

HYSTS Management Committee / Trustee's Annual Report for 2018

2018 was for the Scheme a year of more achievements than disappointments. Twenty two sailing sessions were planned but, disappointingly, only 11 achieved. Surprisingly considering the summer we all enjoyed, six sessions had to be cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. Despite great efforts by both volunteers and parents to promote the Scheme, including visiting a school and displaying a fully rigged dinghy, a lack of young people led to five sessions being cancelled. The wider picture of attracting and retaining young people is mixed; some sailing centres are overwhelmed whilst others are apparently suffering the same difficulties as we are. Nevertheless, the youngsters that did attend enthusiastically involved themselves in working towards attaining the various RYA stages of dinghy sailing. Parental feedback has been positive. Two visits by seven young men and their carers from the Hayling Island Hill Crest Poppy Lodge were very successful. We hope to see them again this year.

Even if we don't sail it still costs around £4,000.00 a year to run the Scheme; over half those costs are insurance. We were fortunate to receive two substantial grants; personal donations, a gift aid payment and the sale of assets also went into keeping our funding on the positive side of the spreadsheet. In April we were one of the original organisations to join the newly launched Havant Borough Community Lottery. Each ticket costs £1.00, 50p goes to the players' choice of good causes, 10p to a central charitable fund with the remaining 40p going to VAT and the running costs of the lottery. To date we are on course to raise sufficient funds from our involvement in this first year to pay for the annual servicing of our two outboard engines!

With the exception of our Senior Instructors who have to maintain their various qualifications and are financially rewarded everyone else associated with the Scheme is a volunteer. These hard working, dedicated folk who give up many hours

of their own time are the very backbone of our organisation. Most of them have remained with us this year and others have joined including one of our ex-girls and two of our ex boys. These three have been hugely beneficial to the Scheme employing their sailing skills as recognised helms to take novices out on their first sailing experience.

A previous grant allowed us to purchase a robust, steel locker that we have sited in the remote boat compound. This has allowed us to store all the less attractive, but nevertheless essential, equipment which previously we had to transport to and from the base to the boat compound every sailing session. Following the success of the first locker we have brought a second that will be used to store even more equipment thus relieving those of us who have to pull the trailers along a sloping seawall on each occasion we sail! To further help our volunteers we have purchased a more powerful petrol winch and sunk a steel post into the boat compound concrete to anchor the winch. This ensures the two safety boats are deployed and recovered more easily.

Once Hampshire County Council's legal team and our solicitor have agreed terms, we intend to go ahead and purchase the sailing base. On completion of the purchase we will proceed to seek funding that will enable us to build a modern sailing facility to replace the existing building. The purchase has been stalled for some time; we intend to advance this during 2019.

Nineteen sailing sessions have been identified for the 2019 season. We can go forward with confidence knowing that we currently have financial stability, good equipment and senior sailing instructors and volunteers who enjoy working within the Scheme. In March we appointed a new Principal; during his first season he observed our operations and is now developing ideas as to how to take the organisation into the next season and beyond, aims that will deliver the challenges and enjoyment to young people who want to learn to sail.

2018 Financial Report

EXPENDITURE

Operational Equipment/Personnel	

Base maintenance and equipment	3156.30
Safety boat maintenance and equipment	639.61
Dinghy maintenance and equipment	45.63
Safety boat fuel	54.22
Clothing	112.39
SI fees	880.00
Staff mileage allowance	66.60
Insurance (combined base/fleet/public liability)	2130.35
	<u>7085.10</u>

Fees and Affiliations

Harbour conservation dues	62.08
Harbour Federation subscription	35.00
RYA recognition fee	323.00
HBSA affiliation fee	15.00
Bedhampton Social Hall affiliation fee	00.00
	<u>435.08</u>

<u>Utilities</u>

Telephone	61.64
Fresh water (boat compound)	45.87
Fresh water (sailing base)	84.05
Waste water (combined sites)	67.66
Electricity	144.57
Business rates	179.95
	583.74

EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

Miscellaneous Operational

RYA certificates/logbooks/handbooks	55.90
Staff refreshments	266.99
Website maintenance	112.21
AGM report printing	9.00
Publicity material printing	160.37
Departing staff gift	16.98
	<u>621.45</u>

INCOME

Grants	8000.00
Donations	1105.00
HMRC gift aid	192.70
Havant Community lottery	349.50
Hire of base (polling station)	225.00
Sailing fees	1170.00
Sale of redundant assets	400.00
	<u>11442.20</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8725.37
TOTAL INCOME	11442.20
END OF YEAR SURPLUS	2716.83
Carried forward into 2019	<u>12193.49</u>

Sailing Report

Sailing season 15th April to 27th October 2018

Breakdown:

Sessions scheduled	22
Sessions completed	11
Sessions cancelled (adverse weather)	6
Sessions cancelled (insufficient numbers)	5
Attendance	2 girls and 14 boys
Age spread	8 to 14 years

Attendance:

Average attendance per session in 2018: 5

6.3 in 2017; 8.3 in 2016; 6.8 in 2015; 7.2 in 2014; and 7.5 for 2013 seasons.

