



# Staunton Harold Sailability Trust

## 2025 AGM

### Chair's Report

My summary for 2025 would be that the Trust has overall had another terrific year, we have increased the number of assets owned year on year, we have had great publicity and feedback from various places including the RYA, our numbers of participants has increased along with our volunteer pool. The feedback from parents and carers has been positive and we continue to attract return and new visitors.

We had sadly seen some volunteers withdraw due to ill health and other commitments and the loss of Kathy Peacham was terribly sad to all of us. But out of it Sam has helped volunteer in place of her mum and we have the wonderfully appropriate volunteer of the year award on her memory.

Our volunteers continue to be our greatest asset and not only in making sessions work but in welcoming new volunteers to the team so they instantly feel part of the group.

The Trustees as a group have been very supportive and have made significant contributions. The balance of skills across the group gives us a sound platform ensuring we work in line with our constitution but allows us to move forward year on year. I think as we have a vacancy I'd like us to find somebody who owns the social media side of things as I think we could do more to exploit all our channels.

Our relationship with the Sailing club is overall very good, though we still harbour the aim to get more people from Sailability involved in the mainstream sailing activity.

In terms of assets and equipment we have all we currently need, we might like to consider supporting close by Sailability activity with equipment loans when we are not using it to further drive participation elsewhere. We will in 2 years need to replace our hoist so we need to think about which one, how much we need to raise etc.

We have benefitted from funding from The Rotary club Santa run and sleigh collection, private donations, company donations, Lemon and Lime Interiors from Melbourne donated £500 to the trust instead of buying presents in the office on again and Amy one of our volunteers also donated to the trust. Mowability continues to give us a valuable annual income.

We now have superb facilities including the pontoon arrangement, nature area, accessible changing room, disabled parking spaces, the storage container so are set up really well for the future.

I would also like to see us develop our training aspect so we can achieve more independent sailing and integrate with the Sunday morning race perhaps, we also need to push on and develop our powerability offering in line with the RYA scheme which we have discussed a few times before but not managed to move on yet.

The recent RYA sailability conference gave us a good platform to show what we do, I have been asked by 3 different sailability groups to meet with them and talk through a number

of aspects , setting up a charity, ways of operating , how to attract and retain volunteers plus how to get access to funding.

I would like to record formally my thanks to all my fellow trustees, friends, family, and volunteers who continue to support the trust in its aims, we all know without this support none of this would have been possible.

Whatr we have created since we started in 2016 is something that we should all be very proud of we make a difference to all those who volunteer and actually take part in our sessions, the halo effect of what we do have also benefited the Sailaing club too.

Mark Harden 02/03/25



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## Trust Secretary's Report

### **Trustees:**

The trustees for the year 2024 were:

Mark Harden, Lisa Woodward, Andrew Kennington, Di Hooper, Jackie Tinkler, Lesley Foscett, Tony Macnamara & Amanda Hancock.

### **Length of Trustee positions:**

Mark Harden – Dec 2026 (extended by 2 years)

Lisa Woodward – Dec 2026 (extended by 2 years)

Di Hooper – Dec 2025 (extended by 1 year)

Andy Kennington – Dec 2025

Jackie Tinkler – Jan 2025 (extended by 1 year)

Tony Macnamara – Dec 2024 (on hold due to ill health)

Lesley Foscett – Dec 2026 (extended by 2 years)

Amanda Hancock – October 2027\* stepped down due to partners illness

### **Banking:**

The Trust banks with Virgin, we have a single account with three authorised signatories.

### **Auditors:**

The trust does not have an appointed auditor currently, until we reach the threshold then we will appoint auditors.

### **Insurance:**

The trust has full liability and asset insurance policies in place through AJG Group as recommended by the RYA.

### **Committee Meetings**

We have conducted all our meetings at per the CIO document and have all been recorded and distributed to the trustees.

### **General:**

During the 2024 year we have successfully run 7 Sailability sessions (1 with a barbecue) and we have seen 20 new families which was fantastic. Over the 7 sessions \*207 children & adults attended the sessions (number included some family member which may take part with their son/daughter/sister/brother).

