

Largs Sail Training Association

Scotland · Charity number SC040552

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2009-06-04
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Largs Sailing Club
KA30 8EZ

Website www.lsta.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of public participation in sport', '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: the purpose of the association is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for sailing, and other water sports. In furtherance of this objective the association: - ? Encourages, in particular, the involvement and development of young people ? Stimulates and promotes participants' motivation, aspirations and levels of achievement and ? Develops knowledge of seamanship and practical skills relating to the safe participation in water sports Develops participants' self-confidence, self-esteem and ability to take on organisational roles

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: n/a

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£48,411	£25,013	-	0
2024-09-30	£33,153	£26,991	-	0
2023-09-30	£16,648	£13,110	-	0
2022-09-30	£18,418	£17,472	-	0
2021-09-30	£9,265	£5,354	-	0
2020-09-30	£53,730	£6,611	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
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From	1 st	October	2024	To	30 th	September	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Largs Sail Training Association

Registered charity number

SC040552

Charity's principal address

Largs Yacht Haven

Irvine Road

Largs

Ayrshire

Postcode KA30 8EZ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Alderson	Chairman / Principal		
2	Bill Forsyth	Chief Instructor (Dinghy and Power)		LSC Executive Committee
3	Carol Alderson	Treasurer		
4	Martin Faulkner			
5	Dani Keene			
6	Kate Shelly			
7	Zoe Linton			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The association was set up by Largs Sailing Club on the 6th of March 2008 and was recognised as a charity with effect from the 4th of June 2009. The association is an unincorporated association.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The Committee Members were those appointed on the establishment of the Association and elected subsequently.

Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Constitution which requires that committee members to be elected at a general meeting of the members. The Committee may co-opt up to 3 additional committee members and fill any casual vacancy that may arise. The constitution requires that there are 2 representatives of each of the Executive and Sailing Committees of Largs Sailing Club

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

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Develops participants' self-confidence, self-esteem and ability to take on organisational roles.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Association provides practical courses in sailing and windsurfing for adults and young persons, in accordance with the RYA National and Youth Sailing Schemes. The Association also provides specific practical courses for power boating under the RYA National Powerboat Scheme. In addition, the Association offers a considerable number of other opportunities for trainees to develop their seamanship skills through the provision of boats, equipment and additional coaching.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

These funds will be used to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet ongoing operational requirements and make future investment in equipment.

Details of any deficit

The receipts and payments accounts for 2024 show a surplus of £13,768. The trustees are happy that revenue income and spending are in line and reserves are at a satisfactory level.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The LSTA relies heavily on donated facilities and services from Largs Sailing Club (LSC). LSC provides berthage, changing facilities, briefing rooms and safety craft for LSTA activities.

Achievements and performance

We ran a full programme of training in 2025. In addition to our normal Monday and Thursday evening activities we also ran an increased number of weekend courses and a programme of week day courses through the school summer holidays.

- Beginner sail training to existing and new Adult and Cadet members through 73 separate activities.
- Set of six Active Schools sessions during Monday daytime for 12 pupils from Largs Academy
- Taster Sessions one for Largs Boys Brigade and one for Largs academy with 45 attendees.
- The provision of safe, fun, sail training and marine activities for our existing junior, cadet members on both Monday and Thursday evenings.
- Delivering RYA Power Boat 2, RYA Safety Boat and refresher training to our adult members in support of club racing.
- Continuing to attract new adult members and retain existing trainees by offering high quality training to the RYA dinghy syllabus on Tuesday evenings
- Supporting, assisting and delivering new sail training instructors to the sport.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of all our volunteers. Including cadet parents who help with the beach and getting us all on the water, young Assistant Instructors learning how to pass their knowledge onto the next generation. Instructors who tirelessly bring enthusiasm and experience week in week out. Senior Instructors who help with the organisation and management. The onshore team who helps with keeping the sailing boats and safety boats working and ready to go.

Finally, as we look forward and make provisional plans for our 2026 season, we hope to ensure that we not only build on our successes but continue to look at new innovative ways to deliver fun marine activities with our incredible, volunteer instructor base.

Some figures for the 2024 season:

Thursday Cadets	28
Tuesday Adults	17
Monday Seniors	26
First Aid course candidates	26
RYA Power boat Level 2	26
RYA Safety Boat	9

The current LSTA training fleet now consists of:

- One RIB
- One RS Quest
- Five RS Visions
- Five RS Fevas
- Twelve RS Teras
- Six RS Qubas
- One Dart 16
- Eight Toppers
- One Laser
- Twelve Windsurfing Boards and associated rigs
- Eight Training Optimists

Other optional information

VOLUNTEERS

LSTA training is largely delivered by volunteer instructors with appropriate qualifications and experience. The Association relies heavily upon these volunteer instructors and many other volunteers in administration and maintenance. Largs Sail Training Association is indebted to all volunteers for their help and support.

FUTURE PLANS & DEVELOPMENT

Our main development goals for the 2025-26 season are to:

- a) Replace aging parts of the training fleet with more suitable boats to support our programs, through sponsorship and/or grant funding. Specifically, we aim to pursue funding to replace several of the RS Vision dinghies
- b) continue to increase the numbers of cadets moving through RYA Scotland Academy and Squads; and
- c) continue to work with the LSC dinghy section to improve the participation in club racing by cadets and adults in training;
- d) Work with local authority partners to develop a programme for introducing sailing to those from difficult backgrounds.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Association is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and other means, including insurance cover, where appropriate are in place to mitigate the Association's exposure to those major risks.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)	<i>P Alderson</i>	<i>Carol Alderson</i>
Full name(s)	Philip Alderson	Carol Alderson
Position	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	30/11/2025	30/11/2025

