



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31 December 2023
To 31 December 2024

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Southampton Canoe Club

Charity registration number: 1171807

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	‘The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Southampton and persons living in and around Hampshire by the provision of facilities for paddlesport, including but not limited to kayaking, canoeing, surfski, and stand up paddle boards’																																																																																				
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Open to the Community - we offered FREE of CHARGE 1Hr Kayaking Taster sessions, from May to October as usual.</p> <p>Membership Numbers –</p> <table><tr><td>As of 11/10/24</td><td>Female</td><td>Male</td><td>Total</td><td>Disability</td><td>BAME</td></tr><tr><td>All Members</td><td>23</td><td>75</td><td>98</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Juniors</td><td>7</td><td>3</td><td>10</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Students</td><td>6</td><td>17</td><td>23</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Adults</td><td>10</td><td>55</td><td>65</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>New Members</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>15</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Renewing Members</td><td>16</td><td>67</td><td>83</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>As of 31/10/25</td><td>Female</td><td>Male</td><td>Total</td><td>Disability</td><td>BAME</td></tr><tr><td>All Members</td><td>31</td><td>83</td><td>114</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Juniors</td><td>9</td><td>8</td><td>17</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Students</td><td>6</td><td>17</td><td>23</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Adults</td><td>16</td><td>58</td><td>74</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>New Members</td><td>8</td><td>8</td><td>16</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Renewing Members</td><td>23</td><td>75</td><td>98</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	As of 11/10/24	Female	Male	Total	Disability	BAME	All Members	23	75	98			Juniors	7	3	10			Students	6	17	23			Adults	10	55	65			New Members	7	8	15			Renewing Members	16	67	83			As of 31/10/25	Female	Male	Total	Disability	BAME	All Members	31	83	114			Juniors	9	8	17			Students	6	17	23			Adults	16	58	74			New Members	8	8	16			Renewing Members	23	75	98		
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		<p>Sports Development -</p> <p>The Weights Gym – The DIV 1 to 6 Marathon and Sprint members of the Club continue to make good use of this facility– supported by our in-house fitness Coach.</p> <p>Circuits and Ergos 2024/25– Tuesday and Thursday evenings continue to be well attended.</p> <p>Coaches – We continue to develop younger adults as new coaches.</p> <p>Coaching sessions - Our Saturday sessions remain our’ bread and butter’ with newcomers continuing to attend our monthly Tasters. We also have seen new paddlers from other geographical areas as new attendees arrive at Southampton University.</p> <p>Sprint – The Sprint Team have built on successes last year and the group are developing well.</p> <p>Marathon - Our Hasler race event went well in 2024 although run from a new location at Coal Porters Rowing Club.</p> <p>Welfare Officer – The Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is responsible for acting as a source of advice about safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk, promoting good practice and for coordinating action within the Club on receipt of any concerns or referrals. One of the main focuses of the role is ensuring all policies and codes of conducts are up to date and reflect recent changes in guidelines from British Canoeing and national legislation, that these are available to all coaches, club members and parents to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone involved in club activities. Another focus is to ensure all coaches volunteering at the club are aware of the policies and have appropriate levels of safeguarding training to comply with regulatory requirements. Welfare and Safeguarding are pivotal to all club activities and also form part of the application process for the British Canoeing Club Accreditation.</p> <p>Progress against action plan targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBS checks - in place for existing coaches, new coaches to be given induction. • Safeguarding training - all bar 1 coach, current coaches compliant. • Policies and guidance in place - Policies reviewed and new tab on website in place with all policies published.
