

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Having been totally prevented from getting local children on the water in 2020 due to the pandemic, there was sufficient relaxation of the rules in 2021 for us to resume activities, albeit still constrained by the social distancing limits. Although our very ambitious plans were held back, it was nonetheless the busiest year ever for the Trust – we spent £12,000 on programmes putting deserving children on the water.

The accounts consequently show that cash reserves were significantly depleted by year end, although much of the cash accumulated in the previous year had always been intended for this higher expenditure: spending it by putting lots of children on the water was therefore a great success. Conversely, we did not have to invest any capital purchasing dinghies this year as the fleet is now relatively youthful and in a good state of repair, despite the significant non-cash charge taken for depreciation.

The pandemic did also hinder some of our fundraising plans, however we fortunately again benefited from generous donations, notably from corporate sponsors 'Rockfish', the Maxey Trust and Gift Aided donations from several private individuals locally.

The three Schools' Weeks in July were again at the heart of our charitable activities on the River Dart. We provided free tuition for many of the local schools, putting about 100 children on the water, mostly for their first time. Dartmouth Academy was a particular focus for our support and by popular demand they also put Tuesday sailing on the school curriculum. Doing all of this safely is a huge administrative task for our volunteers and would not be possible without RDYC providing its facilities and safety boats free of charge. Nonetheless, there is still a substantial cost to providing RYA-qualified instructors in each dinghy with the children, plus supervising senior instructors. The young assistant instructors again did a great job and are to be congratulated – it is actually a great personal development opportunity for them too.

Beyond the confines of the River Dart, it was a very busy year sponsoring deserving children to participate in week-long voyages out in the Channel, supported in a significant way by programmes and funding rolled over from the cancelled Mayflower 400 events, particularly the 10 places aboard the Ocean Youth Training vessel 'Prolific' for the race from the Solent to Dartmouth. We also put children aboard 'Pegasus' and 'Johanna Lucretia' for a week in the Classic Channel Regatta race. These turned out to be very challenging experiences for the children and have apparently been beneficially life-changing for some who previously lacked confidence. Finally, we closed the season putting two school groups out to sea on the Brixham trawler 'Pilgrim' (appropriately named but a year late for the intended Mayflower celebration).

During the course of 2021, there was again a considerable turnover of Trustees as appointments expired, people moved away from the area or had other more pressing demands upon their time. These changes have continued into the first months of 2022 but a new generation of enthusiastic trustees is now established. Many thanks to the leavers for their contributions and welcome to those just joining.

Planning for 2022 is now well under way. Dates for another three Schools Weeks are already in the diary and funding for that is essentially in place. However, maintaining reserves and any repeat of the offshore activities is wholly dependent upon fundraising early in 2022.

Trustees of RDYST.

Royal Dart Youth Sailing Trust - 1167579

Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

| Fund and type | Fund balances brought forward | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Gains and Losses | Journal Entries | Fund balances carried forward |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| FAQ | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 38,022 | — | 14,047 | 1,000 | — | — | 24,974 |
| Sub-totals | 38,022 | — | 14,047 | 1,000 | — | — | 24,974 |
| YSU | | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | 165 | 165 | — | — | — |
| Sub-totals | — | — | 165 | 165 | — | — | — |
| NBR | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sub-totals | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| YSR | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 3,621 | 2,500 | 11,560 | 5,439 | — | — | — |
| Sub-totals | 3,621 | 2,500 | 11,560 | 5,439 | — | — | — |
| General | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 8,899 | 6,037 | 45 | (6,604) | — | — | 8,287 |
| Sub-totals | 8,899 | 6,037 | 45 | (6,604) | — | — | 8,287 |
| Totals | 50,543 | 8,537 | 25,819 | — | — | — | 33,262 |

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown