

Trustees Annual Report for the period 01.08.21 – 31.07.22



Purpose

The purpose of the charity is to preserve life in and around water, specifically at the south Liverpool Docks

Objective and Activities

The main activities are the provision of a safety boat on Friday and Saturday evenings when the risks to the public have been identified as greatest. The team also carry out foot patrols to offer safety advice to the public if they feel it is needed. We operate on the inland water of the south Liverpool dock system. The dock system is separated from the River Mersey by lock gates and the Sea Wall. Rescue activities in the River Mersey are carried out by the RLNI and Marine Fire 1 (Merseyside Fire Rescue Service) and the Coastguard. They have the powerful boats and equipment able to cope with the tides and swell of this dangerous waterway. The time taken for a boat to pass through the lock gates into the dock system is too great to ensure a successful casualty recovery, which is why we are based in the dock system. We aim to be there in those vital few minutes between a person entering the water and the arrival of the emergency services when risk to life is greatest through cold water shock and drowning. We are the only safety boat in the south Liverpool dock system and have saved lives. We aim to help anyone in need regardless of gender, religion race, age or other characteristic.

The charity operates a rolling training program for its members covering first aid, boat handling, casualty recovery, search techniques and communications. We have members qualified as safety boat operators and all members undergo first aid training, some to First Responder Level. All members must be over 18 years of age.

We have undertaken Risk Assessments for all our activities and developed Safe Systems of Work and Standard Operating Procedures which we require all our members to observe.

The charity also provides safety boat cover during public events by arrangement with the organisers.

The Trustees have regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in the furtherance of these aims.

Achievements

The team have continued the week end duties throughout 2021 and 2022. We renewed our affiliation with Surf Life Saving GB, a leading water safety and awarding charity, which gives us access to DEFRA level training and insurance for our members. We continue to report all incidents through the SLS reporting system so they can add to the picture of water safety in the UK.

During the period of this return, the charity assisted –

2 - people recovered from the water, including one attempted suicide recovered and passed to NWAS

10 - people with first aid, ambulances called on two occasions

13 - despondent people, emergency services called to assist multiple times

8 - searches for missing people

5 – water users / vessels assisted

85 - Perry Buoys replaced and retied ready for future use

104 - Water safety advice given – an accident averted is impossible to quantify

Future Plans

The charity has decided to raise funds for a narrow boat home, for shelter for the volunteers and our own space for training and de-brief after incidents. The Canal and River Trust will support us with a berth at the Salthouse Dock. Our strength lies in the fact that we are on the spot, and can see and hear what is going on around us. An office would remove us from the docks and delay our response which is why we have decided on a narrow boat for a home. We have been working towards this and at the end of Jul 22 have £14,875 towards the purchase of the boat. No longer will our volunteers have to stand out in the rain and cold wind! We wish to thank the High Sheriff of Merseyside, Nigel Lanceley, for his help with raising funds for this.

Financial Review

Our Financial report is attached. Like every charity in the UK, our fundraising opportunities were changed by the pandemic and we have responded accordingly. We have on-line giving portals, which are publicised on our social media accounts, and we actively seek funding from grant making trusts and foundations

Reserves

The Trustees ensure free reserves are always available for any unexpected boat maintenance or repair costs to keep the charity operating. The Restricted Reserves we are holding are for the purpose of our narrow boat home to be moored at the Salthouse dock

Future Liabilities

The costs of the 40hp Tohatsu engine for Boat 1 were met by the Chief Trustee, Ian Milburn. These costs have now been recognised as a future liability in our accounts.

Structure Governance & Management

The charity is a CIO and is governed by a Constitution. The charity was registered in May 2018

The Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees if the number of Trustees should fall below the minimum of three, or at any time as a replacement or an additional trustee.

At every annual General Meeting, one third of the charity trustees retire from office. The Trustees are required to retire by rotation. The vacancies arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the AGM.

Members wishing to become a Trustee are well aware of the work undertaken and organisational structure. New Trustees are made fully aware of their responsibilities and are given copies of the Charity Commission's guidance.

Related Parties

The charity works closely with the Canal and River Trust, North West Ambulance Service (NWAS), Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire Rescue Service (MFRS) and Liverpool City Council

Merseyside Water Rescue is affiliated with Surf Life Saving GB, the leading water safety training and national oversight charity in the UK. SLS GB membership gives us the opportunity to work to become a National Flood Asset, and assist the Emergency Services at times of local and national flooding.