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		<p>• Create a coaches induction pack - New version developed along side Paddle UK Standards of Deployment completed - to work through all existing coaches to ensure compliance across all coaching volunteers. All new coaches to complete form on starting to volunteer within the club.</p> <p>• Participate in coaches update day - September 2024, annual coach update day, including safeguarding presentation with new policies and any changes to existing ones, especially changes to 1:1 coaching.</p> <p>Liaison with other Clubs in the Area – We have continued to develop links with other clubs in the area by continuing to organise the local Hare and Hound race event, when possible to do so, which attracts their membership to the sport of marathon kayak racing and equally promotes the presence of both their club and ours to all participants in so doing.</p> <p>Health and Safety – Russ Meyer took over the role of Health and Safety Officer this year. No accidents were reported this year. The website is up to date with current risk assessments and standard operating procedures.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>In planning our activities for the year 2024 we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.</p> <p>The main activities as described earlier are :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have offered 'Open to the community' FREE of CHARGE Taster sessions 2. Provision of an Amateur Sport Development programme supported by trained coaches for all ages and abilities, has remained key for all those able to take part in sessions. 3. We continue to develop new events and are looking to organise a more local k4 event (likely in 2025) as well as a local sprint regatta – this is still in planning 4. Continuing to develop links with other clubs to offer an outlet for the development of kayaking together with their own activities. <p>All the above activities benefit all ages and abilities in developing their self confidence and social skills, whilst maintaining their health and mental well-being by actively participating in a sports activity with other like-minded participants.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Southampton Canoe Club does not offer grants to individuals or other organisations - and this facility is not promoted by the Club.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>Southampton Canoe Club uses its charitable funds to pay to maintain the training of its volunteer coaches to run the Monthly Taster sessions for the general public at NO CHARGE to all those that attend and it does not pass this training cost onto attendees. We are also developing our portfolio of available coaches by training new coaches as and when persons show the aptitude to do so. Our funds also extend to maintaining our fleet of kayaks, paddles and buoyancy aids which are used by all new-comers for the early years of their involvement at no extra cost until such time as they wish to buy their own equipment.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>All the Coaches, Administrators and Officers of the Club offer their time freely and at no cost to Southampton Canoe Club. This enables the Club to offer their facilities and coaching at the lowest possible costs for all those who wish to become full members of the club.</p>
Other		<p>The Trustees as usual wish to recognise the contribution of its Volunteer Coaches and Committee Members in continuing to meet the Charities Objectives.</p> <p>Although membership tends to fluctuate year on year the volunteers continue to develop new ideas and coaching methods which has meant that we have been able to again extend our membership to over 100 in this last year.</p> <p>We have also been able to maintain interest in training through the winter evenings by operating ERGO machine and Circuit Training sessions twice a week which has been open to all club members to attend free of charge as part of their membership.</p> <p>The development of a weight -training gym has meant that members have been able to weight train at our own site, and this continues to develop.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Service Level Agreement with Active Nation will be coming up for renewal in 2025 and this will become an issue of greater importance in the next year.</p> <p>The main aims of the Club are to not only get more people active but to develop those people into talented athletes in the field of kayaking.</p> <p>In order to measure our achievement in this area we are always keen to demonstrate this by their singular achievements across the year:-</p> <p>Help to develop international paddlers – Long term aim</p> <p>Another fantastic year for our international paddlers representing GB in the U23 and U18 in both the European & World Championships, the results are below.</p> <p>Junior U23 European Championships, Bratislava, Slovakia</p> <p>U18 K4 500m - Finished 5th in the heat and 9th in the semi-final</p> <p>U23 K1 500m finishes at 5th in the heat 8th in the semi-final and 5th in final B</p> <p>Junior U23 World Championships, Plovdiv, Bulgaria</p> <p>U23 K4 finishes at 3rd in the heat, 4th in the semi-final and 2nd in final B</p> <p>Hasler Final - The club made the final, but the event was cancelled.</p> <p>Provide additional training sessions to improve participation and performance of paddlers, especially juniors, in the Waterside series.</p> <p>A number of people took part in the series some using it as training and for experience. Andre Hinves won the junior event. Also, Charlie & Holly managed to complete the series.</p>

