



Seas Sailability  
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## **SEAS Sailability Trustees Annual Report**

**Reporting Period:** 31 January 2022 – 31 January 2023.

### **1. Reference and Administration Details**

#### **1.1. Charity Name & Registration**

SEAS Sailability is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration no: 118961 registered with the Charity Commission on 2 June 2020.

#### **1.2. Charity's Registered Address:**

16 Overlea Crescent, Deganwy, Conwy LL31 9TB

e-mail [seassailability@yahoo.com](mailto:seassailability@yahoo.com)

website: [www.seassailability.org.uk](http://www.seassailability.org.uk)

#### **1.3. Trustees:**

Richard Horovitz – Chair of Trustees

Pat Speed – Trustee and Treasurer

Jon Brookes – Trustee

Beth Davis – Trustee

Jen Dutton – Trustee

#### **1.4. Advisors:**

Jon Gamon – Operations Director for SEAS Sailability

Karl Midlane – Training Officer for SEAS Sailability

#### **1.5. Bank:**

CAF (Charitable Aid Foundation) Bank. 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

## **2. Structure, Governance and Management**

### **2.1. SEAS Sailability is a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation'.**

### **2.2. Charitable Objective:**

The objects of SEAS Sailability as stated in the constitution dated 29 May 2020:

For the public benefit in North Wales to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities for people with disabilities, their families and carers, in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life, in particular by encouraging their participation in recreational and competitive sailing and boating related activities.

## **3. Activities:**

### **3.1. Statutory Declaration:**

The Trustees of Small Charity Support confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake

## **4. Achievements and Performance over the Reporting Period:**

### **4.1. Activities, Outputs and Outcomes for the Charity's Beneficiaries:**

SEAS Sailability takes disabled people, of any disability, their families and carers out on the waters of the Menai Strait in a shared experience, with paddle-boards, kayaks, canoes, sailing and power-boats. We bring together the disabled community of North Wales and work with Mencap Mon, Cheshire Home, Stroke Foundation, Anglesey Carers Outreach, The M.S. Society, Dewis Cymru, Medrwn Mon and other charitable organisations and groups.

SEAS Sailability is based at The Conway Centre on the Menai Strait.

SEAS Sailability won the #MoreThanSailing Award at the 2019 Sailability National Conference and were runners up for the Disability Sport Wales Club of the Year 2020.

Following the feedback from our 'Wash-Up' meeting at the end of the 2021 season, we commenced in February 2022 with a shore-based Open Day, for registration, planning and training.

We then held three Training Days, one dedicated to volunteers for specific skill refreshing, (such as power-boat handling, water rescue, session safety etc) and two days for participants, families and carers on a broad range of subjects, from buoyancy aid/life jacket fitting, first aid, dockside safety etc. On these days, we gave training to 161 people.

Activity sessions commenced in April and attendance at the activity sessions is by invitation only. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, if it is simply 'open', SEAS attracts in excess of 100 people which compromises safety and does not enable SEAS to provide participants with a proper activity experience. The optimum number of attendees is approximately 40 participants. Secondly, SEAS can better tailor the activities to the physical abilities of attendees taking into account the tide level at activity sessions. For attendees with mobility issues, (such as wheelchair users) we can transfer from land to water craft (power and sailing boats) only at high water using the pontoon, wheelchairs cannot access these craft down the slipway at low water when the pontoon is not afloat.

At low water, those with greater mobility can access craft such as kayaks, paddleboards, canoes and rafts. After much consultation and discussion, SEAS has developed a system using WhatsApp groups to coordinate and arrange invitations to participants based on mobility and tide levels. This has also had the unexpected but welcome effect of establishing social community groups within SEAS, a development appreciated by all.

On 17 May 2022, SEAS hosted a film crew and presenter from ITV Coast and Country who spent an activity session with us filming and speaking the attendees in a variety of activities. This was broadcast nationally on 15<sup>th</sup> July and we received a numerous messages and offers of support, including one from a local trailer company who came to the dock and refurbished all our boat trailers (a massive task) completely free of charge.

In June 2022, after a weekend of preparation, SEAS entered four rafts of participants in the 'Great Strait Raft Run', a major local event held on the Menai Strait each year in aid of charity, and we are extremely proud that once again, one of SEAS rafts won the 'Spirit of the Run' award, coming last – but completing the race in the spirit on the event.

