



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Nov 1st 2022 To Oct 31st 2023

Charity name: Arnside Sailing Club

Charity registration number: 1200999

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the Charity are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities and equipment for water sports, including but not limited to sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, and canoeing, and organising a programme of water sports activities.2. The promotion of the maritime heritage of Arnside village for the public benefit by the preservation, repair, and maintenance of historic buildings and craft in Arnside.3. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
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>The Charity offers water sports on the estuary at Arnside. The Boat Park, which is located on the beach is used as a base for water sports including sailing, paddle boarding and kayaking. The Charity owns 22 sailing dinghies, 7 sit on top kayaks and 11 paddle boards, which are available for use by members and for training. The Charity offers a programme of water sports activity including racing.</p> <p>The Charity offers water sports lessons at Arnside and at Killington, a nearby inland lake, where we are a recognised RYA Training Centre. A full day's training can be offered at Killington as unlike Arnside, it is not tidal. Killington is also used for weekly club nights in the summer.</p> <p>Our clubhouse in an old customs bonded warehouse is one of the oldest</p>

		<p>buildings in Arnside. The Charity owns “Severn” a historic yacht built in Arnside in 1912, which is currently being restored. Historically the estuary was the port for Kendal. Crossfields of Arnside were leading builders of Morecambe Bay Prawners, yachts and other boats including Arthur Ransome’s Swallow from 1840s to 1940s.</p> <p>The Charity has a youth programme, with regular sessions on the estuary at Arnside and RYA training at Killington. The Charity offers training to schools and to youth groups. The Charity offers reduced fees to students and people on a low income enabling them to take part in water sports. We aim to make water sports affordable so that cost is not a barrier to taking part.</p> <p>The Club has a trading subsidiary, “Old Customs House Trading Company Ltd” which runs a programme of social and music events in our clubhouse paying a rent and donating any profits to the Charity.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In managing the Charity trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 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	<p>The Charity has no paid employees. All the trustees and officers are volunteers. Running the Charity requires a considerable amount of time. Other members help with tasks such as crewing the safety boat for water sports sessions, helping take new members out sailing and maintaining the Boat Park.</p> <p>The Charity provides training for volunteers in areas such as first aid and safety boat techniques. The Charity has an annual volunteer of the year award</p>

Other		
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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	The Club was registered as a charity on 14 th November 2022.										
		Promoting Community Participation in Water Sports										
		Membership by Year										
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<p>The Charity offers individual and family memberships. Membership grew very quickly during Covid years as people were looking for things to do, operating outdoors, we were able to continue to offer activity and as we introduced paddle boarding in 2020, a sport that could be done whilst social distancing.</p> <p>The number of memberships at the end of the 2023 Season was 149. This equates to around 400 members, including partners and children. The number of memberships in 2023 was one less than 2022. Given the increased cost of living, poor summer weather and people having less free time, as things returned to normal post Covid, this was a good performance.</p> <p>Whilst membership has remained static, the proportion of members taking part in water sports on a regular basis has increased.</p> <p>Sailing numbers continued to grow during the year with organised club events at weekends and informal sailing during the week. Our Try Out Day in May attracted 60 people. We ran 14 races during the year and 3 organised dinghy cruises out into the Bay towards Grange-over-Sands. On at least, one occasion we had more than 20 boats sailing on the estuary at Arnside at one time. Our club nights at Killington during the summer on three or four evenings attracted more than 20 people including children. Killington provides a location where new sailors, including children can practise their skills without having to worry about tidal currents.</p>												