		<p>Devizes to Westminster race 2025 Develop training plans and assist with preparation for paddlers to complete DW.</p> <p>This year's course was safer than last year and it was quality rather than quantity - one team won the junior K2 4-day event. Very well done to the boys & their support crew.</p> <p>Sprint - Increase participation in sprint racing both at local and national level. This includes implementing training to help develop junior sprint paddlers within the club.</p> <p>National Sprint Championship medalists - K1 1000m O44 3rd K1 500m O44 2nd K2 500m O44 3rd K1 1000m U23 2nd K2 500m U23 1st K2 1000m U23 3rd K4 500m Sen 1st K2 1000m Sen 2nd K2 500m Sen 3rd MacGregor Paddle Challenge Regatta, this is an interclub competition, and the club finished 18th</p> <p>Marathon - National Marathon Championships, Reading medallists: U12 K2 1st</p> <p>2024/25 Talent and Sprint Report</p> <p>Since the last AGM, we have been working to provide a quality athlete development and training program for our groups of athletes, Our paddlers and Coaches are training up to 17 sessions a week. Overall our team size at regattas reduced slightly and this is evidenced in our 18th position in the annual Macgregor Club points competition. Our results for 2024 season included: We commend the club to celebrate our 2024 National Championship Results.</p> <p>The 2025 season started with the April regatta, and we had a small team of 5 paddlers representing us plus 2 event volunteers, 2 club volunteers and another 3 supporters. This event was a selection opportunity to the U23 crew boat pool and Congratulations to Xav and Andre for making this group. This will lead to selection opportunities at the May regatta.</p>
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		<p>There is also a renewed push towards local regattas to enable paddlers to gain experience at a regatta before qualifying to paddle at Nottingham.</p> <p>The club has also been offered the chance to host a Paddle UK employed coach to assist in more junior athletes competing in Flatwater competitions. This is a great recognition of the effort that the club has put in and will help the club grow into the future.</p> <p>Water Polo report</p> <p>The Water Polo Team continue to do well in local competitions and are an active group on a weekly basis since being added to the fold.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are looking for a new funding officer at this time. We thank our previous Officer for her valued support.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Below is a copy of our unaudited end of year accounts statement for 2024</p> <p>Southampton Canoe Club Receipts and Payments Account for 2024(Jan 2024- Dec 2024)</p> <table><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Receipts</th><th colspan="2">Payments</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>Amount</th><th></th><th>Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Balance b/f (Bank & Cash)</td><td>23507</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Membership, Container Rents and Race</td><td>12462</td><td>Site Rent & Hall Hire</td><td>6904</td></tr><tr><td>Grants And Donations</td><td>500</td><td>Boat & Equipment Purchases</td><td>2850</td></tr><tr><td>Boat Sales</td><td>1550</td><td>Course & Registrations</td><td>236</td></tr><tr><td>Shop Sales</td><td>0</td><td>Equipment /Repairs</td><td>2722</td></tr><tr><td>Xmas Party Hall Deposit refunded</td><td>100</td><td>BCU Levy/Affiliation</td><td>565</td></tr><tr><td>Polo Entry Fees</td><td>1155</td><td>Internet & Website Costs inc Zoom BC Just Go</td><td>451</td></tr><tr><td>Sprint Entries</td><td>1330</td><td>Sprint & Polo Entries</td><td>2630</td></tr><tr><td>Southampton Hasler</td><td>1504</td><td>Local giving</td><td>180</td></tr><tr><td>Polo Goal Hire</td><td>53</td><td>Race cost Hall Hire inc food</td><td>618</td></tr><tr><td>Soton Uni</td><td>1862</td><td>Coach Training Day Food</td><td>65</td></tr><tr><td>Xmas Tickets</td><td>430</td><td>Refund Soton Uni</td><td>1897</td></tr><tr><td>Polo Nationals</td><td>1000</td><td>Engraving</td><td>196</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Xmas Club Party</td><td>440</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Xmas Coach Gifts</td><td>169.47</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Just Go</td><td>240</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Balance c/f (Bank, Paypal and Cash)</td><td>25291</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>45453</td><td>Total</td><td>45453</td></tr><tr><td>Opening Balance</td><td></td><td>Closing Balance</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Bank</td><td>23389</td><td>Bank</td><td>25211</td></tr><tr><td>Paypal</td><td>31</td><td>Paypal</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>Cash</td><td>87</td><td>Cash</td><td>63</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23507</td><td></td><td>25291</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>R J Buckler</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>05/05/2024</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	Receipts		Payments			Amount		Amount	Balance b/f (Bank & Cash)	23507			Membership, Container Rents and Race	12462	Site Rent & Hall Hire	6904	Grants And Donations	500	Boat & Equipment Purchases	2850	Boat Sales	1550	Course & Registrations	236	Shop Sales	0	Equipment /Repairs	2722	Xmas Party Hall Deposit refunded	100	BCU Levy/Affiliation	565	Polo Entry Fees	1155	Internet & Website Costs inc Zoom BC Just Go	451	Sprint Entries	1330	Sprint & Polo Entries	2630	Southampton Hasler	1504	Local giving	180	Polo Goal Hire	53	Race cost Hall Hire inc food	618	Soton Uni	1862	Coach Training Day Food	65	Xmas Tickets	430	Refund Soton Uni	1897	Polo Nationals	1000	Engraving	196			Xmas Club Party	440			Xmas Coach Gifts	169.47			Just Go	240							Balance c/f (Bank, Paypal and Cash)	25291					Total	45453	Total	45453	Opening Balance		Closing Balance		Bank	23389	Bank	25211	Paypal	31	Paypal	17	Cash	87	Cash	63		23507		25291					R J Buckler				Treasurer				05/05/2024			
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Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable																																																																																																																												
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable																																																																																																																												

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Election by the Members of the CIO

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Southampton Canoe Club Trustees have delegated the day to day administration of the Club to a Club Committee, it's structure is as follows:-</p> <p><u>Committee –</u> Chairperson Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer <u>Officers –</u> Welfare Officer Admin Officer Head Coach Grants/ Funding Officer Website Manager Quartermaster Junior Representative/s Race Captain This committee has 6 meetings per year.</p> <p>In addition the Committee have delegated the management of the Coaching team to a sub-committee run and managed by the Head Coach and this also has 6 meetings per year.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Club's Coaches operate strictly under the rules and governance of the National Governing Body of British Canoeing (Paddle UK) and the Committee also ensures that its Coaches attend regular update seminars and training events.</p>

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Southampton Canoe Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1171807
Charity's principal address	Woodmill Outdoor Activities Centre Woodmill Lane Southampton SO18 2JR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Rance	Head Coach		
2	Philip Amey	Admin Officer		
3	Giles Hudson	Chairman	From 29th June 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip George Amey	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Admin Officer and Trustee	
Date	31/10/2025	