

Seagull Trust Cruises

Scotland · Charity number SC027163

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	1997-10-16
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	The Boathouse Bantaskine Park Falkirk FK1 5PT
Website	www.seagulltrust.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: Seagull Trust Cruises provides free canal cruises for people who have additional needs. We own and operate nine purpose-built canal boats and offer trips at Falkirk, Inverness, Kirkintilloch and Ratho, from March until October, with Santa cruises in November and December. In a typical year, we will carry about 20,000 passengers.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: The object of the Company is the provision of recreational facilities for the use of disabled persons (being persons who are physically or mentally disabled in any way from any Cause whatever, whether arising or occurring before, during or after birth) and the making of payments by way of grant or aid for and to such persons in order to enable them to participate in recreational or holiday activities

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Midlothian
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£233,717	£154,454	-	0
2024-10-31	£131,524	£162,935	-	0
2023-10-31	£172,812	£138,191	-	0
2022-10-31	£98,238	£137,071	-	1
2021-10-31	£89,844	£63,732	-	0
2020-10-31	£59,484	£129,745	-	0

Accounts

Registration Number SC179736
Scottish charity number: SC027163

Seagull Trust Cruises
(Company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 October 2025

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025.

The report is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005).

The principal activity of the company during the year was to provide free canal cruising for people who have special needs.

Reference and administrative information

Directors serving during the year:

David Mieras	Chairman, Resigned 31st March 2026
Ian James Young	Vice Chairman
Kathryn Allardice	Hon. Secretary, appointed 1st April 2025, resigned 31st March 2026
Donald Paterson	Treasurer
Andrew Milner	
Ian Singleton	
John Sime	
Donald Steel	
Ramsay Mcghee	
Duncan Sutherland	
Graham Biggerstaff	Resigned 31st March 2026
Claude Stewart	Resigned 31st March 2026
Richard Masters	Appointed 31st March 2026
Carol McLellan	
Linda Munro	Appointed 5th May 2025
Stuart Rennie	Resigned 1st April 2025

The directors are the members of the company. No director had a financial interest in the company.

Legal Status	The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.
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Company number	SC179736
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Scottish Charity Number	SC027163
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Date of incorporation	16 October 1997
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Registered Office	The Boathouse, South Bantaskine Road, Bantaskine Estate, Falkirk, Scotland, FK1 5PT
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Business Addresses	Southbank Marina, 100 Southbank Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 1LX The Boathouse, South Bantaskine Road, Bantaskine Estate, Falkirk, Scotland, FK1 5PT Canal Side, Baird Road, Ratho, EH28 8RA
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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

Structure, governance and management

The company operates through Branches established at Falkirk, Inverness, Kirkintilloch and Ratho.

Directors are normally proposed and elected at the company's Annual General Meeting. Each of the Branches may appoint up to two directors. The minimum number of directors is ten and there is no maximum number

Risk management

The Directors continue to review the major strategic business and operational risks that the company faces on a regular basis and where possible, have established systems to monitor and mitigate these risks.

Induction and Training

The current Directors have been made aware of their duties and responsibilities and of the standards expected by OSCR.

Objectives, activities and achievements

Objectives

The principal activity of the company is to provide free canal cruising for people who have special needs.

Activities

All the company's activities are run entirely by volunteers. The company owns & operates 9 wide beam canal boats.

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

Financial review and performance

Accounts

The company's total incoming resources for the year amounted to £233,717 (2024: £131,524). Charitable expenditure amounted to £105,893 (2024: £162,935).

The company's funds at 31 October 2025 totalled £1,274,858 of which the general funds were £236,331 in line with the reserves policy as noted below.

Investment policy

The company has invested one sixth of its cash resources in M & G Charifund with the remaining five sixths held as cash, distributed across accounts with major banks.

Reserves policy

The Directors, being aware of the inconsistent cash flow from voluntary donations, have a policy of maintaining unrestricted liquid reserves to cover at least six months' average expenditure and have established funds to provide for future major repairs and refits.

Future plans

The directors are satisfied that the company remains on a sound financial footing and will be able to continue its activities for the foreseeable future.

Transactions with Directors or Trustees

There were no transactions with the directors or trustees during the year.

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

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**Mr D Mieras
Chairman**

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Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 October 2025

Chairman's Report

Activity on our cruises is largely back to pre-pandemic levels with healthy bookings throughout the season. This will be my final report as Chairman. I have decided that after my long (and happy) tenure as Chair, it is at last time to stand down. Therefore, I do not intend to stand for re-election at the AGM in April.

It just remains to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work and support in our joint efforts to steer this rather wonderful charity of ours. It has been a pleasure

The Branch statistics:

	Falkirk	Highland	Kirkintilloch	Ratho	Total
Cruises	540	137	454	679	1,810
Adults	4,263	1,099	3,860	5,451	14,673
Wheelchairs	459	91	507	743	1,376
Children	725	68	241	342	1,800
Total Passengers	4,988	1,167	4,101	5,793	16,049

Mr David Mieras
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Seagull Trust Cruises

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met.

