



Trustee Annual Report 2023

Charity Name: Foyle Sailability

Registered Charity Number: NI 101212

This report relates to financial year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

The principal address of the Charity is:

c/o Cable and Accessories
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The following individuals were the Charity trustees on the date the report was approved.

1. Garry Crothers
2. Kieran McAllister
3. Ken Curry

The following individuals served as Charity trustees during the year:

1. Garry Crothers
2. Kieran McAllister
3. Ken Curry

The Charity was formed in 2015. The Charity is governed by a constitution.

The Charitable purposes of the Charity are:

Foyle Sailability is a cross-border voluntary organisation which aims to deliver opportunities for sailing and other water-based activities to people with disabilities from across the North West region of Ireland.

We make these sports accessible with the help of specialised equipment, such as a hoist at Foyle Port Marina; accessible boats; access to the water via pontoons at Foyle Port Marina and Greencastle Co Donegal; and support from trained and qualified volunteers.

To further these purposes for the public benefit, we carried out the following activities:

Fortnightly on the water group boating experiences and individual sail training sessions and annual regattas together with classroom-based training.

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance and have had regard to this when running the Charity.

A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year:

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In the financial year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 the Charity had an income of **£8145.13** and an expenditure of **£8253.66**

There are no funds held by the Charity that are materially in deficit.

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January 28th and we got out on the water ! Beautiful day enjoyed by Ken, Catherine, Eoin, Niamh, Cara and Claire. Feb 12th and Rebecca and Shirley got out with Ken and Derek Furniss, Marty Haire and Reggie Downey.

February started well with Catherine, Kieran, Niamh and Ken completing their RYA First Aid, and we managed another few hours sailing on Sun 12th.

5th March and we had another good turnout with two hanses out. Lot of background work from Reggie, the two Marty's, Pdraig, Sean, Catherine with maintenance and tidying up etc plus plans for funding efforts.

April saw our first recognition night at Lough Foyle Yacht Club, Culmore. John Pollock received a gift from us all for his service as treasurer for the past few years, and our sailors got recognised for their part in retaining the President's Cup. Eoin, Niamh, Marty and Pdraig started work on the wild flower display at Prehen.

We managed to get another couple of days sailing in May and more maintenance work done.

In June we took a couple of groups from the Foyle Ambassadors scheme out for trips and Ken completed the Jester Baltimore Challenge and managed to raise a few quid for club funds in the process. In July we traveled to lough Erne to support Marty in his marvellous fund-raising effort and then back up again for the sailability regatta. This turned out to be a great day out for everyone despite the weather.

August's highlight for us was the Belfast lough sailability regatta which took place for the Hanses within Carrickfergus harbour. A really enjoyable days racing was had by all and foyle secured their first race win at any regatta ! We managed to sell Eoin's old boat but kept the outboard to use on the incoming Hawk 20.

Downes Syndrome Trust joined us for a trip on a beautiful evening down river at the start of September. We had a couple of great days sailing the Hawk at Prehen with sailors learning how to helm with a tiller. We even practised rescuing our rescue boat !



We took ownership of our second Hawk at the start of October. This of course was only possible with Kieran McAllister's help in securing the donation from Cable Accessories. We cannot thank C&A and Kieran in particular enough for the support every single year.

Catherine and Pdraig attended the Supported Communities event in November and made some very good connections which I'm sure will prove fruitful in the future. They both have been working away in the background for many months trying to find ways of securing funding. This is an important task which we have been struggling with since our inception, but hopefully there's a brighter future for FS due to their efforts.

All in all, not a bad year for Foyle Sailability. Good connections have been made. Hopefully the weather gods will be kind to us in 2024 and enable us to get more time on the water. We are looking at all ways of creating more opportunities to sail.

Ken Curry

Secretary

Signature	Name	Date
	Ken Curry Secretary	14/3/24
	Garry Crothers Chairperson	14/3/24