

South Shields Sailing Club

Annual Report 2022

This annual report is based on the minutes of the South Shields Sailing Club held on Saturday 19th November 2022.

1. **Commodore's report.** *The Commodore's report was delivered by Commodore Jason Riby.*

Summary

The year started with a clear up after December storms, along with a number of insurance claims. However, it wasn't all bad news as 2022 has seen a return to more normal operation following the two years of Covid restrictions. Thankfully the committee has returned to meeting in person and club members and the Scouts are using the club as normal this year. The club was fortunate to receive government support throughout the pandemic and is in a similar state to our pre-pandemic position despite offering reduced membership fees in 2021. We have once again managed to deliver a successful Nationals and I must thank all the membership for their support in running these major events.

Committee

I am pleased to have had such a supportive committee and I thank everyone for the effort they have put in this year.

At the beginning of this year Bruce Robinson stood down from the committee after an uncountable number of years' service. He certainly leaves some big shoes to fill. Many thanks to Bruce and Margaret for their contribution to the club across several decades.

Boat fleet

We are looking to modernise our safety boat fleet in coming years, and as a start we have sold Sea 7 and Sea 4. We are looking for ways to finance new boats/engines so if you know of any possible avenues that would help, please share with James or myself. Both Sea 4 and Sea 7 have been sold privately to individuals in Sunderland.

Finance

The club is not isolated from the economic environment, with impact most notably in utilities, fuel costs, and maintenance. The committee this year have therefore been looking for alternative income streams with the aim of ensuring that the financial stability of the club is not reliant on major events such as the national events held in recent years to balance the books. We are making steps in that direction but are not there yet.

Membership

The membership numbers have remained stable this year. We have said goodbye to some members and welcomed several new faces in 2022. We still see significant public interest to get involved in sailing and continue to struggle to convert the fresh interest into active members. Niall will talk further on this, but we continue to look for more support to help new members become competent and confident with sailing on the Tyne and North Sea.

We have agreed to a group membership for the Northeast RN Cadets, who will offer sailing and instruction to cadets in our region. The RN Cadets will be operated by Iain Smith and Tracey Moore, and they will keep eight dinghies and two power boats at the club.

Events

The club hosted the Streaker Nationals in September with nearly 30 registered for the event and 27 attending. SSSC stepped in at the 11th hour to host the event following issues between the class and Filey SC. The event was a huge success and I appreciate the contribution of all our members that helped make the event happen. Special thanks must go to James & Yvonne for organising the event catering, and Tony & Anna for the work tidying the compound ahead of the event. These large events are not without their challenges but they do make a significant contribution to the club finances.

We are establishing a fantastic reputation for major sea events in the North East and should be very proud of this achievement. We have already agreed to host another small Nationals again next year.

Social

This year marked 65 years of the club's existence and our summer celebration/BBQ saw some of our past members joining us, including a founder member.

Thanks, are also due to Joanne Piplica for organising several family events for our young/future members. Joanne is keen to promote and organise more next year.

2. Sailing Secretary's Report. The Sailing Secretary, Niall Graham presented his report: -

2022 Sunday Sailing Format, Main season

If you recall last season, we noted that most members of the club were sailing mornings, rather than afternoons, so for 2022, we proposed that we would run three races back to back on Sunday mornings: we believe that this has proved successful and will be continuing this format for 2023 - more on this later

Numbers of races completed

- Wednesday series – 18 completed, 1 abandoned/cancelled
- Early season – 18 completed – 3 cancelled /abandoned
- Mid-season -13 completed, 5 cancelled /abandoned
- Late season - 20 completed, 4 cancelled /abandoned

So overall, good in terms of numbers of races completed

Actual boats competing

- Early season 29 boats competed
- Mid-season 22 boats competed
- Late season 34 boats competed

Some members only attended a few times, but the important thing is that many members sailed, even if only a few times. The best attender was Nick Woodhouse who competed in 44% of available races, so well done to Nick

Events

The main event of the season was Streaker nationals – seven races sailed with one abandoned over three days- those of us who were out there on safety had a very varied experience, being very busy on day two with numerous rescues, so thank you to all who helped. We had a very good write up in Yachts and Yachting. Special thanks are due to the Galley Crew

Winter Sailing

Currently we are in the middle of the Frostbite series which hasn't attracted many visitors, perhaps because other clubs now offer equivalent series. The Spring Splash series starts on 12th February, and we have already had several enquiries from DRSC, TSC and SYC

2023 Plans

Looking forward to 2023, we have several RYA youth training events planned and we are expecting Optimists and Fevas early in the year. The main event is the Cherub nationals running from 21st - 23rd July: - for those who don't know, Cherubs are two-person 12ft twin trapeze full height asymmetric pocket rockets so this should be a spectacular event. We are expecting about 12-15 boats: not a large fleet but it should be very entertaining!

