

# Trustees Annual Report for the period 01.08.22 – 31.07.23



## 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 carry out foot patrols to conduct searches if notified of a Concern for Welfare in our area and to assist the public if needed. We operate on the inland water of the south Liverpool 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 also work to prevent people from choosing to enter the water, usually as a result of a mental health crisis, and persuade them to accept help. 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. We are now qualified to administer Oxygen. 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 2022 and 2023. 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 are grateful for the support of the Foyle Foundation and the Albert Hunt Trust. Their generous support has allowed us to meet our running costs and continue offering our life saving service.

We raised the funding needed to buy our narrow boat home. 'The Duchess of Ancoats' is now moored at the Salthouse Dock with the two rescue boat next to her. The Duchess is 13.5 meters in length, has been painted, stripped out, had a new floor fitted and a new kitchen area. It has transformed the operations of the charity, the volunteers now have shelter in bad weather and we have space for training. Huge thanks to all the funders who made this possible – the Judges at Liverpool Crown Court and Police for the Proceeds of Crime funding, PH Holt, Hemby Trust, Communities Foundation for Merseyside, Arnold Clarke and the Lanceley Family.

Merseyside Water Rescue supported the Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool for the whole 9 days of the event. We provided safety boat cover in the docks, and at the Event Village by the Pier Head. During that time we worked with the event co-ordinators, the Coastguard and Merseyside Police to ensure water safety and the event's success. We had our 15 minutes of fame when the presenters, Rylan Clark and Scott Mills found had no transport to their hotel and a 'Selfie Storm' was gathering next to the water. Our Ops Manager took them back to their hotel and Rylan shared it on his Instagram feed. The next day we were in the national papers, which was surreal, but unfortunately it did not result in a mass of donations via our website. It was fun to be the 'quirky story' of Eurovision!

We are carrying out more and more searches for people who are a Concern for Welfare, we are notified by the Police and can begin the search immediately. We have learnt likely places a person might be, co-ordinate with dock security teams and City Watch CCTV and save time and resources even if by establishing where a person is NOT.

During the period of this return, the charity assisted –

Casualties Recovered from water	4
Despondent People Helped	16
Searches	23
First Aid	17
Public assisted	38
Boats Assisted	10
Perry Buoys Retrieved & Rehung	51
Advice given	161

29 Incidents gave rise to at least one emergency services log number

## **Future Plans**

The charity will continue to operate and expand the membership. Our future plans included developing our search skills and intervention skills to assist those suffering from mental health issues and prevent suicide attempts. With a larger membership it will be possible to offer cover on more evenings, especially during the busy summer months.

## **Financial Review**

Our Financial report has been prepared and filed. 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 or 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.

### 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 work 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 sit on the SAR Committee which reports to central Government. All our incidents are reported to SLS and in this way our work form parts of the national water safety picture.

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 our outstanding 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 – Ruth Milburn

Treasurer – Ruth Milburn

Operations Manager – Ian Milburn

Operational Support – Steve Alcock

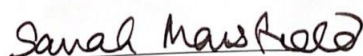
Operational Support – Kieran Sinnott

Health & Safety Director – Simon Mansfield

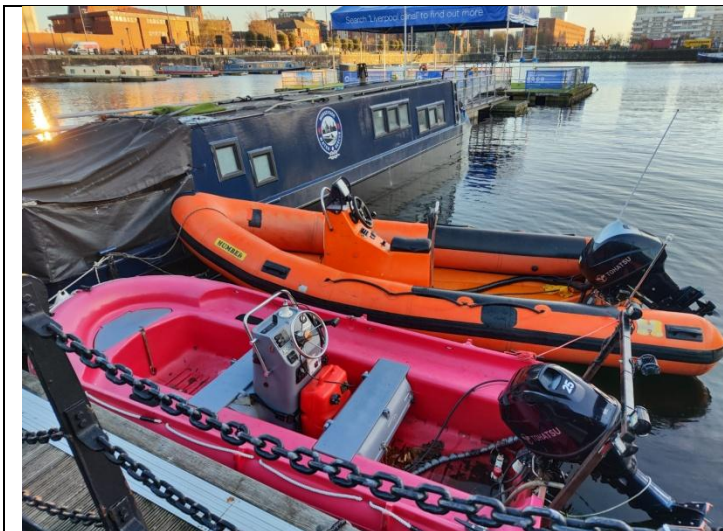
Health & Safety Manager – Lewis Bridson

Social Media Manager – Alexandra Galvin

Approved by trustees on...29/05/24



Sarah Mansfield



Boat Family



Eurovision Final Night

# **MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
(INCLUDING STATEMENT OF ASSEYS AND LIABILITIES)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> July 2023**

**MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Restricted Grants		12,620		15,497
Charitable Activities		5,278		3,200
Donations		2,577		5,320
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>20,475</b>		<b>24,017</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Narrow Boat	21,000	-		
Boat Maintenance & Fuel	3,683	1,133		
Equipment	1,153	2,440		
Medical Equipment	-	-		
Insurance	6,791	1,113		
Training	50	2,171		
Subscriptions	357	225		
Stationery	-	91		
Sundry	286	188		
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<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>33,320</b>		<b>7,361</b>
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<b>Net Receipts</b>		<b>(12,845)</b>		<b>16,656</b>
Cash at Bank and in hand brought forward		19,843		3,186
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Cash at Bank and in hand carried forward		<b>6,998</b>		<b>19,842</b>
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**Net Movement of Funds 2023**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Opening Balance	14,875	4,968	19,843
Income	12,620	7,855	20,475
Expenses	(27,495)	(5,825)	(33,320)
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Closing Balance	<b>0</b>	<b>6,698</b>	<b>6,698</b>
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## 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)
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Closing Balance	<b>14,875</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>19,843</b>
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## Restricted Funds Received 2023

Merseyside Police	4,261
Just Giving	99
Cheshire Police	260
Community Foundation	2,000
Foyle Foundation	4,000
Albert Hunt Foundation	2,000
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	12,620
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## 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
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	15,497
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**MERSEYSIDE WATER RESCUE**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Rescue Boat 1		5,191		5,479
Rescue Boat 2		4,017		4,241
Narrow Boat		20,125		-
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		29,333		9,720
<b>Monetary Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	6,698		19,844	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Trustee Loan	(5,212)		(5,212)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		1,486		15,632
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		30,819		24,352
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Approved by Trustees on.....15.12.23.....

*Sarah Mansfield*

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*Ian Milburn*

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