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- Delivering RYA Power Boat 2, RYA Safety Boat and refresher training to our adult members in support of club racing.
- Continuing to attract new adult members and retain existing trainees by offering high quality training to the RYA dinghy syllabus including an introduction to racing courses and sailing with spinnakers.
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Over its first ten years, LSTA exceeded all expectations of both LSTA and LSC, in terms of fleet upgrade, instructor training and the quality of training provided. We have an excellent fleet of training boats, however we need to continue to develop our services and resources. Our main development goals for the 2024-25 season are to:

- a) develop the training fleet to support our programs, through sponsorship and/or grant funding. Specifically we aim to pursue funding to purchase:
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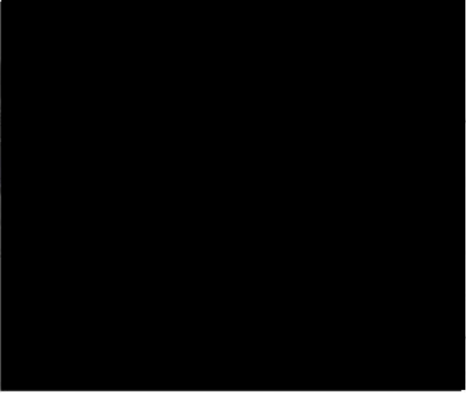
Position Chairman

Treasurer

Date

OSCr

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Largs Sail Training Association							
Registered charity number		SC040552							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date	Day	Month	Year	To	Period end date	Day	Month	Year
		1 st	October	2023			30 th	September	2024
Set out on pages									
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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 accounts.								
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 1. which gives me 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.								
Signed:								Date:	29/05/2025
Name:									
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):									
Address:									



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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	28,353	-	28,353	16,648
A1 Sub total	28,353	-	28,353	16,648
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	4,800	-	4,800	-
A2 Sub total	4,800	-	4,800	-
Total receipts	33,153	-	33,153	16,648
A3 Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	21,391	-	21,391	13,110
A3 Sub total		-	-	13,110
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements				
Purchases of fixed assets	5,600	-	5,600	25,969
Purchase of investments	-	-	0	-
A4 Sub total	5,600	-	5,600	25,969
Total payments	26,991	-	26,991	39,079
Net receipts / (payments)	6,162	-	6,162	(22,431)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds				
Surplus / (deficit) for year	6,162	-	6,162	(22,431)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	9,103	40,088	49,191	71,621
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	6,162		6,162	(22,430)
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	15,265	40,088	55,353	49,191

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments			
	Total		

Details	Purchase year	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets				
6 * RS Visions	2009	26,796	942	1,178
3 * RS Fevas	2009	9,787	344	430
5 * RS Teras	2009	7,850	277	346
Windsurfing Kit	2009	2,350	82	103
3 * RS Fevas	2010	10,350	375	469
3 * RS Teras	2010	4,905	216	270
2 * Darts	2011	3,000	110	138
3 * RS Qubas	2011	7,772	427	534
9 * Windsurf Boards	2011	4,879	268	335
1 * Windsurf Board	2012	539	37	46
Windsurfing Kit	2013	2,081	178	223
3 * RS Qubas	2013	7,801	602	752
4 * RS Teras	2013	7,999	687	859
6 * Vision jibs	2016	1,101	185	231
Vision mast	2017	315	148	185
Topper (Donated Asset)	2017	2,995	629	786
RS Tera	2017	1,642	344	430
Masts	2018	648	170	213
Laser (Donated Asset)	2019	4,995	1,637	2,046
4 * Optimists	2019	5,886	1,929	2,411
4 * Optimists	2021	6,442	3,298	4,123
Rib	2023	25,969	16,620	20,775
6 * Toppers	5600	5,600	5,600	
	Total	151,702	35,105	36,883

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities			
	Total		

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities			
	Total		

Signed by two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

		14/6/25
		14/6/25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

During the year the LSTA used the £20,723 rib replacement fund and £5,246 of the Finlay Forsyth Memorial fund to purchase a new rib. The £39,645 restricted fund balance relates to Finlay Forsyth Memorial Fund. £443 of interest received in the year has been added to restricted funds.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
		Total	

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
received payment for the running of the powerboat courses	1,460

C4a Trustee expenses

	0
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Payments to Largs SC	Facility Fee - use of club facilities and ribs for summer courses	1,976	0
Payments to Largs SC	Administration salary recharge for 2022-23	2,000	0

C6 Other Information

The Association holds £39,645 in the Finlay Forsyth Memorial Fund. There are conditions on how this fund can be spent, however the Trustees are satisfied that these conditions are fully in line with our charitable purpose.

Additional analysis

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Gross Receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Youth Dinghy Training	6,730	-	6,730	13,735
Youth Dinghy Courses	13,455	-	13,455	
Adult Dinghy Training	#REF!	-	#REF!	600
Power Boat Courses	1,780	-	1,780	720
Shore based Courses	875	-	875	1,150
Boat Hire	60	-	60	0
Instructor Course	1,200	-	1,200	0
Sale of Assets	4,800	-	4,800	0
Income from Investment	608	-	608	443
Total	#REF!	-	#REF!	16,648

2 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Instructor fees - sailing	8,541	-	8,541	3,170
Instructor fees - power boat	1,460	-	1,460	428
Instructor fees - shore based	1,834	-	1,834	902
Instructor Training Costs	1,812	-	1,812	510
Training Costs	1,029	-	1,029	675
Maintenance	1,061	-	1,061	3,568
other charges (paypal)	274	-	274	192
Membership fees (see note C5)	371	-	371	357
Facility Fee	1,976	-	1,976	-
Administration	2,323	-	2,323	2,801
Capital Expenditure	5,600	-	5,600	25,969
Other Expenditure	710	-	710	507
Total	26,991	-	26,991	39,079