretary & Member	17/11/2019
Angela Carrington	Lead on Marketing & Member	17/11/2019
Martyn Russell Sharp	Chief Volunteer Officer & Member	17/11/2019
Jordan Michael David Meade	Vice Chair of Council - Lead on Public Affairs & External Trustee	02/05/2020
Robert John Symons	Lead on Legal matters & Member	15/05/2021
Alexander Nunns	Lead on Diversity & Member	04/12/2021

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are elected by members at an AGM, or may be appointed by Council as external trustees. Council may also fill ad-hoc vacancies by co-opting members who are subsequently confirmed at an AGM. Trustees serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected by members up to a maximum period of nine years. The MVS Policies & Procedures Manual (revised 2016) provides Terms of Reference for Council members; trustees are coached by existing Council members when they are first elected. A summary of the Charity Commission and OSCR guidance and relevant extracts from the Memorandum and Articles are given to all new trustees. New trustees sign a statement to confirm they have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association on the MVS website and have read CC10 the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity and CC3 the Essential Trustee on the Charity Commission website. They sign to acknowledge a statement of their responsibilities taken from CC3 - the Essential Trustee.

Governance and Management

The governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. All policy and strategic decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees through Council. The Council meet three or four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. The post of Vice Chairman oversees the governance aspects of the Company and Charity working closely with the Company Secretary and Financial Director/Treasurer. The Chief Volunteer Officer manages daily operational matters

Specialist staff

These are appointed by Council to carry out statutory duties (Secretary and Treasurer) or to provide senior management expertise over a number of MVS Regions. Where provided for by the Articles or by Terms of Reference within the Policy documents, specialist staff can also be Trustees of the Charity. Experienced National Managers for the MVS Communications, Insurance, and Resilience are in place and appropriately skilled and experienced candidates actively being sort to fill the small number of gaps to the roles. Where these managers also serve as trustees they have the title of Director.

Annual General Meeting

The 2022 MVS Annual General Meeting was held at The Churchill Gardens Residents Association, Churchill Residents Hall, Churchill Gardens, London SW1V 3AL on: The 29th of October 2022, with 38 members attending in person and 24 attending by a video link.



The membership confirmed trustees on their reappointment. They also confined an adjustment to the articles to reflect the current trends on the use of technology within meetings

Risk Management

The Corporate Risk Register has highlighted the main areas of concern facing the Charity. The following have been identified:

G1	Failure to meet strategic goals through the current structure and organisation of the MVS
G2	Lack of clearly assigned responsibilities and authority throughout MVS
F1	Failure to meet budgetary requirements
F2	Failure to know extent of MVS Finances across the Service
F3	Under-utilisation of assets
F4	Under valuation of Insured Assets
F5	Lack of clear procedures to raise funds
F6	Failure to respond to market conditions
H1	Physical Harm to a member of the public or volunteers
H2	Harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult
R1	Poor service provision leading to damage of reputation
R2	Competitive PR from rival training providers or other charitable organisations
R3	Failure to maintain the historical links with locally based organisations
RC1	Failure to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirement
RC2	Volunteers not fit for the specific role they are undertaking

As far as is reasonably practical these risks are reviewed before each meeting of the MVS Council and a report is presented, and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks faced by the Charity. The MVS Health & Safety Manual can be followed by Units to assess and manage their local risks register. An H&S adviser was appointed and they are tasked with reviewing policy and procedures. Each unit maintains its individual safety management systems and bespoke risk assessments are conducted for Events. Unit H&S records are inspected annually by their Regional Volunteer Officer who is encouraged to seek appropriate specialist advice and support as needed.

The Charity operates a fleet of around fifty craft ranging in size from dories to substantial launches with clear safety procedures defined in the MVS Policies and Procedures documentation. These are subject to regular review and updating. The Charity arranges insurance which covers risks to vessels, members and the general public. The induction training of new members includes safety awareness and procedures.

Related parties

Local MVS Units provide skills and resources to support other organisations including: Maritime & Coastguard Agency; Royal Yachting Association; Harbour Masters and Port Authorities; Local Authorities; Local Emergency Planning teams; Royal Navy; Royal National Lifeboat Institute; National Coastwatch Institution; Sea Cadets Corps; Royal British Legion; Nautical Training Corps; The Scout Movement; The Veterans Council and BLESMA

Objectives and Activities

We review our charitable objects along with our aims and activities each year to ensure we remain focussed on our stated purposes. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when undertaking the review and planning our activities.

The Charity's objects are:

- to advance the education and training of the members of the Charity and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communications skills and knowledge; and
- The protection and preservation of life and property primarily but not exclusively within the

maritime environment.

In support of this a number of furtherance powers exist, among which the following are of particular note:

To establish and maintain a corps of skilled volunteers throughout the United Kingdom in order to: Support national and local government departments and agencies or support harbour, port, national and local authorities on request or provide support in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and its subsequent amendments and successors (including parallel legislation in other parts of the UK).

Support events on land and sea as required by the organisers to assist in the safety and security of the event participants and of the general public in attendance or to provide communication and operational support.

The aims and activities for the year continued also to focus upon the recruitment and training of volunteer members of the charity in maritime skills and of young people. The MVS is always keen to recruit from the disadvantaged sectors of society to stimulate social inclusion through group training and teamwork. Areas of recruitment include all those with previous service with Her Majesty's Forces, usually known as Veterans. Our skills have been put to practical use in support of other organisations, especially with the Scouting movement. This means that the impact of the training and education goes far beyond only those who are members of the organisation, extending to the wider general public at events where public safety is ensured through MVS support such as at Air Shows, regattas and shore-based events, and in co-operation with local authorities and the police as a level 3 responder for Emergency Response

Achievements and Performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of education and training in maritime skills with emphasis on social inclusion along with support of other organisations.

Social inclusion

Anyone over the age of eighteen can join the MVS and no previous maritime experience is required. There is no upper age limit and members stay in the Service as long as they are fit enough to carry out their chosen MVS activities. There is provision within the membership structure for members to join us in an operational support capacity if they do not wish to be involved in the full range of activities.

All members complete a self-assessment medical form so that MVS managers are aware of any disabilities that may affect the safety of the individual concerned or other members. Every effort is made to include disabled members. An internal demographic survey conducted a few years ago revealed that about 30% of MVS members are drawn from disadvantaged sectors of society. MVS Units are encouraged to engage with local authority agencies to provide stimulating activities for disadvantaged and socially excluded minorities.

MVS Activities

During the year the MVS has trained or supported their local communities month by month, here are some examples:

April 2022



April saw the start of a busy year, our Severn Unit were called out by the Avon Navigation Trust to help when heavy rain in the catchment areas of the Avon and Severn in the Tewkesbury area caused flooding and navigation problems.

May 2022



Representatives of the Maritime Volunteer Service were honoured by the River Thames Society at their Annual General Meeting held in Staines-upon-Thames. The society awards a trophy annually to organisations who have gone above and beyond in serving the community of the River Thames

June 2022



The Maritime Volunteer Service has celebrated our first National MVS Day. Units all over the country were involved in the celebration which was held to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The aim was to showcase our involvement in keeping the country's maritime traditions alive. Practical training in seamanship, small boat handling, engineering and communications helps to achieve this. The flagship event took place on the River Tyne where we partnered with NE1's Newcastle City Marina to provide a day of free river rides, music, and an evening parade of sail.