We will also be reintroducing pursuit events next year

Training events for new sailors

Final proposal - we need to find a way to encourage and train new sailors, so the format for next year will be three races back to back starting at 10:30 , except for the first Sunday of each month, which will be a training morning, hoping that as many as possible come to help new members/beginners , then racing in the afternoon - again three races back to back: - stay for lunch and we hope to open the bar on these days

3. Treasurer's Report. *The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Treasurer James Henry:-*

When I gave my report this time last year, I was cautiously optimistic. We were coming out of COVID, restrictions were being relaxed, the government had been generous with COVID support, we had held a highly successful 400s Nationals meeting, and we were looking forward to the RYA using us as a base for several courses. You all graciously agreed to an increase in subs of 10% in anticipation of inflationary pressures. It all looked good. But history, as many people have said, is just one thing after another. We could not have anticipated Putin, Ukraine and the international crisis that has ensued. We also could not have anticipated getting through three prime ministers, and at least three chancellors.

But despite all these events over the last year, we are still here, and our financial position is fair. We still have cash in the bank but need to be careful, as we don't know what is coming next.

2021 Account Scrutiny.

Peter Griffith has kindly scrutinized the 2021 accounts, and these are available for anyone who wishes to look at them. The main themes are a £4500 increase in members assets, due to the Covid monies, the 400s nationals and investment in the club through changing room refurbishment, but subscriptions were down in 2021 because we compensated people for the lack of sailing in 2020 by granting the option of reduced subscriptions for 2021.

Current Position and the year ahead

We currently have about £55,000 cash at bank. In 2019, the last normal and comparable year that we had, we had £50,000 at this time: allowing for inflation this is roughly the same as in 2019.

Energy costs have rocketed: by good chance we signed a three-year fixed rate deal for utilities two years ago, so we are secure until Autumn 2023, but then we will have to negotiate a new deal: unless things change internationally this could be a considerable increase.

Our council rates costs are set to double, to about £800 next year: not good, and probably not much that we can do about it.

On the positive side

- We have been in discussion with the Scouts about a new fee structure, and this will be to the benefit of the club by a few hundred pounds next year.
- We have joined forces with the RN Cadets, who will make use of our premises and pay rent and facilities fees, to the tune of about £1800 a year initially, and we will be able to use their RIB and other equipment to an extent.
- We have rationalized our RIB fleet and managed to sell Sea 4 and Sea 7: we hadn't used either boat for a while and Sea 7 was unusable anyway: this will cut our insurance and maintenance costs and the money may help fund further rationalization of the fleet.
- The Streaker nationals were a success and raised about £2000 for the club.
- Although most of the RYA usage of the club fell through, the Bluescapes scheme went ahead and made us about £700.
- We used the COVID monies to improve the clubhouse and refurbished the downstairs ladies' changing room to a high standard.

So, what of the year ahead? It isn't going to be easy. Inflation is still with us, and sadly subs will have to increase again. We have some RYA bookings for youth events, and these are likely to go ahead: we have agreed new charges for the use of our facilities for these events. Bluescapes will probably happen again next year. We have the Cherub nationals to look forward to next July, and bar takings will be good, by all accounts.

There remains lots that we need to do to improve the boat fleet and the clubhouse. It would be great if we could do that from recurring income rather than from events and grants. Clearly more members would be a good thing and Jason and Niall have already talked about that. We also need to diversify the use of our premises: we only have to look across the water to our friends in Tynemouth to see the benefit of diversification. We are sticking a toe in the water with regard to diversification- we will be getting rental from the RN cadets, and we are looking at other low impact partnerships that will allow us income from the premises. The Yoga/Wellness sector looks very appealing: If anyone

knows a fitness instructor who wants to run a boot camp or a yogi who wants to chill south of the Tyne, let me know: we can talk.

We have to be cautious in the year ahead. We have a decent financial reserve currently. No-one knows what will happen in the next year and we have to be careful for the moment.

4. **Development and Training.** *Jason Riby outlined development achievements during 2022.*

Working Parties

We held several working parties during the year to tidy up the club. Thanks to all who helped. There is always plenty more to do, so we will be scheduling more again in January and throughout 2023.