The charity sits on the Merseyside Water Safety Forum, which brings together representatives from Merseyside Police, MFRS, NWAS, Coastguard, RLSS and other voluntary organisations connected with water safety.

Volunteers

The Trustees extend their grateful thanks to all the Members who give their time, energy and resources to the work of the Charity. The work of Merseyside Water Rescue would not be possible without the continued commitment of the volunteers

Administrative Information

Charity Name – Merseyside Water Rescue

Charity Number – 1178185

Charity's Principal Address – 14 Langdale Street, Bootle, Merseyside L20 3BX

Names of Trustees

Ian Robert Milburn (Chair)

Sarah Mansfield

Peter Kenny

Officers

Secretary – Gary McFarlane

Treasurer – Ruth Milburn

Operations Manager – Gary McFarlane

Operational Support – Steve Alcock

Operational Support – Kieran Sinnott

Health & Safety Director – Simon Mansfield

Health & Safety Manager – Lewis Bridson

Social Media Manager – Alexandra Galvin

Approved by trustees on 26.05.23

Sarah Mansfield

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MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
(INCLUDING STATEMENT OF ASSEYS AND LIABILITIES)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST July 2022**

MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Restricted Grants | | 15,497 | | 2,204 |
| Charitable Activities | | 3,200 | | 960 |
| Donations | | 5,320 | | 3,225 |
| | | ----- | | ----- |
| Total Receipts | | 24,017 | | 6,389 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Boat Maintenance & Fuel | 1,133 | | 4,036 | |
| Equipment | 2,440 | | 7,408 | |
| Medical Equipment | - | | 1,213 | |
| Insurance | 1,113 | | 1,064 | |
| Training | 2,171 | | 875 | |
| Subscriptions | 225 | | 164 | |
| Stationery | 91 | | 29 | |
| Sundry | 188 | | 259 | |
| | ----- | | ----- | |
| Total Payments | | 7,361 | | 15,048 |
| | | ----- | | ----- |
| Net Receipts | | 16,656 | | (8,659) |
| Cash at Bank and in hand brought forward | | 3,186 | | 11,845 |
| | | ----- | | ----- |
| Cash at Bank and in hand carried forward | | 19,842 | | 3,186 |
| | | ===== | | ===== |

Net Movement of Funds 2022

| | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Opening Balance | 1,460 | 1,726 | 3,186 |
| Income | 15,497 | 8,520 | 24,017 |
| Expenses | (2,083) | (5,278) | (7,361) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Closing Balance | 14,875 | 4,968 | 19,842 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |

Net Movement of Funds 2021

| | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Opening Balance | 11,480 | 365 | 11,845 |
| Income | 2,204 | 4,185 | 6,389 |
| Expenses | (12,224) | (2,824) | (15,048) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Closing Balance | 1,460 | 1,726 | 3,186 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |

Restricted Funds Received 2022

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Arnold Clarke | 750 |
| Duchy of Lancaster | 2,000 |
| Hemby | 2,000 |
| Just Giving | 125 |
| LCVS | 5,000 |
| Mayor of Sefton | 372 |
| PH Holt | 5,000 |
| Royal Navy Club | 250 |
| | ----- |
| | 15,497 |
| | ===== |

Restricted Funds Received 2021

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Aviva Insurance | 316 |
| Canal and River Trust | 500 |
| Ecclesiastical Insurance | 1,000 |
| Paypal | 388 |
| | ----- |
| | 2,024 |
| | ===== |

MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST JULY 2022**

| | 31 st July 2022 | | 31 st July 2021 | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Rescue Boat 1 | | 5,479 | | 5,767 |
| Rescue Boat 2 | | 4,241 | | 4,475 |
| | | ----- | | ----- |
| | | 9,720 | | 10,242 |
| Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Cash at Bank | 19,844 | | 3,186 | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Trustee Loan | (5,212) | | (5,212) | |
| Net Current Assets | | 14,632 | | (2,026) |
| | | ----- | | ----- |
| | | 24,352 | | 8,216 |
| | | ===== | | ===== |

Approved by Trustees on.....*26.05.23*.....

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