July 2022



MVS Kingston was given the prestigious duty of being the official river transport of the borough's civic party to the annual Dragon Boat Race and community fair. The Unit has built up a strong relationship with the Kingston upon Thames Council since being formed.

August 2022



For the third year running the East Sussex unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service has carried out an operation to transport tons of plastic rubbish from inaccessible rocks below Beachy Head to Sovereign Harbour for recycling and disposal ashore. A total of 140 large bags of plastic have now been moved by the MVS from this one small area of coastline over the last three years. The plastic had been washed up by the sea over the last 40 or more years and built up in layers, despoiling this beautiful stretch of coastline and putting wildlife at risk.

September 2022



At a reception held at Cayzer House, Admiral, The Rt Hon. The Lord West of Spithead GCB DSC PC was installed as Honorary President of the Maritime Volunteer Service. Speaking on behalf of the MVS National Council, Upon becoming Honorary President of the Maritime Volunteer Service, Lord

West said:

“We are an island nation encompassed by the sea on which we depend for our wealth and security. There is a need for resilience and organisations that can help provide it. The MVS is one such organisation It is a great honour to become their President.”

October
2022



The Maritime Volunteer Service was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. Her Majesty had a number of connections with the maritime community being head of the Royal Navy Her name lives on at sea with HMS Queen Elizabeth and Cunard’s liner Queen Elizabeth.

November
2022



The MVS has again marked Remembrance Sunday in towns and cities around Britain. The Northumbria Unit held a parade of sail for the 10th year on the River Tyne. Severn Unit was represented at the parade in Tewkesbury before members attended the service at Tewkesbury Abbey where there was a re-dedication of the War Memorial.

December
2022



The Maritime Volunteer Service has continued to bring Christmas joy to the Neonatal Unit at Warrington Hospital by again donating soft toys. Erica Wiles from the unit says: “This is the sixth year that the Maritime Volunteer Service has made this incredibly kind gesture to provide something special for our youngest patients at this time of year.

January 2023



The Severn Unit was called out again as floodwaters rose in Gloucestershire. Three members took their Rigiflex workboat to Avon Lock at the request of the Avon Navigation Trust who was concerned for the safety of the “William James” their own 65ft wide-beam which is moored in Tewkesbury.

February
2023



On 9th February Members of the MVS attended a Service of Thanksgiving for former MVS National Secretary Anthony Harvey at All Hallows by the Tower church at Tower Hill in London. Under the umbrella of The Maritime Foundation and with the help of the recently demobilised RNXS volunteers and a small band of like-minded individuals Anthony set up the MVS as a training and community support charity. Anthony was the National Secretary during the MVS’s formative years and is remembered fondly by those who were in the charity at that time.

March 2023



Members of the Isle of Wight Unit of the Maritime Volunteer Service have been officially thanked for their community service following the death of Her Majesty The Queen last year.

Principal funding sources

The charity has received sponsorship donations from major companies and lottery grants. The Trustees also recognise the generous voluntary service and contributions provided by all the membership in addition to the current annual fee of £20 paid by each active member.

Investment policy

Almost all of the Charity's funds are spent in operating costs – especially those of the training fleet – therefore, at present; there are no funds for long term investment.

Reserves policy

Whilst lack of funds has hitherto limited the amounts held as reserves, the wholly-owned training fleet represents a significant asset for the Charity which strives to ensure that each craft is maintained to the standard needed to maximise its value. However the fleet of training vessels will, over time, need to be replaced and the Charity will therefore need to hold reserves. The results of the fund raising efforts mentioned above will result in clear policies regarding reserve provisions.

Plans for the Future

The charity plans to increase active membership from the existing number of just below 400 by raising awareness, focused advertising and word-of-mouth. Further efforts will be focused upon the disadvantaged and socially excluded.

MVS continues to work at developing and improving relations with major maritime organisations for mutual benefit at local and national levels. This work is on-going and the aim is to improve both recruiting and funding.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Leslie Miller
Treasurer



Date: 28-11-2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maritime Volunteer Service (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA and ACIE, both of them listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. Accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or*
- 2. The accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or*
- 3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or*
- 4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.*

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.



Date: 29-11-2023

Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	1					
Donations and Legacies	14	83,734	67,358	-	151,092	168,412
Charitable activities		-	20,189	-	20,189	19,704
Other trading activities						-
Investments						-
Other		38,536	17,229	-	55,765	1,362
Total		122,270	104,776	-	227,046	187,479
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		15,696	23,239		38,935	13,687
Charitable activities		78,980	97,506		176,486	133,722
Other						
Total		94,676	120,746		215,422	147,409
Operating surplus / (Deficit)		27,594	(15,970)		11,624	40,070
Net gains/ (Losses) on investments						-
Net Income / (Expenditure)		27,594	(15,970)		11,624	40,070
Transfers between funds		(509)	509		0	0
Other recognised gains / (Losses)						-
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of assets						-
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						-
Other gains/ (Losses)						
Net movement in funds	3	27,085	(15,461)		11,624	40,070
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		75,353	220,570		295,923	255,852
Total funds carried forward		102,438	205,109		307,547	295,923

BALANCE SHEET
For MVS (Company No: 03003565) at 31 March 2023

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
	<i>Notes</i>		
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(4)	141,581	74,379
Total Fixed Assets		<u>141,581</u>	<u>74,379</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		3,038	1,540
Debtors and Prepayments	(5)	8,949	29,983
Cash and bank -Unrestricted		63,397	51,694
Cash and bank – Restricted		122,783	142,013
Total Current Assets		<u>198,168</u>	<u>225,230</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - falling due within one year	(6)	(32,202)	(3,686)
Net Current Assets		165,966	221,544
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		307,547	295,923
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Long term liability – marine mortgage	(7)		0
Net Assets		<u>307,547</u>	<u>295,923</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds			
General		102,059	74,869
Designated – National Training Fleet		379	484
Total Unrestricted Funds of Charity	(12)	102,438	75,353
Restricted funds	(11)	<u>205,109</u>	<u>220,570</u>
Total Funds of the Charity		<u>307,547</u>	<u>295,923</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

- **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

MVS meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Each distinct unit is accounted as a separate restricted fund, as it is expected that all of the income of each unit is to be spent by that unit. Units are incorporated on a line by line basis.

- **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of core grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.

Donated services and facilities are included in the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The services provided by volunteers have not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Subscriptions and uniform receipts are recorded on a received basis.

- **Unrestricted Funds**

The charity continues to seek new and innovative ways to increase its income and reduce costs and this year again, a significant amount was raised by a single sponsor. The Unrestricted funds balance has increased from a brought forward balance of £75,353 to a carried forward balance of £102,438.

The post of National Fundraising adviser remained vacant during the year with no major improvement in funding being received. The post is being re-advertised.

- **Expenditure**

Expenditure on costs of generating funds and charitable activities has been charged on an accruals basis.

