

NATIONAL SCHOOLS REGATTA

England & Wales · Charity number 801658

Details

Other names NSR

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE ORGANISATION OR PROVISIONS OR FACILITIES WHICH WILL ENABLE AND ENCOURAGE PUPILS OF SCHOOLS IN ANY PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO ROW OR TO SCULL OR TO PLAY OTHER GAMES OR SPORTS AND THEREBY AND ASSIST IN ENSURING THAT DUE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PUPILS AS WELL AS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND OCCUPATION OF THEIR MINDS AND WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING THIS OBJECT: (B) THE ORGANISATION OR PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PHYSICAL RECREATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN ANY PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE PUPILS OF SCHOOLS AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE SAME ARE PROVIDED) FOR PUPILS OF SCHOOLS AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES. (C) THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF DECLARATION OF TRUST.

Activities: Education by provision of a regatta for all those schools who row and clubs who have a junior section serving minors

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,650	£26,660	-	-
2024-12-31	£73,741	£72,591	-	-
2023-12-31	£37,380	£25,192	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,958	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£66,000	£114,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£164	£19,753	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Martin	Chair	2024-01-01
GEORGE WILLIAM HAMMOND		
JONATHAN HILL		
MARK RIVERS BLANDFORD-BAKER		
SIOBHAN CASSIDY		

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Annual Report 2025

For the 78th National Schools' Regatta we made a move back to Holme Pierrepont, National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham which had long been the home of NSR until 2016. Moving the event to Nottingham from Dorney required a lot of logistical input from the whole committee and I would like to thank everyone for putting in the time and effort to get everything in place for the event. Working with centre staff, with each side learning about other was productive and positive on the whole.

The interest in the regatta remains very high, with nearly 1,200 entries, giving over 5000 young rowers the chance to compete over the 3 days of racing. Spectator support was strong, once again and the sheer number of marquee bookings provided us with a logistical challenge on the new site.

The weather, however, did cause a bit of a headache, and it was really disappointing to lose day 3. I believe we made the correct decision and that it was made at the right time. Like many, I hoped for a change in the forecast, as the week progressed but when it was clear that was not going to happen, the call was made. We did manage to re-arranged things a little to get as much done on Saturday as we could. As it turned out, we made the right decision as the storm that hit across the country on Sunday would have made any racing impossible. The lane draw was adjusted to ensure fairness in the cross wind.

In contrast Friday was a very nice day and the J14 and J15 crews racing that day enjoyed good water and conditions and great racing. Saturday was more of a challenge but racing was concluded and very well contested. When all costs were counted, we agreed to refund 50% of the Sunday entry fees back to the schools and clubs, as per our stated intent in our documentation.

Through working with contractors and partners, and through good, though reduced sales from our regatta shop partner, the Regatta was able to make a small surplus, enabling us to maintain a working reserve for future planning as well as allowing us to make good on a number of the requests for funds we received this year. This year we have awarded grants to one northern state school club, and four rowing clubs (two in the south and two in the north), grants being in the range £6,000 to £7,500, with the money going towards purchase of 3 quad sculls, 1 coaching/safety launch (for a junior club) and 1 octuple.

The Regatta is actively encouraging applications from potential projects that promote the sport amongst Juniors. To help with this we are producing an application form to go on our updated

website, indicating what information is useful for us to hear and that will enable us to give full consideration and support.

Following fruitful discussions with Eton College and Dorney Lake Enterprise, the Regatta will take place at Eton Dorney in 2026. As Chairman of the Regatta, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the wonderful group of Committee Members, who all give of their time and expertise freely and cheerfully – and very effectively.

Mike Martin
Chairman

2025 CHARITY ACCOUNT	
Balance Brought Forward	1,150.15
Income	
Regatta Surplus	10,000.00
Turnover royalty (above core)	0.00
Elite Merchandise core royalty	17,500.00
Income Total	28,650.15
Expenditure	
Grants made	26,660.00
Expenditure Total	26,660.00
Surplus(Deficit) Carried Forward	1,990.15

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The 77th National Schools' Regatta ran with a full programme of events. There were a total of 1280 crews from 153 schools and clubs, which related to over 5300 competitors, 2467 in the Girls events and 2927 in the Open events.

The weather was very kind this year so enabling three days of very hard-fought and competitive racing. Friday was particularly benign and with the sun shining, the J14 and J15 crews had excellent rowing conditions resulting in lots of close finishes. This year our J14 crews raced on the top half of the course, and it was lovely to see crowds of spectators gathering around the 1000m marker to cheer the crews to the line. Saturday and Sunday saw a slight cross wind and the lane draw was adjusted to compensate. The level and standard of rowing on show was superb. 61 different clubs/schools secured medals.

Spectator numbers were high once again and it was good to see the school/club marquees being packed out along the whole second 1000m of the course.