The dock from which SEAS operates is a very old Grade 1 listed structure, and during routine maintenance later in the summer was found to need

urgent and extensive repairs to the stonework which sadly curtailed the use for our activities and we lost 5 planned sessions, however, Port Dinorwic Sailing Club hosted an activity session and put on a marvellous evening for all. The works will be finished well in advance of the 2023 season.

SEAS trustees are appointed for their skill-set and application for the benefit and furtherance of SEAS. In 2022, SEAS appointed a trustee who is professionally qualified in process monitoring as Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and who has implemented the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scales (WEMWBS) to evaluate the value and effects of SEAS Activities. This trustee also records all feedback SEAS receives and disseminates points of interest.

In 2022, SEAS has held training sessions for 13 volunteers to obtain National Standard qualifications in kayaking and paddleboarding to be able to coach participants in those activities to enable them reach National Governing Body (NGB) qualification standards.

SEAS has also coached and enabled three volunteers to obtain qualification to Royal Yachting Association Powerboat Level 2, with further progression for 6 volunteers to attend an RYA Safety Boat course in the spring of 2023 to be able to safely oversee activities on the water.

In July SEAS hosted (76) young carers from Anglesey, Conwy, Gwynedd, Denbighshire and Flintshire on 3 adventure days in Anglesey on a variety of exciting pursuits, then on July 21<sup>st</sup> at open day on the water and a BBQ.

SEAS is proud to have been able to provide 1284 person activity sessions in 2022 for disabled people, their family and carers. (Had we not have lost five sessions due to remedial work to the dock, that figure would be in excess of 1600.)

#### **4.2. How The Public Have Benefited:**

Within the process of the invitation of attendees, SEAS has regular weekly contact with the local coordinators and organisers of all the partner organisations we operate with and we bring together the disabled community of North Wales and work with Mencap Mon, Cheshire Home, Stroke Foundation, Anglesey Carers Outreach, The M.S. Society, Dewis Cymru, Medrwn Mon and other charitable organisations and groups as well as individual families and carers.

Our Evaluation and Monitoring Officer and other trustees make a point of speaking and chatting to as many participants, their families and carers at

each activity session to gather their views, thoughts and feedback on the session.

Every donor, contact, local supplier or supporter is invited to attend SEAS and many have done so. We are the charity of choice for Bull Bay Golf Club for 2022 and numerous local businesses have supported and visited SEAS.

SEAS maintains a strong social media presence with regular updates and information on everything concerning SEAS.

At the end of each season, SEAS holds a 'Wash-Up' meeting, where everyone, participants, families and carers, volunteers, supporters and friends, gather and give advice and their views on the success – or otherwise, of how they felt that the SEAS season went, and what they would like to do next season, with respect to every aspect about SEAS – activities, training, session format, equipment, and we record those views and feedback and take it into account for planning for the following season. For example, the feedback from the 'Wash-up' at the end of the 2021 season requested mini expeditions; kayak, canoe and paddleboards on day-long adventures on the Menai Strait. To enable this, in 2022 SEAS has enabled National Governing Body training for volunteers to gain qualifications to be able to safely provide these activities.

This year the 'Wash-Up' was held on 12 November 2022 and the feedback will direct SEAS operations for 2023.

SEAS has coached and encouraged participants who were previously 'hydrophobic' and would not go anywhere near the water, into a boat, then on to a giant paddleboard, then on to a solo paddleboard – and then on to wild swimming in the sea. Those people have taken that new-found confidence into the rest of their lives and have progressed exponentially. The Chair of Mencap-Mon has stated that "Out of all the activities we do, it is SEAS that makes the biggest difference to our members lives".

One attendee with social difficulties has found the confidence and ability to join a local sailing club where he sails single handed and where his abilities are encouraged and he has found a new confidence.

The confidence that has been found by participants realising that they can take part and successfully engage in activities previously considered inaccessible to them has resulted in significantly changing lives. They have taken that confidence into the rest of their lives to change their perspective about what they thought themselves capable of and challenging that perspective.

SEAS has been on national television in 2022, showing that disabled people, their families and carers can get involved in outdoor activities that make a difference, and our participants spoke on that television programme explaining the difference SEAS makes.