	<p>Paddle boarding and kayaking use was down partly as people had less spare time than in previous years, poor weather in the school holidays and as paddle boarding is no longer a new sport. We ran a paddle board trip on the canal through the centre of Lancaster in May. We plan to offer members more paddle board trips in 2024.</p> <p>Number of Participants on Training Courses</p> <table><tr><td>Arnside</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Paddle Boarding</td><td>38</td></tr><tr><td>Kayaking</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>Killington</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Adult Sailing</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>Youth Sailing</td><td>67</td></tr><tr><td>Windsurfing</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Powerboat</td><td>8</td></tr></table> <p>We also ran adult and youth improver sailing sessions at Arnside and taster days for school and youth groups for 104 participants which are not counted in the above figures. We run powerboat training so that we have trained volunteers to operate safety boats to support our water sports programme.</p> <p>The number of youths taking part in our sailing courses at Killington more than doubled largely as result of putting on courses for Kent Estuary Youth Project and a Home Education Group. Adult numbers were down.</p> <p>The number of people taking part in our paddle board lessons has declined to 38 from a peak of 160 in 2021 as the sport is no longer new, poor weather in July and August and as we have put on fewer lessons.</p> <p>We introduced monthly theory sessions in our clubhouse during winter, which were well attended. These gave members a chance to meet up in the winter as well as learn theory.</p> <p>In 2023 the Charity purchased four new boats: Two ICLA (Laser) dinghies, 1 Heron and 1 Wanderer. These were funded by donations. The Gaffling 4.1 dinghy, which was built with the help of three teenagers in 2022 was sailed for the first time. The ICLA dinghies, which are both an Olympic Class for men and women with three different sized sails offer progression for both adults and youth. The Wanderer is a stable</p>	Arnside		Paddle Boarding	38	Kayaking	11	Killington		Adult Sailing	20	Youth Sailing	67	Windsurfing	3	Powerboat	8
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		<p>doubled handed dinghy that can be sailed by up to four people. The Heron can be sailed by youth and adults. The Gaffling dinghy is an entry level boat to sailing boats with a traditional gaff rig and can also be rowed. We sold a Wayfarer as it was over 30 years old and heavy to launch by hand to a Sea Scout Group.</p> <p>In February we won a new Rigidflex Safety Boat in a competition organised by the RYA against 180 clubs. The new safety boat is used to support training at Killington.</p> <p>2 Promoting Arnside's Maritime Heritage</p> <p>The Charity held a classic boat regatta in June, a maritime singing festival in August and a conference on Crossfields' of Arnside and the boats they built in November. The conference attracted people from all over the country. Crossfields' were leading builders of Morecambe Bay Prawners and yachts from the 1840s to 1940s. The conference was followed by an evening concert by Dave Walters, a folk singer, featuring "Ballerina" a song about a Crossfields' boat he owned in the 1970s which later sank in a gale off Anglesey.</p> <p>Our historic clubhouse acted as the Arnside base for an Arts Project celebrating the natural heritage of the Morecambe Bay coast. This included a grand finale in August installing 120 flags on the beach at Arnside.</p> <p>The Charity owns Severn, a yacht built in Arnside in 1912. Severn is currently being restored by David Moss Boatbuilders at Skippool near Blackpool. The project is funded separately from the Sailing Club by grants to the Friends of Severn, including a £58,000 National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant. The project also funded the construction of a Gaffling dinghy by three teenagers, training courses for five members sailing historic yachts and one to go on a boatbuilding course. One of the teenagers has subsequently got a job as an engineering apprentice at the Windermere Jetties Museum partly due to the project.</p> <p>Separately from the Charity, several club members have been involved in a project to set up a Morecambe Bay Prawn Trust to buy Spray, a boat built in Arnside in 1896.</p> <p>Our clubhouse in the Old Custom House is one of the oldest buildings in Arnside. The roof on the east side of the building is likely</p>
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		<p>to need replacing in the next 5 years. We also want to improve fixtures and equipment, deal with damp problems and improve the building's carbon footprint.</p> <p>3. Helping people in need</p> <p>Youth</p> <p>The Charity offers RYA Youth Courses at Killington, improver sessions at Arnside and training to schools and youth groups.</p> <p>In 2023 we became a RYA OnBoard Club (A RYA youth programme) and were awarded an AALA Licence (Adventure Activities Licence) to enable us to offer training to schools and youth groups. During the year we ran taster sessions for two schools and one youth group. In total 104 young people. During the summer holidays we put on a RYA youth sailing course for 14 young people from Kent Estuary Youth Project. The course was aimed at children from disadvantaged background and was funded by a £2300 grant from the RYA Foundation. We aim to do more with schools and youth groups in future years.</p> <p>Adults</p> <p>We became a RYA Sailability Club in 2023. Whilst we do not offer sailing sessions for disabled groups, we aim to accommodate people with disabilities or special needs on our training sessions.</p> <p>The Charity offers reduced cost membership to people with a low income and students. In 2023 this cost £25. We had 6 low income or student memberships.</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	