- **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates

Operating vessels and equipment	10% straight line
Office equipment-	10% straight line
Office machinery	20% straight line

• **Unit income and operating expenses**

These Financial Statements include the income and expenditure controlled locally by MVS Units. In order to assist the units in the preparation of their accounts, procedures are in place to gain direct access to bank statement details.

2. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER CHARGING:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	7,108	18,196	25,304	21,542
(Loss) Gain on disposal	38,499	(362)	38,137	2,520
Independent examiner	850		850	850
Governance costs	9,970		9,970	3,321

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Operating vessels and equipment £	Office equipment £	Unit Assets £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	355,597	6,657	46,879	409,133
Additions	108,098	-	1,966	110,064
Disposals	(69,306)	(249)	(2,133)	(71,688)
At 31 March 2023	394,389	6,408	46,712	447,509
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	292,408	6,073	36,273	334,754
Adjustment to Previous Years				
Charge for the year	20,857	584	3,863	25,304
Disposals	(51,910)	(249)	(1971)	(54,130)
At 31 March 2023	261,355	6,408	38,165	305,928
Net book value				
At 1 April 2022	63,189	584	10,606	74,379
At 31 March 2023	133,034	0	8,547	141,581

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5. DEBTORS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Insurance Prepayments	5,000	5300
Other Debtors	3,949	2793
Insurance claim pending (received 7-4-22)		21,882
Total	8,949	29,983

5. CREDITORS: Amounts failing within one year

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Other creditors (New vessel final payment due April)	29,108	2727
Accrual – IE Fees	850	850
Pre-paid Membership Subs	2,244	109
Total	32,202	3,686

6. Long Term Loans

None

7. Trustees' and Council Members expenses

A total of **£851** (2022- £2,242) was reimbursed to Council members during the year. These payments were for sundry expenses and travel costs incurred in attending general, fundraising and public relations meetings.

No Trustee has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

8. Trustees and related parties

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

9 Contingent Liabilities

The Charity is party to several leases. These are at peppercorn rents but include commitments to maintain premises to present standards.

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Funds shown in Unit bank accounts are restricted for that unit's use and are not available to support general operating expenses or other unit's costs. Each unit is set up in the accounts structure as a Restricted Fund.

A further restricted fund contains the entire fleet of vessels funded by Unit funds. This has been done to allow clearer visibility of the monetary funds held within Units.

	Balance at 1 Apr 22	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 23
Total unit funds	220,570	104,776	(120,746)	509	205,109
Total Restricted Funds	220,570				

11. Unrestricted Funds

Within the General Fund, a designated fund holds the written down value of the National Training Vessels. This has been done to allow a clearer view of the operational funds available to the Charity.

	Balance at 1 Apr 22	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 23
National training fleet – designated fund	484		(105)		379
General fund	74,869	122,270	(94,571)	-509	102,059
Total Unrestricted Funds	75,353	122,270	(94,676)	-509	102,438

Total of all funds	295,923	227,046	215,422	-	307,547
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12. Members Guarantees

The company's liability is limited by members' guarantees of £1.

13. Taxation

In the opinion of the directors, since the company is a registered charity, and operates only limited non-primary purpose trading, there is no Corporation Tax liability.

14. Sources of Income**Grants:**

With the general reduction in government grants to local authorities we are becoming more reliant on the national lottery and other organisations for funding: These organisations have increasing demands on their funds which is having the effect of increasing the competition from other deserving causes.

Source of grant	£ 2023	£ 2022
Central government	-	-
Local government	9,875	5,900
Other sources		
Caledonia Investment Trust	75,000	75,000
Heritage Lottery	-	4,640
Scottish & Southern electricity	-	4,542
Quartet Communications	5,000	-

Professional fundraising costs

There were no payments of commission for funding applications this year. (Last year £0)

Donations:

Donations come from a variety of sources ranging from individuals to donations from other charities and local support groups. There is also a small income from shopping schemes where a small percentage of the amount spent is collected as donations through establishments such as give as you live.

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1048454

Accounts



THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Maritime Volunteer Service Report and Financial Statements

REPORT OF TRUSTEES and Directors

For the year to 31st March, 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Maritime Volunteer Service Abbreviation: MVS

Company Number: 03003565

Charity Number: 1048454
In Scotland: SC 039269

And noted by
Section 167 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

Registered Office

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MVS Headquarters International Business Centre Warrington

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Introduction

The Council of Trustees of the Maritime Volunteer Service presents its report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015).

Council

The governing body of the Maritime Volunteer Service is known as the Council, which consisted of the following members on the date this report was approved:

Dr. David Hughes (Chair)	Copt Nicolas Spencer
Mr. Martyn Sharpe (Vice Chair)	Mr. Graham Hedley
Mr. David Dobson	Ms. Elisabeth Glare
Mr. John Spencer-Barnes	Ms. Angela Carrington
Mr. Jordan Meade	Mr. Robert Symons
Mr. Alexandra Nunns	

Secretary: Dr. Mark Dustin

Treasurer: Mr. Leslie Miller, FFA,

Support

Independent Examiner: Mr. Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE,
39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC
7 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5NA

Solicitors: Ince & Co Knollys House
11 Byward Street London EC3R 5EN

Responsibilities of the Trustees and Directors

Company law requires the Trustees as Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the date of the Balance Sheet and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income & expenditure, for the financial year.

The Trustees as Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20th December 1994 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 11th August 1995. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which created the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. MVS also registered with OSCR in February 2008. In June 2020 The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland noted that the MVS was listed as a 'Section 167 institution' on their combined list (The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 defines a Section 167 institution as any institution which is not a charity under the law of Northern Ireland, but which operates for charitable purposes in or from Northern Ireland.)

Recruitment and appointment of Council and Officers

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Council. The Council consists of Trustees, appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and specialist, non-voting staff appointed by the Trustees. Most of the charity's work takes place through its Units established around the coasts of the United Kingdom, although there are three inland waterways units. Each Unit elects a Head of Unit and local groups of units elect a Regional Volunteer Officer to serve as a Trustee of the charity.

The following members served on Council during the period covered by this reports

Mr. Les Miller Director of Finance and Treasurer Appointed 7/09/2010

Mr. David Dobson Director of Community Support Appointed 7/09/2010

Dr. David Hughes Chair Appointed 15/01/2011

Mr. Graham Hedley Lead on Legal Affairs & External Trustee Appointed 10/10/15

Mr. John Spencer-Barnes Director of Communications Appointed 21/11/15

Ms. Elisabeth Glare Director of Training Appointed 25/03/17

Capt. Nicolas Spencer Chief Volunteer Officer Appointed 3/10/18

Mr. Martyn Sharp Vice Chair Appointed 17/11/19

Ms. Angela Carrington Lead on Marketing Appointed 17/11/19

Dr. Mark Dustin Appointed Company and National Secretary Appointed 17/11/19

Mr. Jordan Meade Lead on Public Affairs & External Trustee Appointed 2/05/20

Mr. Robert Symons Lead on Membership Appointed 16/01/21 Confirmed 04/12/21
and

Mr Alexander Nunns Lead on Diversity Appointed and confirmed 04/12/21

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are elected by members at an AGM, or may be appointed ad-hoc by Council (external and internal trustees) and confirmed subsequently at an AGM by election (internal trustees only). While not a legal requirement to show good governance and model best practice Trustees serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected by members up to a maximum period of nine years. The MVS Policies & Procedures Manual (revised 2018) provides Terms of Reference for Council members; trustees are coached by existing Council members when they are first elected. A summary of the Charity Commission and OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) guidance and relevant extracts from the Memorandum and Articles are given to all new trustees.

