



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2022 Period start date
To 30th September 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Sutton Bingham Sailing Club

Charity registration number: 1183072

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Club is to promote and facilitate community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for sailing, and in particular, dinghy sailing, primarily (though not exclusively), to those resident in Yeovil and the surrounding area.
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	Provide facilities and equipment for general sailing; Provide training for inexperienced and experienced sailors, including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) accredited training courses; Organise a programme of sailing activities, racing and events; Promote youth sailing, including through the provision of a safe environment, equipment, and training; Promote youth development by encouraging use of a training pathway to become instructors; Make available the facilities to other groups and organisations for sailing; Offer temporary membership and boat hire and provide buoyancy aids to casual visitors
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees are provided with copies of the relevant guidance from the Charity Commission regarding Public Benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Club is primarily run by unpaid volunteers. None of the Trustees receive any remuneration or other benefits including the Treasurer and Secretary.
Other		

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>Sailing activities have continued to recover following the testing times of the pandemic. This has been helped in 2023 by the relatively high water levels throughout the year which have allowed all planned activities to take place.</p> <p>In the early part of the year a deliberate effort was made to reinvigorate the previously popular Thursday evening sail. A series of social events took place on winter Thursdays followed by the "couch to competent sailor" course in which some of our more experienced racers shared their experience with both those new to racing and those wanting to sharpen up their skills – this lead straight into the Thursday evening series which saw greatly increased turnouts despite some evenings with more challenging conditions.</p> <p>The Training Team were able to run the ever popular RYA youth courses for young people between the ages of 8 and 15. These took place at full capacity in the Easter, Half-term and summer school holidays. Participants were able to choose from a range of course according to their experience starting from a first introduction to sailing at RYA 'Stage 1', to the more advanced skills of 'Start Racing' and 'Sailing with Spinnakers'. Adults have also been able to take part</p>

		<p>in training activities with level 2 course run during the summer season.</p> <p>The training team has also continued its excellent record of development from within and we have seen 4 Dinghy Instructors and 6 Assistant Instructors qualify this year and our new Senior instructors have both taken on the role of overseeing their first courses to promote sustainability in the training offer at the club.</p> <p>Analysis by our new bookings manager has identified that the majority of course participants travel less than 20 miles to take part in courses – this indicates that we are being successful in our aim of encouraging participation in sailing within the Yeovil area.</p> <p>The RYA Onboard youth sessions were again run once per fortnight from May to September. As always this is a popular activity run at full capacity by the team.</p> <p>Winter memberships at the club also allow sailors from nearby coastal venues to continue to sail throughout the winter. This promotes good relationships with our neighbouring clubs and enhances skills across all those taking part.</p> <p>In addition to sailing activities the club has also hosted the Bridport Gig Rowing Club for their winter inland training sessions and will continue to do so in 2024.</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	<p>The club has been able to provide a range of sailing opportunities to individual and corporate members and has run a full training programme this year.</p> <p>Planning is ongoing as to how this offering can be expanded with the hope of reaching the widest possible audience.</p> <p>Training opportunities have been plentiful with a wide range of target audiences and planning is already underway as to how these can be continued and improved in 2024.</p> <p>We have not yet seen the return of our disabled sailors to the club but there has been a targeted drive to recruit a</p>
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		pool of members that would be happy to renew this offer in coming seasons.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	In common with most other activities the club has seen an increase in operating costs due mainly to increased fuel and utility costs , however, membership subscriptions and training income have met the operating costs of the club during this year. The use of volunteers to conduct most of the maintenance at the club has protected the Club from rising labour and contracting costs and the committee have looked to spend in such a way that maximum benefit is gained from spending decisions.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Club has experienced significant increases in running costs due to current inflationary pressures and has therefore decided to raise the membership costs for some categories where fees have not been revised since prior to the pandemic.</p> <p>The training offer does generate money for the club and this has, to date, ensured that the club does operate at a surplus although does require considerable investment to maintain.</p> <p>The committee look to ensure that where it essential to spend on services and equipment that this is obtained at a good price and represents value to the membership.</p> <p>The club is fortunate to have reserves and there are plans ongoing for how to best invest this to maintain and improve the sailing offer available at the club.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>It is the Club policy to maintain the ability to run the Club for a minimum of 6 months on reserves.</p> <p>An Asset Replacement Schedule is in place for replacing outdated boats and equipment.</p> <p>It is hoped that the current reserves will be used to fund improvements to the clubhouse and facilities in the coming years and the committee are looking to retain an architect with the purpose of exploring the options available.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Funds on 30-09-23</p> <p>Close Bros £77231</p> <p>Equals Money account £149.17</p> <p>Lloyds current ac £8595</p> <p>Lloyds saving ac £43783</p> <p>Cash in hand £89</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Trustees are confident that the activities of the charity can continue in the short and medium term. There is planning ongoing for how to make the Club more attractive to new and existing members in the longer term, Members are actively</p>