In addition to the surplus from our shop, through prudent financial planning and sensible negotiating the Regatta made a surplus that has enabled us to maintain a working reserve for future planning as well as allowing us to make good on a number of the requests for funds we received this year. All in, we have awarded grants to one school, one school rowing association, one charity and seven rowing clubs, amounts varying from £500 to £14,000, a total of £72,590. The Regatta is actively seeking out more potential projects that promote the sport amongst Juniors.

In my first year as Chair of the Regatta, I am delighted by the success and impact of NSR 2024 and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the wonderful group of Committee Members, who all give of their time and expertise freely and cheerfully – and very effectively. In 2025, the Regatta will return to the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham. We are looking forward to it.

Mike Martin,
Chairman National Schools' Regatta

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2024 CHARITY ACCOUNT	
Balance Brought Forward	12,188.02
Income	
Regatta Surplus	42,121.21
Turnover royalty	1,931.50
Elite Merchandise core royalty	17,500.00
Income Total	73,740.73
Expenditure	
Grants made	72,590.58
Expenditure Total	72,590.58
Surplus(Deficit) Carried Forward	1,150.15

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The 76th National Schools' Regatta ran with a full programme of events. There were a total of 967 crews from 152 schools and clubs, which related to 5043 competitors, 2248 in the Girls events and 2795 in the Open events. The weather was kind, though with a cross-wind, so enabling three days of exciting racing, the Friday was particularly affected by the wind so prolonging the racing timetable.

Spectator numbers were up on last year's levels and it was good to see the school/club marquees being packed out providing that focal point for the supporters and athletes alike.

The Regatta managed to make up some of the shortfall from the previous pandemic years, and have had several request for funds and have made grants to seven schools and clubs and two charities, amounts varying from £300 to £9,000, a total of £25,192.

The Regatta is actively seeking out more potential projects that promote the sport amongst Juniors.

I stepped down from the Chairmanship after the Regatta and handed over to Michael Martin who brings a wealth of experience to the role and I wish him and the rest of the Committee the very best for the years to come.

G W Hammond
Chairman

2023 CHARITY ACCOUNT	
Balance Brought Forward	17,958.64
Income	
Turnover royalty	1,921.50
Elite Merchandise core royalty	17,500.00
Income Total	37,380.14
Expenditure	
Grants made	25,192.12
Expenditure Total	25,192.12
Surplus(Deficit) Carried Forward	12,188.02

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Annual Report 2021

The Committee decided to run the 75th National Schools' Regatta with a greatly reduced number of events, mainly the J17 and J18 age groups, being their last years at school and having missed out in 2020.

There were no spectators allowed in to watch which meant revenue was severely down causing the Regatta to run at a loss. However, the Regatta was still able to make grants totalling £400 to clubs helping them with their projects for Juniors.

Races ran with a longer time interval to ensure minimum contact in the boating area and many other safeguards were in place in recognition of the government advice regarding Covid-19 measures.

The weather was good as were the racing conditions and athletes and coaches were very pleased to be back competing after missing out in 2020.

G W Hammond
Chairman

2021 REGATTA ACCOUNT	
Income	
Entry Fees	39,340.00
Marquees	15,726.33
Merchandising/University Area	544.50
Programme Advertising	0.00
Programme Sales	0.00
Car Parking (net)	0.00
Sponsorship	1,000.00
Donations & Misc income	6,294.42
Total Income	62,905.25
Expenditure	
Venue costs	53,474.90
Equipment hire	8,106.83
Equipment etc purchases	237.14
Accommodation	9,976.80
Programme Publishing	0.00
TV/Commentary/Tech Links	20,850.00
Online fees	729.58
Medals, Engraving & Storage	3,596.82
Regatta Catering	1,011.28
DofE Team Donation	1,000.00
Lifeguards Costs & Donation	4,500.00
Medical costs	3,447.00
Miscellaneous	2,100.00
Total Expenditure	109,030.35
Regatta Surplus(Deficit)	-46,125.10

2021 TRADING ACCOUNT	
Income	
Royalty from Gareth Sykes	3,000.00
Card Sales	0.00
Income Total	3,000.00
Expenditure	
Stock	0.00
Card Handling & Tentage Costs	57.60
Expenditure Total	57.60
Trading Surplus(Deficit)	2,942.40

2021 GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Balance brought forward	179,000.80
Bank Interest	82.61
Regatta Surplus(Deficit)	-46,125.10
Trading Surplus(Deficit)	2,942.40
	135,900.71
less:	
Committee Costs	873.57
Insurance Premiums	2,942.97
Audit, PCI DSS & Accounting Costs	90.00
Website	283.89
British Rowing Affiliation fee	358.00
British Rowing Almanack Advert.	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Grants awarded	400.00
	4,948.43
Balance carried forward	130,952.28