<https://www.itv.com/walesprogrammes/articles/coast-and-country-series-10-episode-12>

SEAS has initiated the process of ‘cascading’ invitations to our activity session process, by contacting one person – an organiser or coordinator for a group or charity, who then contacts the attendees has brought about a social connection – if not bond, between organisations and people and an understanding of the difficulties of what was previously assumed to be a simple process.

Paddlesports, that is kayaks, canoes and paddleboards, including the two giant paddleboards, have introduced many participants to the water and have proved extremely popular. This experience has given many participants the confidence to progress in the sport to the extent that there have been requests for mini-expeditions of days out on the Menai Strait on paddleboards and to enable this, in 2022 SEAS enabled National Governing Body training for volunteers to gain qualification to be able to safely provide these activities for SEAS participants.

As a result, SEAS is engaging closely with Canoe Wales, the National Governing Body of paddlesports in Wales. SEAS is moving towards affiliation with Canoe Wales, (in addition to our current affiliation to RYA Cymru) and Canoe Wales is looking at the model of SEAS to develop inclusive paddlesports in Wales.

This will also enable participants to gain NGB qualifications, giving them further confidence, which is taken with them to encourage them to do more in all aspects of their lives.

#### **4.4. Trustee Development:**

SEAS trustees are appointed for their skill-set and application for the benefit and furtherance of SEAS. Trustees are encouraged and supported to undertake regular CPD in their own particular areas of expertise, and partake of training specifically for their role as trustees, such as Safeguarding. To enable this, SEAS engages with providers such as The Outdoor Partnership, The Fore and the Anne Craft Trust.

## **5. Financial Review:**

### **5.1. Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings:**

During the reporting period, SEAS Sailability has been fortunate to receive donations from numerous sources; individuals, companies and charitable funds including a donation of £10,000 by the National Lottery Community Fund, and a donation of £6,000 by 'The Fore' for 'Transitional Training' of our participants. Our thanks also go to The Westminster Foundation, The Barchester Foundation, The Bernard Piggott Charitable Trust, AkzoNobel, Co-Op and many local businesses who have supported us. All outgoings are for the principal purpose of the charity and associated equipment and maintenance of that equipment.

### **5.2. Debt:**

SEAS Sailability has no debts or funds which are materially deficit.

### **5.3. Remuneration of Trustees:**

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive. No remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the charity.

### **5.4. Financial Status:**

Although modest, SEAS Sailability's current resources from unrestricted donations are sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least the next year. All indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

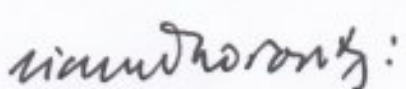
### **5.5. Statutory Statement on Liabilities:**

The Trustees declare that:

The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement.

The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf –



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. J. H. H. H. H. H.', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Richard Horovitz - Chair of Trustees SEAS Sailability  
November 2022





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and paym

For the period  
from

Period start date  
04/01/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestr icted funds  to the nearest £	Restric ted funds  to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>		
Donations	£14,115	-
Funding	£10,000	6,000
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<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>£24,115</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>		
	-	-
	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24,115</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>		
Sundries	£10,798	-
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,798</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>		
	-	-
	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,798</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>13,317</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,317</b>	<b>6,000</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities a

Categories	Details
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance
	<b>Total cash funds</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))
B2 Other monetary assets	Details
	Nil

**B3 Investment assets**

**Details**

Nil

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

**Details**

Nil

**B5 Liabilities**

**Details**

Nil

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

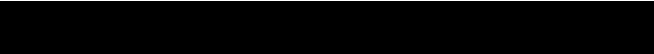
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the  
trustees/ members  
of**

Charity Name

**SEAS Sailability**

**On accounts for the  
year ended**

**31 January 2022**

**Charity  
no (if  
any)**

**118961**

**Set out on pages**

**22. Sheet 1 of Charity Commisson Accounts 2021 -**

*(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 **31/01/2022**.

**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").

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

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.

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:**

**Name:**

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

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**Address:**

<b>2 Tros Yr Afon</b>
<b>Afon West End, Beaumaris</b>
<b>Anglesey LL58 8BN</b>

## **Section B**

### **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**