

Poole Sailability Charity Number 1166542

Trustees Annual Report & Accounts 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

## **1. Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: Poole Sailability

Registered Charity Number: 1166542

For financial year ending on: 31st December 2025

Charity's Principal Address:

Poole Sailability c/o Active Dorset, Slades Park Pavilion, Ensbury Avenue, BH10 4HG

Charity Trustees:

Mr Nicholas Berendt

Mr Brian Eyres

Ms Dawn Geer

Mr David Howarth

Ms Wendy Stopher

Mr Steve Town

Mr Robert Stone (co-opted)

**Bankers:** Lloyds Bank    **Independent Examiner:** William Ballan

## **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 meeting the Charitable Objectives. In addition to the Board of Management, we have established a new Operations Group, responsible for the planning and delivery of the annual sailing programme and the maintenance of our fleet.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

In line with our Constitution, one third of trustees are required to retire each year.

Steve Town will retire from office at the AGM and will be putting himself forward for re-election.

Wendy Stopher will retire from office and will not be putting herself forward for re-election.

Robert Stone will be putting himself forward for election.

Sadly, Brian Eyres passed away in January 2026. I would like to acknowledge here the tremendous contribution Brian made to Poole Sailability over the years.

I should also note that Mr David Latimer resigned as a trustee on June 4th 2025.

A review of the Board of Trustees concluded that we would like additional skills within the team and a recruitment drive will be taking place in the spring of 2026.

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### **Affiliation:**

Poole Sailability is affiliated to Royal Yachting Association and is part of its Sailability network which provides advice and support for disabled peoples' sailing.

### **Forward Plan**

Our forward plan progressed well in 2025 with major policy reviews, improved safeguarding and a drive to secure a long-term home for the charity's activities, the biggest single risk to the charity. I am pleased to say that this initiative has been successful and we expect to be operating from a new base from the spring of 2026 onwards.

### **Operating Procedures and Protocols**

Our Operating Protocol was fully updated in spring 2025 and will be reviewed and updated before every new season. The first update, related to the change of base above, is taking place at the time of writing this report.

### **Website, ICT and Membership Systems**

At the beginning of the 2025 season, we moved our membership management to a new software system. This has produced tremendous additional benefits and controls in the management and communication with our members including volunteers, sailing members and others. We also launched our new website and the Trustees would like to thank all those involved in both those transitions for the exceptional work put into setting them up.

### **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**

2025 marked the 30th anniversary of the first Sailability operations in Poole Harbour.

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

- Regular and Trial Sailors - On Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, 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 manage and undertake the maintenance, administration, finance and fundraising for the charity.



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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.

### **Achievements and performance**

The local need: -

The local BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole) Council considers that 10-15% of local residents have a disability that limits their daily activities. The county of Dorset has over 22% of inhabitants over the age of 65. This in turn means a higher number with problems such as physical functioning, mobility and stamina. It can also mean more people with the feeling of isolation, anxiety, depression and social exclusion. At the same time, some 14% of children and young people up to the age of 25 receive Special Needs support.

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 2025 we ran 50 of the 80 planned member and outreach sessions. We also ran 43 volunteer development sessions with only 2 being cancelled. Cancellations are due to inclement weather, usually high wind. The wind limit for our volunteer development sessions is higher than for self-development to help prepare our skippers for sudden inclement conditions. Less than 5% of these sessions were stopped against over a third for member and outreach. The average wind strength is increasing with climate change and we continue to work towards finding ways to continue our member and outreach sessions in stronger winds in a safe manner.

Our members were also able to take part in 5 "big boat" days with Parkstone Yacht Club where they could safely sail on larger boats out into Poole Bay. We are extremely grateful to both the club for partnering in building strong protocols for these events and to the individual yacht owners who treat our members to a memorable day on the water.

### **Safety boat**

Our safety boat continues to provide excellent safety cover and we ran a number of Man Overboard recovery sessions prior to the season using an RNLI dummy to strengthen our recovery from the water drills.