		encouraged to take on roles within the Club to ensure that the full range of activities can continue.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions Training course income Boat hire income Grants Donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The Trustees have developed an 'Asset Replacement Schedule' to ensure that equipment can be kept up to date over the next ten years.</p> <p>The fleet of club boats is maintained and updated to provide suitable equipment for a wide range of users.</p> <p>In the past year we have identified that the adult courses would benefit from a more robust training boat to which end our outdated Comet Trios have been sold and the funds raised used to partially finance the purchase of 2 Laser 2000 dinghies.</p> <p>These dinghies are also suitable for groups of younger sailors to get their first taste of with an instructor onboard prior to going solo in our single handed training dinghies.</p> <p>The committee are also committed to investing in the fabric of the club and are looking at how best to improve the shoreside facilities currently on offer.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Sailing is by its nature a weather dependent activity and there is always some uncertainty as to whether water levels and weather conditions will affect any event planned. Climate change may well have an impact on activities should weather events become more extreme.</p> <p>The current cost of living crisis has two risks for the club in that members may have to make spending decisions regarding whether they can continue to take part in sailing and that the club is operating in an environment of increased costs of fuel, utilities and labour. The treasurer has acted to fix costs where possible to guard against uncertainty and enable sound financial planning. Some rises in fees have been considered necessary at this time but the fees remain at a level that we hope is competitive and represents value for money to members. As such the Trustees remain confident that, with sound management and careful control</p>

		of cost, the Club can remain viable in the short to medium term.
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
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	Elected by Members annually

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	This CIO is governed by a constitution. There are additional rules affecting operational and safety issues. The Club has a Health and Safety Policy as well as a Safeguarding policy.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Club is managed by a Board of Trustees most of whom are elected at the AGM in November. Additional Trustees may be appointed by the Board of Trustees should there be a need to do so.</p> <p>The Training Principal represents the Training Team at the Trustees meetings.</p> <p>All expenditure is agreed by the Trustees and managed by the Treasurer.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Club is a member of, and affiliated to, the RYA, the national governing body of sailing in the UK. See www.rya.org.uk/about-us</p> <p>The Club is also a regular participant in the local Wessex Water Users Group and maintains good relationships with our landlord Wessex Water and the other water users.</p>
Other		The Club is run as far as is practicable through the contribution and efforts of volunteers.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sutton Bingham Sailing Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183072

Charity's principal address	Sutton Bingham Sailing Club Sutton Bingham Yeovil Somerset BA22 9QP

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	Nigel Leveridge	Commodore		Elected by AGM
2	Mervyn Clark	Vice Commodore		Elected by AGM
3	Christopher Bottomley	Membership Secretary		Elected by AGM
4	Michael Riley	Treasurer		Elected by AGM
5	Lou Plowman-Hart	Secretary	From 12/12/2022	Appointed by committee
6	James Harcourt	Rear Commodore		Elected by AGM
7	David Saddington			Elected by AGM
8	Phillip Bailey			Elected by AGM
9	Phillip Godfrey	Secretary until 12/12/22		Elected by AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None	

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Nigel Leveridge	Lou Plowman-Hart
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Position (e.g. Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Commodore	Secretary
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Date

29/07/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/22

To

30/09/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations (Amazon)	34	-	-	34	26
Galley Sales	2,421	-	-	2,421	1,668
Training courses	35,964	-	-	35,964	43,808
Events entry fees	255	-	-	255	455
Members' subscriptions received	27,386	-	-	27,386	29,405
Energy bill refund	1,744	-	-	1,744	0
Merchandise sales	63	-	-	63	29
Hire of club and boats	1,100	-	-	1,100	531
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	68,966	-	-	68,966	75,922
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
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Sales of used dinghies	1,050	-	-	1,050	-
Interest on deposit account	261	-	-	261	6
Interest on Close Bros account	1,763	-	-	1,763	468
Sub total	3,074	-	-	3,074	474
Total receipts	72,040	-	-	72,040	76,396
A3 Payments					
Cost of training courses (food, books)	2,806	-	-	2,806	2,863
Subscriptions	929	-	-	929	874
Instructor / helpers fee	21,977	-	-	21,977	20,629
energy refunds	0	-	-	-	0
Training and membership refunds	1,280	-	-	1,280	325
Rent	8,530	-	-	8,530	8,530
Cleaners	2,970	-	-	2,970	2,750
Repairs and maintenance	5,688	-	-	5,688	11,348
Light and heating (note: refund of energy overpayments received)	1,455	-	-	1,455	1,273
Water, sewerage and waste	661	-	-	661	603
Insurance	5,447	-	-	5,447	5,155
Telephone, broadband and internet	534	-	-	534	716
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies	475	-	-	475	83
Training courses for instructors and galley	1,709	-	-	1,709	2,190
Merchandise, prizes, social events	1,083	-	-	1,083	913
Galley food and supplies	1,838	-	-	1,838	908
Fuel	1,029	-	-	1,029	1,185
Committee expenses	367	-	-	367	105
Accounting services	644	-	-	644	260
General expenses	0	-	-	-	340
Cash expenses	55	-	-	55	0
Bank charges	84	-	-	84	0
Sub total	59,561	-	-	59,561	61,050
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
boats (includes repairs)	7,032	-	-	7,032	3,210
equipment (radios, galley items etc)	1,340	-	-	1,340	
Sub total	8,372	-	-	8,372	3,210
Total payments	67,933	-	-	67,933	64,260
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,107	-	-	4,107	12,136
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	125,740	-	-	125,740	113,604
Cash funds this year end	129,847	-	-	129,847	125,740

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Close Brothers	77,231	-	-
	Equals Money	149		
	Cash	89		
	Lloyds Current Account	8,595	-	-
	Lloyds savings	43,783		-
	Total cash funds	129,847	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

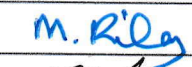

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	credit with RYA	298	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Trophies		-	378
	premises		-	9,840
	club boats and outboards		-	15,684
	mowers and sundry equipment		-	1,167
	inventory		-	600
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MICHAEL RILEY	27/7/24
	NIGEL LEVERIDGE	28.7.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Sutton Bingham Sailing Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 September 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183072

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

30-7-2024

Name:

Mrs Sarah Hough

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

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