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>The Charity's income in 2023 was £40,824. Membership accounted for 29% of income, training 45% and rent from Old Customs House Trading Company 15%. Membership income grew by 12% in part catching up on inflation. Income from training increased by 20% due to an increase in training for schools and youth groups.</p> <p>Expenses including depreciation were £44,167 giving a deficit of £3343. Prior to depreciation expenses were £34,729 giving a surplus of just over £5000.</p> <p>Depreciation was accounted largely by the decline in the value of club boats over time. At the present time, most club boats are less than 8 years old. Club boats should have a life expectancy of least 25 years though maintenance costs will increase over time. For example, at some point the boats will need new sails. We need to plan for replacing and upgrading the club's fleet in the future, selling old boats and replacing them with new ones. The existing fleet was largely paid by grants and donations. Whilst we can not predict the future, we anticipate this will be how replacement boats will be funded in future years.</p> <p>At the end of the financial year, the Charity had assets of £358,050, a slight decrease from £361,293 in 2021-22 largely due to depreciation. The Clubhouse accounts for around 70% of the club's assets and club craft most of the remaining 30%.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity aims to hold half a year's income in reserve to cover the cost of any unforeseen expenditure, to enable it to continue operating in the event of loss of income and adjust to changing circumstances. The Charity is fortunate in that most of income, such as membership fees and training income comes in advance of expenditure giving some leeway in controlling costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Charity held £27095 in cash reserves at the end of the financial year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
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)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's income in 2023 was £40,824. Membership accounted for 29% of income, training 45% grants and donations 10%, rent from Old Customs House Trading Company 15%. In general, operating costs is funded by income, which is supplemented by grants, fundraising and donations for capital expenditure.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The Charity is subject to risks associated with the national and local economic events, catastrophes such as Covid, inflation and changes in people's lifestyles. An economic downturn for example might mean that people had less money to spend on water sports (or alternatively an opportunity to increase the charity's turnover with more people holidaying at home). The club mitigates risk by keeping up to date to with national developments and water sports trends, by monitoring take up of club activities, cutting costs, increasing prices or by adapting the charity's product offering to current circumstances. A decline in revenue in one area can be offset by switching resources to a growth area.</p> <p>The Charity's cash flow is seasonal with most of our income and costs occurring in the summer, though with ongoing costs over the winter. We manage our cash flow to ensure that we have enough cash in hand to cover winter expenses. Having income from our trading subsidiary, which peaks at Christmas and New Year means that we have some income coming in over the winter months.</p> <p>The Charity is exposed to risks connected with owning club assets such as the clubhouse and club craft. We mitigate against this by holding adequate insurance, conducting regular safety inspections and by anticipating major items of expenditure in advance.</p> <p>The Charity is subject to risks by running water sports and other activities. We seek to reduce risk from our activities by holding public liability and employer insurance (that</p>

		<p>also covers volunteers) and by having a safety management system in place. We conduct risk assessments, record incidents, provide safety boat cover, give volunteers first aid training, offer advice to participants on safety and have operating procedures.</p> <p>We reduce risks to young people and vulnerable adults by having a safeguarding policy in place, by following RYA best practise and carrying out DBS checks on instructors and volunteers. The Charity is subject to the risk of key members and officers moving on. We mitigate the risk of this by sharing the workload, encouraging new volunteers to come forward and develop their knowledge so that there are people who can take over in the future.</p>
Other		<p>We are developing plans to build new changing facilities in our Boat Park. At present our Boat Park lacks any proper changing facilities. Users including families and youth groups expect us to have changing facilities. Changing facilities should enable us to attract members from further afield. The new building will include a training room which will also provide shelter with wet weather activity. We anticipate the cost of the new facility will be more than £200,000 meet by grants, donations, gift aid and fundraising activities</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 14 Nov 2022
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Institution – Association
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	Trustees are elected by the Charity's AGM on a yearly basis

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	New trustees are given an induction on how the Charity works, its charitable objectives, acting in the public interest and the role of charity trustee. Training is given to trustees as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to take part in club development events run by the RYA.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Charity is managed by the main trustee committee which meets monthly and has a yearly strategy meeting to review activity and plan for the coming season. Different trustees have different areas of responsibility and expertise. The Charity seeks to have trustees from diverse backgrounds to reflect the needs of community and have trustees with a wide range of experience and expertise. Other club volunteers not on the trustee committee have responsibility for different areas, such as the maintenance of the Boat Park.</p> <p>The Charity uses freelance instructors for training, one of whom administers the club's training programme on a contract basis.</p> <p>The Charity has a trading subsidiary Old Customs House, Arnside Ltd which runs a programme of live music and social events in the Clubhouse paying a rent to charity and donating any profits to us.</p> <p>The Charity is affiliated to the RYA, the national governing body for sailing and an approved RYA Training Centre at Killington.</p>