8 via friends who attend Sailability

5 via the internet/website

2 via social media (Facebook)

4 via the signage outside the club

We have recruited 16 new volunteers 2 via the club, 4 from the signage situated outside the main walkway past the club, 1 from the RYA & 9 via friends (44 volunteers in total on our books).

Sadly in July Kathy Peacham one of our long standing volunteers suddenly passed away, she is dearly missed. In honour of Kathy we have now created the Kathy Peacham volunteer of the year award and Carol Harden received the first award.

We ran the Annual Achievement evening this year and it was a great success, 4 members of Ashby Castle Rotary Club attended along with Sallie from the RYA.

The sessions were in general very well supported but we do experience a number of no shows and this can be challenging when arranging the right amount of volunteers, getting boats ready etc.. On our September session we experienced nonstop rain which reduced the numbers & we had to cancel October's session due to a storm.

We have recruited a few more volunteers to the Bosun team and they do so much to keep us ship shape and I personally am very grateful for all they do.

Mowability funded our insurance renewal this year and we are operating it again in 2024, due to the additional members in the Bosun team we get more help with the cutting schedule.

I would like to thank all our trustees for their on-going commitment and drive to ensure SHST is the best it can be.

We have been very lucky this year to receive another £500 donation from Lemon & Lime interiors & KalTire who Jackie Tinkler works for donated £1,600 for racking in the container and some adult buoyancy aids.

Our relationship with the Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle continue to go from strength to strength. A number of the members attended our September session & even though it was non stop rain everyone had a great time. We were also lucky to be nominated as one of the chosen charities to benefit from the 10<sup>th</sup> Santa Fun Run & Walk, we received a cheque in Jan 2025 for £2,600.00. Through attending a number of meetings with the rotary club we have now built a great connection with Rainbows Hospice and they will be offering our sessions to the families that are linked to the hospice. In August we installed the new container which came from funds donated by the rotary club, this has made a massive difference to have all our key items in one place where they are all secure and dry, also after our sessions we were able to store a number of boats in the container. In December we supported 2 Santa Sleigh runs which as always were great fun and Mark also dressed up as Santa for 3 schools/nursery's, we have already offered to help again this year.

We did raise additional funds by our tombola's, raffles and barbecue.

Amy Gibbs one of our volunteers donated £200 which we have used to make the first session of 2025 free to our families.

We have a good social media scene which is updated by me or Mark. Rory Harden continues to do a great job on our website & we are looking to revamp it this year.

We will have challenges in 2025 in delivering more funding & we will continue to look to increase our numbers of both participants and volunteers. We need to see where else we can advertise Sailability and ensure we are connected to all local support groups.

I would like to record formally my thanks to all my fellow trustees, friends, family and volunteers who continue to support the trust in its aims, we all know without this support none of this would have been possible.

I would also call out the support we have received from the Sailing Club to work with us in delivering our aims.

Lisa Woodward 28/02/2025



## Staunton Harold Sailability Trust

### Income & Expenditure Report As at 31st December 2024

		General Fund	2023
Started the year with		5,725	6,666
<b>Income</b>			
Sessions fees		3,067	1,529
Gift Aid		678	479
Donations			3,251
	Rotary Club Ashby de la Zouch	4,491	
	Lemon & Lime Interiors	500	
	OTR Tyres	1,608	
Grant	RYA		6,000
Fundraising		-	1,326
	Mowability	710	
	Achievement raffle / BBQ	462	
	Sale of donation boat	-	750
Total Income		11,516	13,335
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Purchase of Boats	(425)	(475)
	Boat/safety equipment	(7,066)	(4,802)
	Pontoon & Dock Co	-	(6,986)
	Insurance	(1,075)	(1,120)
	Container	(3,000)	-
	Other exps (internet/sessions)	(245)	(244)
	SHSC Subscription fees	(425)	(550)
	CAF/Paypal fees	(162)	(98)
Total Expenses		(12,398)	(14,275)
Bank balance at 31st December 2024		4,843	5,726



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