In my opinion there are no other matters to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Craig J. Allison FCCA
16-18 Weir Street
Falkirk
FK1 1RA

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 October 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Income from investments	6,913	-	-	6,913	5,571
Subscriptions and donations	170,569	10,000	25,000	205,569	108,929
Sale of goods	10,187	-	-	10,187	4,609
Fundraising income	5,319	-	-	5,319	6,305
Hire Income	-	-	-	-	250
Art Gallery Commision/ Book Shop	-	-	-	-	-
Drydock income	5,729	-	-	5,729	5,860
Total incoming resources	198,717	10,000	25,000	233,717	131,524
Resources expended					
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>					
Cost of generating funds	(9,736)			(9,736)	(12,413)
Operational costs*	(73,528)	(48,561)	-	(122,089)	(129,531)
Support costs	(18,961)		-	(18,961)	(17,929)
Governance costs	(3,668)	-	-	(3,668)	(3,064)
Total resources expended	(105,893)	(48,561)	-	(154,454)	(162,937)
Net movement in funds for the year	92,824	(38,561)	25,000	79,263	(31,413)
Fund transfers	109,000	109,000	-	-	-
Net income / (deficit) for the year	(16,176)	70,439	25,000	79,263	(31,413)
Funds brought forward:					
General fund	252,507	938,936	4,151	1,195,594	1,227,005
Funds carried forward	236,331	1,009,375	29,151	1,274,858	1,195,594

* - Operational costs include depreciation charged on the charity's assets used in operating activities of £48,561 (2024: £48,856)

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 October 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Represented by :					
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	615,731	-	615,732	662,646
Investments	70,000			70,000	70,000
Stock	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	18,652	-	-	18,652	17,960
Bank	152,477	393,646	29,151	575,274	454,457
Creditors	(4,800)	-	-	(4,800)	(9,469)
	<u>236,331</u>	<u>1,009,375</u>	<u>29,151</u>	<u>1,274,858</u>	<u>1,195,594</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	3		615,732		662,645
Investments	4		70,000		70,000
			<u>685,732</u>		<u>732,645</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	18,652		17,960	
Cash at bank and in hand		575,271		454,458	
		<u>593,923</u>		<u>472,418</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(4,800)</u>		<u>(9,469)</u>	
Net Current Assets			589,123		462,949
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>1,274,858</u>		<u>1,195,594</u>
Funds:					
General fund			236,331		215,271
Designated fund	8		1,009,375		976,172
Restricted fund			29,151		4,151
Total Funds			<u>1,274,858</u>		<u>1,195,594</u>

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 October 2025 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

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(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 & 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on and signed on its behalf by

Mr D Mieras

Director

Registration Number SC179736

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005). They are also prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). In order to comply with this revised statement, it was necessary to change the income and expenditure headings.

1.2. Incoming resources

Voluntary income received by way of donations or gifts, subscriptions, investment income and income from the sale of goods are all included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

1.3. Expenditure

All resources expended are included on an accruals basis and are recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Boathouses	-	2% Straight Line
Barges		4% Straight Line

Assets transferred from the Seagull Trust on formation of Seagull Trust Cruises have been depreciated at the above rate based on their original cost.

1.5. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value and represent units held by M & G Charifund.

1.6. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Legal status

The company is limited by guarantee, having no share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required, up to a maximum of £1 each, to the assets of the company if it is wound up whilst that person is a member, or within one year of the cessation of that person as a member, for payment of the company's debts and liabilities and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors amongst themselves.

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3. Tangible fixed assets

	Boathouses	Barges	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 November 2024	611,247	822,623	14,402	1,448,272
Additions	-	1,645	-	1,645
At 31 October 2025	611,247	824,268	14,402	1,449,917
Depreciation				
At 1 November 2024	249,572	521,651	14,401	785,624
Charge for the year	15,473	33,088	-	48,561
At 31 October 2025	265,045	554,739	14,401	834,185
Net book values				
At 31 October 2025	346,202	269,529	1	615,732
At 31 October 2024	361,675	300,972	1	662,648

4. Fixed Asset Investments

	Other Investments	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 November 2024		
At 31 October 2025	70,000	70,000
Net book values		
At 31 October 2025	70,000	70,000
At 31 October 2024	70,000	70,000

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5. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	18,652	17,960

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	4,800	9,469

7. Going concern

The board is satisfied that they have enough liquid reserves to continue to fund the charity for at least three years therefore there is no doubt as to the ability to continue as a going concern.

8. Designated funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfer	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	662,647	-	(48,560)	1,645	615,732
Falkirk Boathouse	160,000	-	-	38,355	198,355
Kirkintilloch Boat Fund	23,791	-	-	40,000	63,791
Ratho New Boat	92,500	10,000	-	29,000	131,500
Balance carried forward	938,937	10,000	(48,560)	109,000	1,009,375