New trustees sign a statement to confirm they have read the Memorandum and Articles of

Maritime Volunteer Service Report of Trustees for the year to 31st March 2022
Association on the MVS website and have read CC10 the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity and
CC3 the Essential Trustee on the Charity Commission website. They sign to acknowledge a
statement of their responsibilities taken from CC3 the Essential Trustee.



A “virtual” Post Holder Training Session via the Zoom Platform

Governance and Management

The governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. All policy and strategic decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees through Council. The Council meets three or four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. and manage the Regional Volunteer Officers and Heads of Unit in their territory. The post of Vice Chairman oversee the governance aspects of the Company and charity working closely with the Secretary and Treasurer

Specialist staff

These are appointed by Council to carry out statutory duties (Secretary and Treasurer) or to provide senior management expertise over a number of MVS Regions. Where provided for by the Articles or by Terms of Reference within the Policy documents, specialist staff can also be Trustees of the Charity. Experienced National Managers for the MVS Communications, Insurance, and Resilience are in place and appropriately skilled and experienced candidates actively being sought to fill the small number of gaps to the roles.

Annual General Meeting

Under the restrictions imposed in light of the Corona virus and its later variants the 2022 MVS AGM was held virtually with small socially distanced live audience on the 4th December 2022

The membership confirmed the minutes of the previous AGM, approved the treasurers report and new trustees in their appointment. New Trustees who had been co-opted during the year were conformed in their appointments.

Voting was undertaken by electronic means and this proved even more successful than the previous year.

Risk Management

The Corporate Risk Register has highlighted the main areas of concern facing the Charity. The following have been identified: the register is managed by the Vice Chair

- G1 Failure to meet strategic goals through the current structure and organisation of the MVS
- G2 Lack of clearly assigned responsibilities and authority throughout MVS
- F1 Failure to meet budgetary requirements
- F2 Failure to know extent of MVS Finances across the Service
- F3 Underutilisation of Assets
- F4 Under valuation of Insured Assets
- F5 Lack of clear procedures to raise funds
- F6 Failure to respond to market conditions,
- H1 Physical Harm to a member of the public or volunteers
- H2 Harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- R1 Poor service provision leading to damage of reputation,
- R2 Competitive PR from rival training providers or other charitable organisations
- R3 Failure to maintain the historical links with locally based organisations
- RC1 Failure to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirement
- RC2 Volunteers not fit for the specific role they are undertaking

To ameliorate as far as is reasonably practical these risks are reviewed before each meeting of the MVS Council and a report is presented, and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. The MVS Health & Safety Manual is used by Units to assess and manage their local risks register. An H&S national adviser was appointed and they have reviewed policy and procedures and bespoke risk assessments are conducted for Events. MVS seek to be involved at the table-top planning stage where possible and appropriate. Unit H&S records are inspected regularly by their Regional Volunteer Officer who is encouraged to seek appropriate specialist advice and support as needed.

The charity operates a dynamic fleet of around fifty craft ranging in size from dories to substantial launches with clear safety procedures defined in the MVS new Safety Management System (SMS). These orders are subject to regular review and updating. The charity arranges insurance which covers risks to vessels, members and the general public. The induction training of new members includes safety awareness and procedures.

Related parties

While Corona virus has largely constrained the interaction with others, local MVS Units maintained the links and were ready to provide skills and resources to support other organisations including: Maritime & Coastguard Agency Royal Yachting Association Harbour Masters and Port

Authorities Local Authorities Local Emergency Planning teams Royal Navy Royal National Lifeboat Institute National Coastwatch Institution Sea Cadets Corps Royal British Legion Nautical Training Corps The Scout Movement The Veterans Council.

Objects and Activities

We review our charitable objects along with our aims and activities each year to ensure we remain focused on our stated purposes. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when undertaking the review and planning our activities.

The Charity's objects are:-

To advance the education and training of the members of the Charity and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communications skills and knowledge.

The protection and preservation of life and property primarily but not exclusively within the maritime environment.

Achievements and Performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of education and training in maritime skills with emphasis on social inclusion and to support other organisations and as stated above these were all sadly constrained while observing government guidelines.

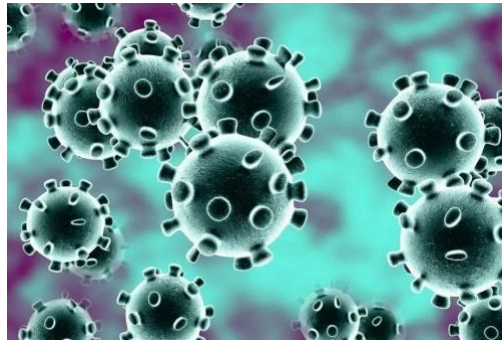
Social inclusion

Anyone over the age of eighteen can join the MVS and no previous maritime experience is required. There is no upper age limit and members stay in the Service as long as they are fit enough to carry out their chosen MVS activities. There is provision within the membership structure for members to join in an operational support capacity if they do not wish to be involved in the full range of activities.

All members complete a self-assessment medical form so that MVS managers are aware of any disabilities that may affect the safety of the individual concerned or other members. Every effort is made to include disabled members. An internal demographic survey conducted a few years ago revealed that about 30% of MVS members are drawn from disadvantaged sectors of society.

MVS Units are encouraged to engage with local authority agencies to provide stimulating activities for disadvantaged and socially excluded minorities.

MVS Activities



The continuation of the Pandemic

During the easing of restrictions a number of events were able to take place and these included:

April 2021

As from the 19 April all Heads of Unit were issued with the 2021 version of the Safety Management System (SMS). Previously the SMS was incorporated within Policies & Procedures, as part of the Fleet Regulations contained in Part V. We now have a stand-alone document that embodies the MVS safety culture which applies to all of our Operations. There are various links to the Pathway Training Manual, also recently issued to all Units. Both documents should be viewed as complementary to the manner in which we approach the tasks we set ourselves.

May 2021

Training took on a new aspect when children's author, Sarah Ebarhart has launched her new book 'Blue Light' to highlight the dangers of children swimming in the river. Sarah has used her experiences to provide inspiration for the book which is centred on the adventures of the boat 'Blue Light' and its crew. The book has been launched to coincide with National Drowning Prevention Week and is aimed at children around age 6-7 years old.

Photo shows Sarah aboard Blue Light



June 2021

As the MVS began to get afloat and resume business as usual as far as we could, we are pleased to recall that last year our Chief Volunteer Officer Nick Spencer was awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for meritorious service. We are pleased to record that he was finally able to be presented with his medal (albeit with a limited set of Covid precautions) by HRH Princess Anne at Trinity House in London on the 29th June.

Photo shows HRH "passing" the medal to Nick accompanied by his daughter Mrs Samantha Roberts.



