



HYSTS Management Committee / Trustee's Annual Report for 2023

Extraordinary, amazing and fantastic are just three adjectives that could be used to describe our year; not thrills spills and excitement – that happened on the water, but steady achievement and success on many fronts. Those of us who have been involved with the Scheme for many years have all agreed that we have achieved more this year than any of us can remember.

The year started with a complete internal and external refurbishment of the shore base; walls were removed, showers installed, a small kitchen fitted, hot water made available, the electrics, including heating and lighting upgraded and all areas repainted. Externally, the west and south facing wooden cladding was replaced, all storage lockers refitted and weather-proofed electrical points installed along with better outside lighting. A separate workshop was bought thus allowing the Bosun to have somewhere to store equipment and work in relative peace! This work would not have been possible without the tremendous generosity of one of our unfaltering trustees – thank you!

The sailing season was the usual mixture of frustrating cancellations, three of which were weather related owing to 'unseasonable high winds' however this frustration was tempered by the success of our young people on the water. Initially, attendance numbers were disappointing but word quickly spread that what we were offering was 'fun', the numbers increased and overall we achieved an average of 9 young people per session. We met twenty seven young people new to sailing, ten of whom asked for a RYA Logbook to record their achievements and award of certification; two young people achieved Stage 2 in a very short time having never sailed before! Our feedback system has many encouraging anecdotes to tell: "he's found a new hobby that has really inspired a new interest", "thank you so much for this year, the girls have loved it", "I think it was an excellent course and a fabulous experience", "very keen to do it again", "thank you for giving our girls such a brilliant introduction to sailing" and finally: "Just like my daughter after her first session, her sister came home buzzing and really happy, having even enjoyed the capsized drill! I just want to say thank you so much for all that you folks do. I quite simply could not afford for my children to have this amazing opportunity if it wasn't for you guys!"

Early in the season Cath, our Publicity Officer represented the Scheme at an agency coffee morning in the Langstone Junior Academy School. Flyers were distributed and questions asked about what we do. Mary, our Sailing Co-ordinator reported an increase in bookings directly following this event. Cath, a college teacher, is now planning to involve her students in a project to complete the graphic design work required to produce a new advertising folder. Next year, as a token of our thanks, it is intended to take some of Cath's students sailing.

Hilary is our Chief Instructor, her daughter Niamh provided the Senior Instructor duties for a majority of our sailing sessions; other members of Hilary's family also kindly volunteered to get involved. Encouragingly, we were also able to attract competent young sailors from other clubs and associations to helm a dinghy when novices were onboard as crew. Harry, although not qualified by age to be an Assistant Instructor, enthusiastically helped novices gain confidence afloat in their first dinghy experience. We are blessed with a cohort of loyal volunteers, and we also managed to find a few new ones.

Despite numerous and costly attempts to rectify the issues one outboard engine malfunctioned again whilst attempting to rescue a dinghy that had run aground. The engine of the rescue boat cut out completely resulting in the rescue boat being blown onto a mud bank. As a result, it was decided to replace the engine and impressed with the result it was decided to replace the other engine as well. After negotiations, very favourable financial and part exchange arrangements were made with a local supplier. Bizarrely at around the same time as the engine issues a split along the rubbing strake in one of the rescue boats was discovered. As we must be fully confident in all our rescue equipment it was decided to buy an exact replacement boat. During negotiations to purchase this boat the supplier offered us a second boat and a road trailer at an extremely attractive price and although we don't need the road trailer we can sell it on at a profit. It is hoped to sell the two replaced boats in due course.

This year our main source of funding can be divided between the extremely generous donations that allowed us to complete the refurbishment and a generous grant received from the M M Wyllie Charitable Trust. We were also fortunate to receive individual donations and our involvement in the Havant Borough Council Lottery continues to generate a steady and reasonably predictable source of funds. Inevitably the cost of our core funding rose mostly driven by increased utilities and insurance costs.

