

Poole Sailability

Charity No: 1166542

TAR & Accounts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024



Poole Sailability Charity
Number 1166542
Trustees Annual Report & Accounts
1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Poole Sailability

Registered Charity Number: 1166542

For financial year ending on: 31st December 2024

Charity's Principal Address:

Poole Sailability
c/o Active Dorset
Slades ParkPavilion
Ensburry Avenue
BOURNEMOUTH
BH10 4HG

Charity Trustees:	Mr Nicholas Berendt
	Mr Brian Eyres
	Mr David Latimer
	Ms Wendy Stopher
	Mr Steve Town

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Independent Examiner: Andrew Renninson

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2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Poole Sailability is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a constitution as its governing document, dated 20th July 2017 (as at last amendment)

Organisational structure

The Board of Management of Poole Sailability consists of both trustees and other co-opted members. The primary focus of the Board is the ongoing governance of the Charity, control of its finances, setting strategic direction and reviewing progress.

In addition to the Board of Management we have an Operations Group which is responsible for planning and delivery of the annual sailing programme and the maintenance of our fleet.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

One-third of trustees are required to retire each year. Nicholas Berendt and David Latimer will retire from office at the AGM in line with our Constitution and will be putting themselves forward for re- election. Potential new trustees are encouraged to apply for appointment at each AGM

Affiliation:

Poole Sailability is affiliated to Royal Yachting Association and participates in Royal Yachting Association Sailability for disabled sailing at our venue.

Forward Plan

At the Open Forum after the last AGM, Members approved a forward plan for Poole Sailability based on a members survey and workshops, interaction with partners e.g. the Royal Yachting Association, and an organizational audit. The plan includes a new vision and mission statement, and a set of strategic aims each with a set of actions for improvement. After assessment we prioritised the policies and protocols for review as set out below:-

Policies

Safeguarding – we worked with a charity partner in training and workshops for all trustees and key Sailability volunteers to produce a new policy and reporting procedures . We now have a dedicated safeguarding welfare officer. All details are on the new website along with all other policies.

Financial Policy and Procedures – This key policy was overhauled and updated

Social Media Policy – This was reviewed and reissued to all members

GDPR and Data Privacy Policy – With support from the RYA this policy was brought up to date and simplified.

Code of Conduct – This key document protects everyone, and includes key aspects of the Safeguarding Policy. It was reviewed and updated.

We will maintain a regular programme of reviewing and updating these and any other necessary policies

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Operating Procedures and Protocols

Recent MAIB reports on incidents involving people with disabilities highlighted the importance of strong record keeping and operational procedures. To ensure we maintain best practise, we took learnings from these reports and advice from the RYA and other Sailability operations before making a substantial update to our own Operating Protocol.

Website, ICT and Membership Systems

We have introduced a new email address system, and have produced a new website which carries much more information than before in promoting our service. We have also agreed to introduce a new membership system for the 2025 season to streamline the collection of donations and member communications and management.

3. Charitable Objective and Activities

The charitable objective of Poole Sailability is:

To provide and assist in the provision of water-based activities in Poole Harbour and the surrounding area for people with disabilities, in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of their lives.

Activities

Poole Sailability implements its charitable objective by providing of sailing activities on three or four days a week during the sailing season from April to October. These activities include:

- Regular and Trial Sailors - On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, organising volunteer led sails.
- Local SEND Schools - On Wednesday or Friday mornings, as appropriate, during their 12 week summer term, running sailing sessions for their pupils.
- Community Outreach – On Friday mornings, organising sailing sessions for local groups representing both physical and mental disabilities.
- Self-development - our volunteers can join a regular Tuesday morning session to improve their boat handling and procedural skills.

Poole Sailability is run entirely by unpaid volunteers without whom we would not exist. Volunteers run the sailing sessions and also all maintenance, administration, finance and fundraising.

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Public benefit

In undertaking the activities of the last 12 months, the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities should be undertaken. Through adherence to the objectives the charity has diligently and purposefully fulfilled its obligations.

4. Achievements and performance

The local need

According to RYA, just under 6% of members in the South are disabled. More locally, the BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole) Council considers that 1 in 8 residents has a disability that limits their daily activities. With an aging population who experience problems with their physical functioning, their mobility or stamina. Post pandemic, the feeling of isolation and fear from that period has not yet dissipated with people living on their own and with feelings of anxiety, depression and social exclusion. At the same time, an increasing number of young people are being diagnosed with behavioural or learning disabilities.

The sailing experience provided by Poole Sailability can be life changing. A sailing session in the safety of Poole Harbour has all the elements of increasing wellbeing. Re-connecting with people, keeping learning, being active and at one with the natural environment builds confidence and social interaction. For our volunteers, our activities allow them to share their expertise and to give back to the community.