### **Finance**

Source of funds

As always, our income comes from a number of varied sources :

- Membership fees - we were able to maintain the same level of charge for the 2025 season and a similar level of income to 2024.
- Grants – we received a grant from our local council to keep our volunteers up to date with their First Aid training and to bring on new recruits for driving our Safety Boat

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- Fundraising events – members helped with fundraising activities including the Pilford Heath Transport & Heritage Show
- 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. 2025 saw donations from charitable trusts and the Masonic community. We were also very grateful to receive a donation from one of our own volunteers which allowed us to buy new outboard engines for our four Hawk day boats.

### Expenditure

The main fixed costs are marina fees which increase year on year, maintenance and insurance. Maintenance in particular was high this year due to some restorative work on one of the Hawks.

### Reserves Policy

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

- 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 preventative maintenance 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 £33,560 at the end of 2025. We expect these to reduce by around 50% early in 2026 as the costs of moving our operation to the new base come through. After this we intend to maintain adequate reserves to cover unexpected operational costs and to build asset replacement provisions.

### DECLARATION

The trustees have approved the Trustees Report above

Signed



Mr Nicholas Berendt \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair



Mr Robert Stone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2025 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: accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounting does not accord with those records; 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.

William Ballan, Independent Assessor



Attached below are the Poole Sailability Annual Accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31/12/2025

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Donations (individual) + gift aid                     | 17,897                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 17,897                          | 11,526                        |
| Fundraising/Donations/Grants                          | 10,253                                       | 1,281                                   | -                                      | 11,534                          | 7,322                         |
| Interest  | 693  | -                                       | -                                      | 693                             | 764                           |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>28,843</b>                                | <b>1,281</b>                            |  | <b>30,124</b>                   | <b>19,612</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Boat sale   | 875  | -                                       | -                                      | 875                             | 800                           |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>875</b>                                   |   |  | <b>875</b>                      | <b>800</b>                    |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>29,718</b>                                | <b>1,281</b>                            |  | <b>30,999</b>                   | <b>20,412</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Mooring and Harbour fees                              | 13,840                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 13,840                          | 17,194                        |
| Insurance   | 3,182  | -                                       | -                                      | 3,182                           | 3,043                         |
| Administration  | 764  | -                                       | -                                      | 764                             | 944                           |
| Training  | -  | 701                                     | -                                      | 701                             | 574                           |
| Boat and Engine Maintenance                           | 8,776  | -                                       | -                                      | 8,776                           | 3,064                         |
| Fuel  | 564  | -                                       | -                                      | 564                             | 580                           |
| Promotional and Advertising                           | 1,305  | -                                       | -                                      | 1,305                           | 605                           |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>28,431</b>                                | <b>701</b>                              |  | <b>29,132</b>                   | <b>26,004</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Outboards x4  | 4,145  | -                                       | -                                      | 4,145                           |                               |
|   | -  | -                                       | -                                      | -                               |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>4,145</b>                                 |   |  | <b>4,145</b>                    |                               |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>32,576</b>                                | <b>701</b>                              |  | <b>33,277</b>                   | <b>26,004</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>- 2,858</b>                               | <b>580</b>                              |  | <b>- 2,278</b>                  | <b>- 5,592</b>                |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     |  |   |  |                                 |                               |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>42,247</b>                                |   |  | <b>42,247</b>                   | <b>47,839</b>                 |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>39,389</b>                                | <b>580</b>                              |  | <b>39,969</b>                   | <b>42,247</b>                 |



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

| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Current Account         | 5,829                              | 580                              | -                               |
|                      | Savings Account         | 33,560                             | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>39,389</b>                      | <b>580</b>                       |                                 |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

|                                 | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                             | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|   | Details                        | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | 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 (Barbican) (2023)  | Restricted                  | 51,531          | -                        |
|   | Storage sheds                  | Unrestricted                | 2,317           | -                        |
|   | Outboard engines 2025          | Unrestricted                | 4,145           | -                        |
|   | Hawk 20 Storage cradles        | Unrestricted                | 1,506           | -                        |
|   | Set of sails                   | Unrestricted                | 1,485           | -                        |

|                       | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature    | Print Name   | Date of approval |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| robert stone | robert stone | 11/04/26         |
|              |              |                  |