		The Charity seeks to develop links with other organisations in the local area, such as youth and community groups and neighbouring sailing clubs.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Charity is a group member of Killington Sailing Association. We use Killington an inland lake for training activity. Being a group member gives us access to the lake and craft owned by the Association
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Arnside Sailing Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200999
Charity's principal address	17 PROMENADE ARNSIDE CARNFORTH LA5 0HD

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	Alasdair Simpson	Commodore (Chair)		Members of Charity
2	Alan Dawson	Treasurer		Members of Charity
3	Jane Caldwell	Secretary	29/1/23 onwards	Members of Charity
4	James Jackson	Vice Commodore – Water Sports Coordinator		Members of Charity
5	Andrew Pringle			Members of Charity
6	Niall Johnson		Nov 22 – Sept 23	Members of Charity
7	Chris Stanger		29/1/23 onwards	Members of Charity
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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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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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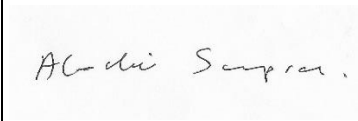
Other optional information

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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)	Alasdair Simpson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Commodore (Chair)	
Date	28 th August 2024	

Arnside Sailing Club
Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31 October 2023

	Year Ended 31 October 2023		Year Ended 31 October 2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Bar Account</u>				
Sales		0		29,094
Purchases (adjusted for stock)		0		15,256
Profit		0		13,838
<u>Income</u>				
Bar profit		0		13,838
Clubhouse hire & ticket sales		0		7,867
Rent from The Old Customs				
House Trading Co. Ltd		6,000		0
Membership fees		11,960		10,670
Water activities & training		18,359		15,267
Grants and donations		4,342		2,667
Sundries		163		35
		40,824		50,343
<u>Expenses</u>				
Water activities and training		23,158		21,039
Band costs		0		8,328
Establishment costs		1,313		4,885
Insurance		2,867		4,760
Repairs and maintenance		5,107		5,109
Accountancy		(1,000)		0
Legal and professional		2,025		452
Sundries		1,709		1,098
Depreciation charges	12,859			
Release of deferred grants				
and donations	(3,421)			
Net depreciation charge		9,438		8,399
Loss on disposal of equipment		(450)		225
		44,167		54,295
Deficit for the year		<u>(3,343)</u>		<u>(3,952)</u>

Arnside Sailing Club
Balance Sheet
As At 31 October 2023

	As At		As At	
	31 October 2023		31 October 2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u>				
Investments		1		0
Freehold property, at valuation		250,000		250,000
Integral fixtures & fittings:				
Cost brought forwards	8,344		8,344	
Additions	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
	8,344		8,344	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,216</u>		<u>1,477</u>	
		6,128		6,867
Plant & equipment:				
Cost brought forwards	90,583		83,807	
Additions	39,268		9,276	
Disposals	<u>(1,357)</u>		<u>(2,500)</u>	
	128,494		90,583	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>26,322</u>		<u>15,059</u>	
		102,172		75,524
		<u>358,301</u>		<u>332,391</u>
<u>Current assets</u>				
Bar stock	0		2,952	
Debtors and prepayments	1,577		281	
Loan to The Old Customs House				
Trading Co. Ltd	1,746		0	
Building society account	10,151		10,088	
Bank current account	16,100		15,763	
Paypal account	844		1,842	
Cash in hand	<u>0</u>		<u>365</u>	
	30,419		31,291	
<u>Current liabilities</u>				
Creditors and accruals	<u>0</u>		<u>2,289</u>	
Net current assets		30,419		29,002
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>388,719</u>		<u>361,393</u>
<u>Long term liabilities</u>				
Deferred grants and donations		<u>30,669</u>		<u>0</u>
		<u>358,050</u>		<u>361,393</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>				
Accumulated surplus		108,126		111,469
Safety boat engine fund		624		624
Revaluation reserve		<u>249,300</u>		<u>249,300</u>
		<u>358,050</u>		<u>361,393</u>

ARNSIDE SAILING CLUB

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the club for the year ended 31 October 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting for Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As the club's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

It is my responsibility to :-

- i. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- ii. follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act)

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and the accounting systems employed by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented to those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the charity legislation and that on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the accounts comply with the SORP.

I have completed my examination and can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect.

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the Charities Act.
- The accounts do not accord with those records
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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12th September 2024