After a number of years of delay we have finally bought the shore base from Hampshire County Council (HCC). Now, as owners of property our charitable status will need to change and in doing so we intend to take advantage of the Charity Commission's land holding service, known as 'vesting'. At the same time as two Trustees signed for the property the Scheme's Chairman also signed a ten year lease for the boat compound, this lease is with HCC. The lease is necessary because HCC may be required to utilise the land in order to widen the main road leading up to the Hayling Island Bridge.

A mirandus anno, a wonderful year, sums up our year succinctly. Obviously next year, as always, we will be confronted with the fickleness of the UK weather, numbers of young people wanting to sail, instructor and volunteer availability and securing funding for our expenses but we have shown ourselves capable of meeting these hurdles and we are confident that we can rise to the challenges and succeed in 2024. The final word is given to two grateful parents: "A big thank you to all the HYSTS Committee and volunteers for your kindness and enthusiasm, our girls have learnt so much already – looking forward to next year!"

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT
BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2022 £22,355.94

EXPENDITURE

Core and General Operational

Base Maintenance and Equipment	1081.14
Base Refurbishment	34113.33
Safety Boat Maintenance and Equipment	1145.74
Dinghy Maintenance and Equipment	418.35
Safety Boat Fuel	148.72
Clothing	177.18
Sailing Instructor Fees	1540.00
Authorised Payments to Volunteers	225.00
RYA Certificates/Logbooks/Handbooks	
180.83	
Volunteer DBS Checks	45.00
Staff Expenses	378.14
Website Design and Support	59.99
Bedhampton Community Centre Room Hire (Meetings)	
140.00	
Bank Account Administration Charges	
69.44	
Insurance	2547.54

52270.40

Fees and Affiliations

Harbour Conservation Dues	61.95
Harbour Federation Membership Subscription	
35.00	
RYA Recognition Fee	357.00
Community First Membership Subscription	10.00
Havant Borough Sports Association Affiliation Fee	20.00

483.95

Utilities

Water	288.53
Electricity	535.49
Business Rates	192.00

1016.02

INCOME

HMRC Charities (Gift Aid)	2,000.00
Donations	40,657.43
Havant Community Lottery	804.50
Hire Of Sailing Base	240.00
Sailing Fees	760.00
RYA OnBoard Skills Development	250.00
Sale of Redundant Assets	90.00
Loan of Safety Boats to Other Organisations	120.00

44921.93

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£53,770.37**

TOTAL INCOME **£44,921.93**

CARRIED FORWARD TO 2024 **£13,507.50**

Sailing Report

Sailing season: 6th April to 14th October 2023.

Breakdown:

Sessions scheduled	18
Sessions completed	10
Sessions cancelled (adverse weather)	4
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Overall attendance	88

Age spread: 10 boys, aged: 8, 9, 11, 12 and 15. 8 girls, aged: 10, 11 and 12.

Attendance:

Average attendance per session:

8.8 in 2023; 5 in 2022; 6.5 in 2021; Nil in 2020; 7 in 2019; 5 in 2018; 6.3 in 2017; 8.3 in 2016; 6.8 in 2015; 7.2 in 2014; and 7.5 in 2013.

RYA Certificates:

Certificate	Started	Completed
One	10	8
Two	2	2
Three	-	-
Four	-	-

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: Peter Bee, Geoffrey Lynch BEM, Owen Davies, Hazel Matthews, Mary Milton, Derick Borlace, Kenneth Matthews, William Walworth CBE, Ian Earle, Catherine Burton and Sophie Gray

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 expanded to include:

1. to introduce young people to sailing and seamanship as an activity in a way that facilitates personal development;
2. to provide affordable opportunities for young people to experience dinghy sailing with qualified RYA instruction and procedures.
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 include:

1. Young people can gain RYA Awards for members and RYA Taster Certificates.
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 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.