Changing Rooms

Ahead of the sailing season the downstairs ladies' changing rooms was refurbished by an external contractor. Not only was Tony Sheils instrumental and key to the preparation prior to the arrival of the contractors he also was at the club almost every day whilst the contracting team were on site during February and March. Without Tony's involvement we wouldn't have achieved the standard we expected. Jason extended his thanks to Tony on behalf of the club.

The upstairs changing rooms have seen the installation of new benches thanks to Niall's ability to spot an opportunity and prevent them heading into a skip. Thanks to Duncan and James Henry who remodelled the benches to fit the changing rooms and installed them over the Spring.

Training

Our annual RYA Training Centre inspection was completed in October with a minimal number of actions.

We ran Assistant Instructor and First Aid courses during the year and tried to run a PB2 course twice with little take up from members. Next year we will schedule this event further ahead to allow members the opportunity to plan. We also intend to promote our training events externally to fill courses and generate income.

In addition to the official RYA courses, we intend to run some club level Safety Boat courses to allow all members to improve their rescue skills.

***James Henry
27th November 2022***

SOUTH SHIELDS SAILING CLUB
Financial Accounts
For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

SOUTH SHIELDS SAILING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year End 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income			
5	Subscriptions	10,422	12,042
	Bar	3,970	1,089
	Kitchen	3,146	174
	Sailing Events	11,171	121
	Social Events	730	429
	Training	113	94
	Rent	730	1,000
6	Grant	17,717	10,673
	Other	228	530
		48,227	26,153
Expenditure			
7	Maintenance: Ribs, Rescue	259	3,556
	Buildings & Services	17,637	2,075
	Tractor	-	-
	Fuel & Oil	1,086	494
	Bar Stock	3,882	600
	Kitchen Stock	1,761	588
	Sailing Events	4,269	63
	Social Events	401	505
	Wages	3,746	1,910
	Training	69	333
	Utilities	3,631	4,646
	Insurance	4,609	5,860
	Tax	197	673
	Other/Sundry	474	6,411
		42,019	27,714
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>6,207</u>	<u>(1,561)</u>
	Depreciation	1 1,676	2,444
	Boat Replacement Provision	4 -	-
		1,676	2,444
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Members Assets		<u>4,532</u>	<u>(4,005)</u>

SOUTH SHIELDS SAILING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2		355,821		362,500
Current Assets					
Stock			-		-
Debtors & Prepayments			-		-
Cash At Bank		58,524		52,317	
			58,524		52,317
			414,345		414,817
Current Liabilities					
Creditors & Accruals			-		-
Provisions	4	52,420		52,420	
			52,420		52,420
Net Current Assets			361,925		362,397
Long Term Liabilities					
None			-		-
Net Assets			361,925		362,397
Members Funds					
Income & Expenditure			43,139		38,607
Grants	3		318,786		323,789
			361,924		362,396

<u>Credit</u>			
	Tax	Other	Total
	-	-	-

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MOVEMENT ON INCOME & EXPENDITURE FUND

For the Year End 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Funds at 1st January	38,607	42,612
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year	4,532	(4,005)
Balance at 31st December	<u>43,139</u>	<u>38,607</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At 31st December 2021

1. Analysis of Depreciation Charge for 2021

	£	£
Land & Buildings (1%)		4,451
Boats & Equipment		
Dinghies & Ribs (10%)	1,028	
Engines (20%)	300	
Electronics (20%)	-	
Sailing Equipment (20%)	<u>900</u>	
		2,228
Fixtures & Fittings		
Miscellaneous Club Fittings (20%)	<u>-</u>	
		<u>-</u>
		6,679
Grant Amortisation		
(2011 Grant)	1,000	
(2002 Grant)	2,641	
(2001 Grant 2)	334	
(1994 Grant)	<u>1,028</u>	
		5,003
Net Depreciation Charge		<u><u>1,676</u></u>

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2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings £	Boats & Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost:				
As at 1st January 2021	445,074	122,669	34,049	601,792
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals				
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Disposals				
As at 31st December 2021	<u>93,168</u>	<u>118,754</u>	<u>34,049</u>	<u>245,971</u>
Net Book Value at 1st January 2021	<u>356,357</u>	<u>6,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>362,500</u>
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Amortisation	(1,028)	(334)	(2,641)	(1,000)	(5,003)
At 31st December 2020	<u>78,134</u>	<u>26,720</u>	<u>213,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,786</u>

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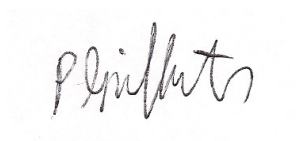
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