July 2021

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Four members of the Kingston MVS Unit found themselves being called to action to assist with a Mayday Relay call from Solent Coastguard while spending a day pleasure boating on the south coast. The call was from a RIB with four persons on board which was taking on water and sinking off Brighton. The Coastguard advised our crew to be on the lookout for four persons in the water.

The stricken RIB was spotted HM Coastguard agreed that the RIB should be escorted safely back to the nearest port and to ring them once safely berthed. This was safety done and nice day out continued without further incident.

Photo shows the distressed vessel being closely escorted into port by the MVS crew



August 2021

August's fair days allowed our larger vessels to undertake training voyages allowing cadets, scouts and other groups to gain some sea time and put their classroom skills into practice

Photo shows, New MVS recruit Richard Coleman on his first trip to sea



September 2021

September brought very welcome news on the future of the MVS. The Maritime Volunteer Service was delighted that the Caledonia Investments Charitable Foundation has agreed to sponsor the MVS for the next three years.

On an operational level

On an operational level, MVS Putney has been training with Chiswick RNLl. The unit was called in to help the lifesaving charity to practice towing procedures on a stretch of the River Thames near Fulham Railway Bridge

Photo shows MVS Putney alongside their colleagues from the RNLl



October 2021

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October was a busy month for the Tewkesbury based Severn Unit as they were called out to assist two different types of boats. Early in the month they went to the aid of a 55ft narrowboat which was visiting the Avon and was on her return trip to Sharpness when she broke down and successfully towed the vessel to a safe mooring down river at Twyning to await an engineer. Only a week later, the Unit towed a 10-ton classic 1960's 32ft Rampart Motor Yacht from Tewkesbury to Upton upon Severn. The boat 'Doncella' had engine problems and couldn't make the journey under her own propulsion.

Photo shows the Severn crew with Motor Yacht Doncella in Avon Lock



November 2021

Much MVS time in this month is spent in attending various services to remember the fallen. From small localised services to a flotilla of boats on the Tyne for the annual parade to mark Remembrance Sunday which is organised by the MVS. Spectators lined the banks of the river to watch the poignant parade which included a wreath-laying and two-minute silence at 11am. It was the ninth annual tribute organised by the Northumbria Unit which lead the procession of small boats.

Photo show the crews in this year's flotilla



December 2021

Across the month volunteers help in two total different ways.

After Northamptonshire Police were called to attend a report of a person seen entering a stream near Corby Boating Lake and disappearing, they asked the MVS Nene S&R team to research the area. The in-depth search reinforced the police conclusion that the person had made their own way to safety.

While on the lighter side Headquarters Manager Chris Todd has continued his support for the Neonatal Unit at Warrington Hospital for a fifth year. Chris who was a security specialist at the hospital has been involved in ensuring that some of the smallest patients have a gift in their cot on Christmas morning.

Photo shows Chris and his teddy friends



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January 2022

With the turn of the calendar and 2022 upon us Units across the UK started to refill the coffers to get the MVS afloat and ready to help our communities.

Photos show our members in Putney and Fleetwood 'shaking the tin'



February 2022

As the pandemic slowly eased and restrictions were relaxed Units started to plan for the summer, in some this also meant a change to the management teams. Northumbrian and Poole units saw new faces take the mantle up as Unit managers. Not that this means stepping away for a relaxing new year. Angela Carrington at Northumbria will concentrate more on her Lead on Marketing role.

Photo shows Angela Carrington passing the badge of office over to Jen Mitchelson



March 2022

As our reporting period draws to a close the training for a busy and less restricted summer begins. Units across the UK resume in earnest the pathway to refreshing their skills

Photos show East Sussex Sovereign Harbour Crew taking a 'dip' during sea survival training and Northumbria refreshing their first aid



Principal funding sources

Currently all units are encouraged to be self-funding with activities such as in-store collections and stalls.

The MVS was actively engaged with associates to secure external funding to move our objects forward and ease the burden on the units. In September 2021 on a national level as mentioned above the MVS were very pleased to learn that the Caledonia Investments Charitable Foundation had agreed to sponsor the MVS for the next three years. The Caledonia Foundation is providing £75,000 a year.

Investment policy

The charity has not wanted to risk its reserves in volatile investments and with the low interest rewards from monies on deposit. It is currently felt that it would be unwise to commit our funds.

Reserves policy

Head office funds are limited in nature but we try to hold sufficient reserves to cover expenses for one whole calendar year.

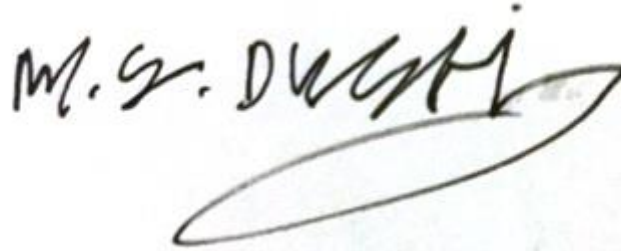
Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. G. DUSTIN', with a large, sweeping underline stroke.

Mark Dustin

Company and National Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA and ACIE, both of them listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.



Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE (independent-examiner.net)
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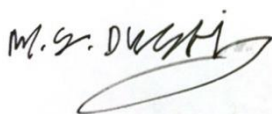
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2022

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	Notes					
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	1					
Donations and Legacies	14	85,668	80,745	-	166,412	96,563
Charitable activities		-	19,704	-	19,704	8,280
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	1,362	-	1,362	11,785
Total		85,668	101,811	-	187,479	116,628
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		2,702	10,984	-	13,687	12,519
Charitable activities		37,219	96,504	-	133,722	100,804
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		39,921	107,488	-	147,409	113,323
Operating surplus / (Deficit)		45,747	(5,677)	-	40,070	3,305
Net gains/ (Losses) on investments						
Net Income / (Expenditure)		45,747	(5,677)	-	40,070	3,305
Transfers between funds		(7,628)	7,628	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / (Losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/ (Losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3	38,118	1,952	-	40,070	3,305
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		37,234	218,618	-	255,852	252,547
Total funds carried forward		75,353	220,570	-	295,923	255,852

BALANCE SHEET**For MVS (Company No: 03003565) at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(3)	74,379	97,674
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>		<u>74,379</u>	<u>97,674</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		1,540	1,868
Debtors and Prepayments	(4)	29,983	5,440
Cash and bank -Unrestricted		51,694	22,238
Cash and bank – Restricted		142,013	143,465
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		<u>225,230</u>	<u>173,010</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - falling due within one year	(5)	<u>(3,686)</u>	<u>(8,987)</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		<u>221,544</u>	<u>164,023</u>
<u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u>		<u>295,923</u>	<u>261,697</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Long term liability – marine mortgage	(6)	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,845)</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>295,923</u>	<u>255,852</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds			
General		74,869	37,065
Designated – National Training Fleet		484	169
Total Unrestricted Funds of Charity	(11)	<u>75,353</u>	<u>37,234</u>
Restricted funds	(12)	<u>220,570</u>	<u>218,618</u>
<u>Total Funds of the Charity</u>		<u>295,923</u>	<u>255,852</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Dustin

Company and National Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

• **Basis of accounting**

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MVS meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

• **Funds accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Each distinct unit is accounted as a separate restricted fund, as it is expected that all of the income of each unit is to be spent by that unit. Units are incorporated on a line by line basis.