Sailing sessions

In 2024 we ran 75 of over 108 planned sailing sessions including our volunteer development sessions. In total over 970 planned individual sailing places were available to our sailors, carers and family members during the season. We are, of course, dependent on weather conditions and had to cancel 29 member and development sessions where the winds were above our safety limits.

Safety boat

2024 was our first full season with our new Pioneer safety boat, kindly donated from the legacy of a local businessman. The boat was present for all member and outreach sessions to provide safety cover. Thanks to grants from our local council, additional volunteers were trained to assist with driving the boat.

5. Finance

Source of funds

Maintaining sailor fees at an affordable level is a priority for us and so this generates limited income. Fundraising is an important part of the trustees responsibilities supported by our volunteers. During the year, funding has come from a number of sources:

- Membership fees - Whilst it has been another successful year for the charity, member's subscriptions are on a par with 2023.
- Grants – we were able to secure grants for operational costs, as well as some targeted for specific activities such as the SEND school sessions and for replacement equipment.
- Fundraising events – members helped with fundraising activities including the Pilford Heath Transport & Heritage Show

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- Donations – local organisations including sailing clubs continue to support our activities with donations which are hugely appreciated as it both helps our finances and demonstrates local support for what we do.
- Legacies - we were fortunate to receive legacies from past members of Poole Sailability as well as from local individuals. These are a great supplement to our funds when they arrive and it would be judicious to further encourage people to leave legacies of any size to the charity going forwards.

Expenditure

The main fixed costs are marina fees which increase year on year, maintenance and insurance.

Reserves Policy

Poole Sailability's Reserves Policy during the year was to have reserves as follows:

- Operational Transfer Reserves to cover the potential costs of having to relocate to another site in Poole Harbour due to external forces
- Operational Reserves, which:
 - help with cash flow as some of the big expenses are in the early part of the year before new funds tend to come in
 - cover the costs of planned boat refits over the next two to three years
 - cover the anticipated costs of one year's operations, net of membership contributions. In the light of the current economic climate we believe this level of security to be appropriate
- Asset Replacement Reserves, which:
 - enable us to cover replacement of any essential equipment quickly
 - builds up funds to put towards long term replacement of equipment and facilities

In implementing this policy, Poole Sailability held reserves of £32,000 at the end of 2024. We will continue to hold reserves of up to £35,000 so as to maintain financial resilience.

DECLARATION

The trustees have approved the Trustees Report above

Mr Nicholas Berendt

Chair

Mr David Latimer

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF POOLE SAILABILITY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounting do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

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.

Andrew Renninson, Independent Assessor

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Section A Receipts and Payments

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at end of period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Poole Sailability

No (if any)

1166542

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

01/01/24

To

Period end date

31/12/24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	7,200	122	-	7,322	10,460
Donations(Individual) + gift aid	11,526	-	-	11,526	5,680
Fundraising/Donations	-	-	-	-	64,089
Interest	763	-	-	763	243
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	19,490	122	-	19,612	80,472
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Boat sale	800	-	-	800	12,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	800	-	-	800	12,000
Total receipts	20,290	122	-	20,412	92,472
A3 Payments					
Mooring and Harbour Fees	17,194	-	-	17,194	8,516
Insurance	3,043	-	-	3,043	2,883
Administration	944	-	-	944	1,285
Training	94	480	-	574	270
Boat and engine maintenance	3,064	-	-	3,064	6,014
Boat refurbishment	-	-	-	-	5,935
Fuel	580	-	-	580	776
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Misc minor items	605	-	-	605	76
Sub total	25,524	480	-	26,004	25,755
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Safety boat	-	-	-	-	51,531
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	51,531
Total payments	25,524	480	-	26,004	77,286
Net of receipts/(payments)	(5,234)	- 358	-	(5,592)	15,186
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,839	-	-	47,839	32,653
Cash funds this year end	42,605	- 358	-	42,247	47,839

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current A/C	9,738	- 358	-
	Savings A/C	32,867	-	-
	Petty cash		-	-
	Total cash funds	42,605	- 358	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Hawk 20 Dayboat (Nadia)	Unrestricted	15,220	-
	Hawk 20 Dayboat (Twin Sails)	Unrestricted	15,260	-
	Hawk 20 Dayboat (Blue dolphin)	Unrestricted	9,914	-
	Hawk 20 Dayboat (Valentine)	Unrestricted	7,253	-
	Safety Boat	Restricted	51,531	-
	Storage sheds(2)	Unrestricted	2,317	-
	Outboard engines (6)	Unrestricted	3,240	-
	Hawk 20 storage cradles	Unrestricted	1,506	-
	Set of sails	Unrestricted	1,485	-
				-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Poole Sailability		
On accounts for the year ended	December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1166542
Set out on pages	1 to 4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

27 June 2025

Name:

Andrew Rennison

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

NA

Address:

Lamberts Cottage

White Lackington

Dorchester DT2 7QU

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**