RYA Certificates:

Certificate	Started	Completed
One	4	2
Two	2	1
Three	1	0
Four	-	-

Additionally, 8 RYA Taster Certificates were issued.

Recognition of Charitable Status.

HYSTS' address is: Havant Youth Sail Training Scheme. C/o The Bedhampton Community Centre, 21 Bedhampton Road, Bedhampton, Hampshire, PO9 3ES

HYSTS' Trustees; Mr Peter Bee, Mr Geoffrey Lynch BEM, Mr Owen Davies, Mrs Hazel Matthews, Mrs Mary Milton, Mr Derick Borlace, Mr Kenneth Matthews, Mr William Walworth CBE, Mrs Jane Walworth, Mr Ian Earle.

The HYSTS Constitution (as amended 10th March 2014) requires the overall responsibility for the Scheme shall be vested in the Management Committee elected by the Patron and Sailing (Senior) Members at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Constitution also requires the Management Committee will consist of the following elected Officers; The President (who may be appointed for a five year term of office), Chairperson, Principal, Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Programme Co-ordinator, Fund Raising Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer, and Bosun. Three Patron or Sailing (Senior) Members may also be elected to serve as members of the Management Committee. The Constitution further requires The Officers of the Scheme and elected Management Committee Members will act as the Managing Trustees in accordance with Charity Law.

HYSTS' Constitutional objectives are:

- 1. to improve the quality of life of young people through the provision of sailing opportunities and qualifications as a challenging activity;
- 2. to provide a secure environment for the self-development of young people through qualified and professional guidance;
- 3. to work in partnership with statutory bodies and organisations within the community;
- 4. to deliver youth work through the medium of sailing and waterborne activity;
- 5. to facilitate training opportunities for young people and adults wishing to work with young people.

These objectives are further defined within the Co-Operation agreement between Hampshire County Council Outdoor Education Department and HYSTS. Hampshire County Council Outdoor Education Department issue, administer and police the AALA license under which HYSTS operates.

HYSTS' Objectives under the Co-Operation agreement are:

- 1. to introduce young people to sailing and seamanship as an activity in a way that facilitates personal development;
- to provide affordable opportunities for young people to experience dinghy sailing with qualified RYA instruction and procedures in line with the regulations and guidance set out in the current HCC Off-site and Hazardous Activities Regulations;
- 3. to provide a membership system by which young people can regularly participate in sailing in order to develop confidence, personal skills and teamwork;
- 4. to provide planned and progressive opportunities for youth groups to initiate and develop sailing for their members;
- 5. to provide 'come and try' sessions for young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attempt sailing as an activity;
- 6. to provide opportunities for young people to fulfil requirements of external organisations with regard to sailing (e.g. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Scouts, Guides, RYA certificates etc.);
- 7. to provide training opportunities in order to develop the HYSTS programme;
- 8. to raise self-esteem and develop personal and social skills;
- 9. to support the development and positive personnel relationships with both peers and adults;
- 10. to enable the sharing and acting on ideas and issues;
- 11. to recognise the voluntary involvement of young people with a range of experiences and views;
- 12. to take part in outdoor education activities.

Planned Outcomes for young people under the Co-Operation agreement.

- 1. Young people can gain RYA Awards for members and HYSTS Certificates of Participation (for introductory sailing sessions) (under 25 years) from Hampshire by the end of each season.
- 2. HYSTS members completing 3 or 6 months of regular attendance will receive an Access Credit and Certificate for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- 3. Through their involvement with HYSTS activities young people will develop greater self-confidence and self-esteem as well as improving their team work skills.
- 4. Participation in the Members' Sailing Committee leading to young people having the opportunity for full involvement in the organisation of HYSTS.
- 5. HYSTS will provide a progression of sailing experience, from Wayfarers through single handed to advanced sailing techniques, in line with the current RYA modules.
- 6. Young people will:
 - feel more confident;
 - relate more effectively with both peers and adults in a variety of circumstances and settings;
 - be able to use their skills effectively;
 - learn how to express their views effectively;
 - experience a new and challenging activity;
 - have the ability to work with others and influence opinion and decisions;
 - know when their views have made a difference;
 - develop and maintain effective relationships;
 - choose to be involved in positive activities and avoid crime, anti-social and hazardous situations.

To facilitate the meeting of these objectives HYSTS planned during the 2018 sailing season to provided 198 opportunities for young people to participate in dinghy sailing at a cost of £22.50 per session under the tuition of an RYA Senior Instructor. This is seen as meeting HYSTS' charitable purposes for the public benefit.

HYSTS' Trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.