• **Income**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

- Voluntary income is received by way of core grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included in the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The services provided by volunteers have not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Subscriptions and uniform receipts are recorded on a received basis.

• **Unrestricted Funds**

The charity has had to find new and innovative ways to increase its income and reduce costs and this year a significant amount was raised by a single sponsor. The Unrestricted funds balance has increased from a brought forward balance of £37,234 to a carried forward balance of £75,353.

The post of National Fundraising adviser remained vacant during the year with no major improvement in funding being received. The post is being re-advertised.

• **Expenditure**

Expenditure on costs of generating funds and charitable activities has been charged on an accruals basis.

• **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates

Operating vessels and equipment	10% straight line
Office equipment-	10% straight line
Office machinery	20% straight line

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2022 continued

• **Unit income and operating expenses**

These Financial Statements include the income and expenditure controlled locally by MVS Units. In order to assist the units in the preparation of their accounts, procedures are in place to gain direct access to bank statement details.

2. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER CHARGING:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	Funds	Funds	£	£
Depreciation	105	21,237	21,542	25,515
(Loss) Gain on disposal	-	2,520	2,520	1,081
Independent examiner	850		850	820
Governance costs	3,321		3,321	1,129

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Operating vessels and equipment	Office equipment	Unit Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	374,489	6,657	45,173	426,319
Additions	420	-	1,706	2,126
Disposals	(19,312)	-	-	(19,312)
At 31 March 2022	355,597	6,657	46,879	409,133
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	291,036	5,507	32,102	328,645
Adjustment to PY	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	16,805	566	4,171	21,542
Disposals	(15,433,0	-	-	(15,433)
At 31 March 2022	292,408	6,073	36,273	334,784
Net book value				
At 1 April 2021	83,453	1,150	13,071	97,674
At 31 March 2022	63,189	584	10,606	74,379

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2022 continued

4. DEBTORS

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Insurance Prepayments	5,308	5,000
Other Debtors	2,793	440
Insurance claim pending (received 7-4-22)	21,882	-
Total	29,983	5 440

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Other creditors	2,727	5 379
Accrual – IE Fees	850	820
Pre-paid Membership Subs	109	2 788
Total	3,686	8 987

6 LONG TERM LOAN

The marine mortgage of £34,000 secured against the vessel East Sussex 1 was redeemed during the year.

7 TRUSTEES' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPENSES

A total of **£2,242** (2021- £370) was reimbursed to Council members during the year. These payments were for sundry expenses and travel costs incurred in attending general, fundraising and public relations meetings.

No Trustee has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

8. TRUSTEES & RELATED PARTIES

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

9 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity is party to several leases. These are at peppercorn rents but include commitments to maintain premises to present standards.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2022 continued

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds shown in Unit bank accounts are restricted for that unit's use and are not available to support general operating expenses or other unit's costs. Each unit is set up in the accounts structure as a Restricted Fund.

A further restricted fund contains the entire fleet of vessels funded by Unit funds. This has been done to allow clearer visibility of the monetary funds held within Units.

	Balance at 1 Apr 21	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 22
Total unit funds	218,678	101,811	(107,488)	7,628	220,570
Total Restricted Funds	218,678	101,811	(107,488)	7,628	220,570

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Within the General Fund, a designated fund holds the written down value of the National Training Vessels. This has been done to allow a clearer view of the operational funds available to the Charity.

	Balance at 1 Apr 21	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 22
National training fleet – designated fund	169		(105)	420	484
General fund	37,065	85,668	(39,816)	(8,044)	74,869
Total Unrestricted Funds	37,234	85,668	(39,921)	(7,628)	75,353

12. MEMBERS GUARANTEES

The company's liability is limited by members' guarantees of £1.

13. TAXATION

In the opinion of the directors, since the company is a registered charity, and operates only limited non-primary purpose trading, there is no Corporation Tax liability.

14. Sources of Income

Grants:

With the general reduction in government grants to local authorities we are becoming more reliant on the national lottery and other organisations for funding: These organisations have increasing demands on their funds which is having the effect of increasing the competition from other deserving causes.

Source of grant	£ 2022	£ 2021
Central government	0	0
Local government	5,900	7,502
Other sources		
Caledonia Investments Charitable Foundation	75,000	-
Heritage Lottery	4,640	18,560
Scottish & Southern electricity	4,542	-

Professional fundraising costs

There were no payments of commission for successful funding applications this year. (Last year £0)

Donations:

Donations come from a variety of sources ranging from individuals to donations from other charities and local support groups. There is also a small income from shopping schemes where a small percentage of the amount spent is collected as donations through establishments such as give as you live.

MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1048454

Accounts



THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Maritime Volunteer Service Report and Financial Statements

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

For the year to 31st March, 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Maritime Volunteer Service Abbreviation: MVS

Company Number: 03003565

Charity Number: 1048454 SC 039269

Registered Office

International Business Centre, Delta Crescent, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 7WQ

Telephone 01925 715033



MVS Headquarters International Business Centre Warrington

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Introduction

The Council of Trustees of the Maritime Volunteer Service presents its report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by 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 2015).

Council

The governing body of the Maritime Volunteer Service is known as the Council, which consisted of the following members on the date this report was approved:

Dr. David Hughes (Chair)	Copt Nicolas Spencer
Mr. Martyn Sharpe (Vice Chair)	Mr. Graham Hedley
Mr. David Dobson	Ms. Elisabeth Glare
Mr. John Spencer-Barnes	Ms. Angela Carrington
Mr. Jordan Mead	Mr. Robert Symons

Secretary: Dr. Mark Dustin

Treasurer: Mr. Leslie Miller, FFA,

Support

Independent Examiner: Mr. Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE,
39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC
7 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5NA

Solicitors: Ince & Co Knollys House
11 Byward Street London EC3R 5EN

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees as Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the date of the Balance Sheet and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income & expenditure, for the financial year.

The Trustees as Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20th December 1994 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 11th August 1995. The company

was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. MVS also registered with OSCR in February 2008. In June 2020 The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland noted that the MVS was listed as a 'Section 167 institution' on their combined list (The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 defines a Section 167 institution as any institution which is not a charity under the law of Northern Ireland, but which operates for charitable purposes in or from Northern Ireland.)

Recruitment and appointment of Council and Officers

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Council. The Council consists of Trustees, appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and specialist, non-voting staff appointed by the Trustees. Most of the charity's work takes place through its Units established around the coasts of the United Kingdom, although there are three inland waterways units. Each Unit elects a Head of Unit and local groups of units elect a Regional Volunteer Officer to serve as a Trustee of the charity.

The following members served on Council during the period covered by this reports

Mr. Les Miller Director of Finance and Treasurer Appointed 7/09/2010

Mr. David Dobson Director of Community Support Appointed 7/09/2010

Dr. David Hughes Chair Appointed 15/01/2011

Mr. Graham Hedley Lead on Legal Affairs & External Trustee Appointed 10/10/15

Mr. John Spencer-Barnes Director of Communications Appointed 21/11/15

Ms. Elisabeth Glare Director of Training Appointed 25/03/17

Capt. Nicolas Spencer Chief Volunteer Officer Appointed 3/10/18

Mr. Martyn Sharp Vice Chair Appointed 17/11/19

Ms. Angela Carrington Lead on Marketing Appointed 17/11/19

Dr. Mark Dustin Appointed Company and National Secretary Appointed 17/11/19

Mr. Jordan Meade Lead on Public Affairs & External Trustee Appointed 2/05/20

and

Mr. Robert Symons Lead on Membership Appointed 16/01/21

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are elected by members at an AGM, or may be appointed ad-hoc by Council (external and internal trustees) and confirmed subsequently at an AGM by election (internal trustees only). While not a legal requirement to show good governance and model best practice Trustees serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected by members up to a maximum period of nine years. The MVS Policies & Procedures Manual (revised 2018) provides Terms of Reference for Council members; trustees are coached by existing Council members when they are first elected. A summary of the Charity Commission and OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) guidance and relevant extracts from the Memorandum and Articles are given to all new trustees. New trustees sign a statement to confirm they have read the Memorandum and Articles of Association on the MVS website and have read CC10 the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity and CC3 the Essential Trustee on the Charity Commission website. They sign to acknowledge a statement of their responsibilities taken from CC3 the Essential Trustee.



A “virtual” Post Holder training via the Zoom Platform

Governance and Management

The governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. All policy and strategic decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees through Council. The Council meets three or four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity. and manage the Regional Volunteer Officers and Heads of Unit in their territory. The post of Vice Chairman oversee the governance aspects of the Company and charity working closely with the Secretary and Treasurer

Specialist staff

These are appointed by Council to carry out statutory duties (Secretary and Treasurer) or to provide senior management expertise over a number of MVS Regions. Where provided for by the Articles or by Terms of Reference within the Policy documents, specialist staff can also be Trustees of the Charity. Experienced National Managers for the MVS Communications, Insurance, and Resilience are in place and appropriately skilled and experienced candidates actively being sort to fill the small number of gaps to the roles.

Annual General Meeting

Under the restrictions imposed in light of Corona virus the 2020 MVS AGM was held virtually on the 14th November 2020

The membership confirmed the minutes of the previous AGM, approved the treasurers report and new trustees in their appointment. New Trustees who had been co-opted during the year were conformed in their appointments.

Voting was undertaken by electronic means and this proved successful, with only a handful of members being provided with prepaid reply envelopes to submit their votes by post.

Risk Management

The Corporate Risk Register has highlighted the main areas of concern facing the Charity. The following have been identified:

- G1 Failure to meet strategic goals through the current structure and organisation of the MVS
- G2 Lack of clearly assigned responsibilities and authority throughout MVS
- F1 Failure to meet budgetary requirements
- F2 Failure to know extent of MVS Finances across the Service
- F3 Underutilisation of Assets
- F4 Under valuation of Insured Assets
- F5 Lack of clear procedures to raise funds
- F6 Failure to respond to market conditions,
- H1 Physical Harm to a member of the public or volunteers
- H2 Harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- R1 Poor service provision leading to damage of reputation,
- R2 Competitive PR from rival training providers or other charitable organisations
- R3 Failure to maintain the historical links with locally based organisations
- RC1 Failure to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirement
- RC2 Volunteers not fit for the specific role they are undertaking

To ameliorate as far as is reasonably practical these risks are reviewed before each meeting of the MVS Council and a report is presented, and where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. The MVS Health & Safety Manual is used by Units to assess and manage their local risks register. An H&S national adviser was appointed and they have reviewed policy and procedures and bespoke risk assessments are conducted for Events. MVS seek to be involved at the table-top planning stage where possible and appropriate. Unit H&S records are inspected regularly by their Regional Volunteer Officer who is encouraged to seek appropriate specialist advice and support as needed.

The charity operates a dynamic fleet of around fifty craft ranging in size from dories to substantial launches with clear safety procedures defined in the MVS Fleet Standing Orders & Operating Instructions. These orders are subject to regular review and updating. The charity arranges insurance which covers risks to vessels, members and the general public. The induction training of new members includes safety awareness and procedures.

Related parties

While Corona virus has largely constrained the interaction with others, local MVS Units maintained the links and were ready to provide skills and resources to support other organisations including: Maritime & Coastguard Agency Royal Yachting Association Harbour Masters and Port

Authorities Local Authorities Local Emergency Planning teams Royal Navy Royal National Lifeboat Institute National Coastwatch Institution Sea Cadets Corps Royal British Legion Nautical Training Corps The Scout Movement The Veterans Council.

Objects and Activities

We review our charitable objects along with our aims and activities each year to ensure we remain focused on our stated purposes. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when undertaking the review and planning our activities.

The Charity's objects are:-

To advance the education and training of the members of the Charity and the general public in all aspects of maritime and communications skills and knowledge.

The protection and preservation of life and property primarily but not exclusively within the maritime environment.

Achievements and Performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of education and training in maritime skills with emphasis on social inclusion and to support other organisations and as stated above these were all sadly constrained while observing government guidelines.

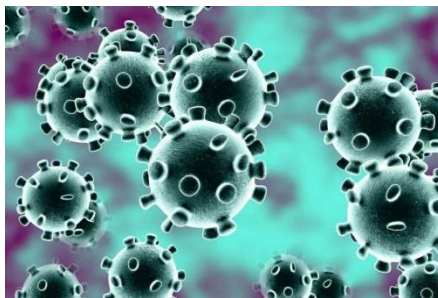
Social inclusion

Anyone over the age of eighteen can join the MVS and no previous maritime experience is required. There is no upper age limit and members stay in the Service as long as they are fit enough to carry out their chosen MVS activities. There is provision within the membership structure for members to join in an operational support capacity if they do not wish to be involved in the full range of activities.

All members complete a self-assessment medical form so that MVS managers are aware of any disabilities that may affect the safety of the individual concerned or other members. Every effort is made to include disabled members. An internal demographic survey conducted a few years ago revealed that about 30% of MVS members are drawn from disadvantaged sectors of society.

MVS Units are encouraged to engage with local authority agencies to provide stimulating activities for disadvantaged and socially excluded minorities.

MVS Activities



The continuation of the Pandemic

In view of the measures to protect against Coronavirus in mid-March all MVS meetings and activities had to be cancelled until further notice. As much as it went against the grain for a Service dedicated to helping others, this also meant that the MVS had also to withdraw from all Resilience commitments.

As the Chair stated

“We have very clear instruction from the government:
Stay at home!”

During the easing of restrictions a number of events were able to take place and these included:

Canal and river bank clean up activity



Aid to Police Scotland with a boat search



Removal of plastics and other waste from Beachy Head



Assistance to yacht in distress



Not least providing musical support to our NHS Colleagues



Principal funding sources

Currently all units are self-funding with activities such as in-store collections and stalls. The MVS is actively engaging with associates to secure external funding to move our objects forward and ease the burden on the units. This will allow the local units to spend more time on our core business.



Investment policy

The charity has not wanted to risk its reserves in volatile investments and with the low interest rewards from monies on deposit, it is currently felt that it would be unwise to commit our funds.

Reserves policy

Head office funds are limited in nature but we try to hold sufficient reserves to cover expenses for one whole calendar year.

Plans for the Future

The Coronavirus has emphasised the need for additional funding sources and the Directors have been active in researching available sources. It is hoped that an external sponsor can be found who will be able to assist in funding the recovery from Covid and enable the charity to extend its training and resilience work.

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Directors' responsibilities:

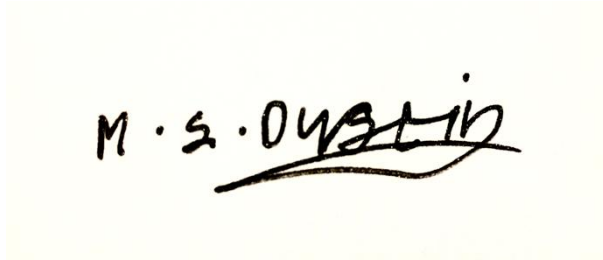
- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees 6th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Dustin

Company and National Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "M. S. DUSTIN" in a cursive style, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE LIMITED ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA and ACIE, both of them listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.



Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE (independent-examiner.net)
39 Enfield Road, Poole, BH15 3LJ

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 March 2021

(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	Notes	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	1					
Donations and Legacies	14	14,295	82,267	-	96,563	95,190
Charitable activities		-	8,280	-	8,280	34,774
Other		3	11,782	-	11,785	9,016
Total income		14,298	102,329	-	116,628	138,979
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		332	12,186	-	12,519	17,404
Charitable activities		22,654	78,150	-	100,804	136,912
Total expenditure		22,986	90,336	-	113,323	154,316
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(8,688)	11,993	-	3,305	(15,337)
Transfers between funds		(70)	70	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,758)	12,063	-	3,305	(15,337)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		45,993	206,555	-	252,547	267,885
Total funds carried forward		37,234	218,618	-	255,852	252,547

BALANCE SHEET
for MVS (Company No: 03003565) at 31 March 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	(3)	97,674	107,196
Total Fixed Assets		<u>97,674</u>	<u>107,196</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		1,868	2,520
Debtors and Prepayments	(4)	5,440	6,471
Cash and bank – Unrestricted		22,238	21,779
Cash and bank – Restricted		143,465	130,068
Total Current Assets		<u>173,010</u>	<u>160,838</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors – falling due within one year	(5)	<u>(8,987)</u>	<u>(7,925)</u>
Net Current Assets		164,023	152,913
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		261,697	260,109
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Long term liability – marine mortgage	(6)	(5,845)	(7,562)
Net Assets		<u><u>255,852</u></u>	<u><u>252,547</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds			
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- Voluntary income is received by way of core grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.
- Donated services and facilities are included in the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The services provided by volunteers have not been included in these accounts.
- Subscriptions and uniform receipts are recorded on a received basis.

Unrestricted Funds

Due to the current economic climate, and grant funding and donations being much more difficult to obtain, the charity is facing a requirement to find new and innovative ways to increase its income and reduce costs. The Unrestricted funds balance has reduced from a brought forward balance of £45,993 to a carried forward balance of £37,234. This is a realignment which reflects HQ loans made to the units for fleet insurance pending the availability of funds for repayment. The post of National Fundraising adviser remained vacant during the year with no major improvement in funding being received. The post is being re-advertised.

Expenditure

Expenditure on costs of generating funds and charitable activities has been charged on an accruals basis.

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Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates

Operating vessels and equipment	10% straight line
Office equipment	10% straight line
Office machinery	20% straight line

Unit income and operating expenses

These Financial Statements include the income and expenditure controlled locally by MVS Units. In order to assist the units in the preparation of their accounts, procedures are in place to gain direct access to bank statement details.

2. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER CHARGING:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	82	25,433	25,515	26,832
(Loss) Gain on disposal	-	1,081	1,081	3,822
Independent examiner	820	-	820	800
Governance costs	1,129	-	1,129	13,559

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Operating vessels and equipment	Office equipment	Unit assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	366,743	6,657	41,878	415,278
Additions	22,496	-	4,186	26,682
Disposals	14,750	-	891	15,641
At 31 March 2021	374,489	6,657	45,173	426,319
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	276,345	4,578	27,159	308,080
Charge for the year	19,066	929	5,520	25,515
Disposals	4,375	-	577	4,952
At 31 March 2021	291,036	5,507	32,102	328,645
Net book value				
At 1 April 2020	90,398	2,079	14,719	107,196
At 31 March 2021	83,453	1,150	13,071	97,674

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4. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Insurance Prepayments	5,000	5,000
Other Debtors	440	1,471
Total	5,440	6,471

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	5,379	6,670
Accrual – IE Fees	820	800
Pre-paid Membership Subs	2,788	455
Total	8,987	7,925

6. LONG TERM LOAN

The marine mortgage of £34,000 secured against the vessel East Sussex 1 has been reduced to £5,845 at 31 March 2021. The interest on the marine mortgage is set at 1.5% above Bank Rate.

7. TRUSTEES' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPENSES

A total of **£370** (2020 – £5,975) was reimbursed to Council members during the year. These payments were for sundry expenses and travel costs incurred in attending general, fundraising and public relations meetings.

No Trustee has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

8. TRUSTEES & RELATED PARTIES

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or the preceding year.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity is party to several leases. These are at peppercorn rents but include commitments to maintain premises to present standards.

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10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds shown in Unit bank accounts are restricted for that unit's use and are not available to support general operating expenses or other unit's costs. Each unit is set up in the accounts structure as a Restricted Fund.

A further restricted fund contains the entire fleet of vessels funded by Unit funds. This has been done to allow clearer visibility of the monetary funds held within Units.

	Balance at 1 Apr 20	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 21
	£	£	£	£	£
Total unit funds	206,555	102,389	90,336	70	218,678
Total Restricted Funds	206,555	102,389	90,336	70	218,678

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Within the General Fund, a designated fund holds the written down value of the National Training Vessels. This has been done to allow a clearer view of the operational funds available to the Charity.

	Balance at 1 Apr 20	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	Balance at 31 Mar 21
	£	£	£	£	£
National training fleet – designated fund	232	-	(63)	--	169
General fund	45,761	14,298	22,923	(70)	37,065
Total Unrestricted Funds	45,993	14,298	22,986	(70)	37,234

12. MEMBERS' GUARANTEES

The company's liability is limited by members' guarantees of £1.

13. TAXATION

In the opinion of the directors, since the company is a registered charity, and operates only limited non-primary purpose trading, there is no Corporation Tax liability.

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14. SOURCES OF INCOME

Grants

With the general reduction in government grants to local authorities we are becoming more reliant on the national lottery and other organisations for funding: These organisations have increasing demands on their funds which is having the effect of increasing the competition from other deserving causes.

Source of grant	2021 £	2020 £
Central government	-	-
Local government	7,502	-
Other sources		
Awards for all	-	10,000
Heritage Lottery	18,560	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	2,000
Trinity House	-	5,000
Baltic Exchange	-	1,000
East Northants Ambulance	-	1,624

Professional fundraising costs

There were no payments of commission for successful funding applications this year. (Last year £2,200).

Donations

Donations come from a variety of sources ranging from individuals to donations from other charities and local support groups. There is also a small income from shopping schemes where a small percentage of the amount spent is collected as donations through establishments such as give as you live.