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RYA SAILABILITY SCOTLAND

ANNUAL REPORT

2005

*RYA SAILABILITY SCOTLAND
INTEGRATING AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INTO THE SPORT OF BOATING*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Annual Report has been drawn together by the Trustees of RYA Sailability Scotland, with the support of RYA Scotland. Our work as a charity is wholly based on volunteer support within the organisation and indeed for all disabled sailing in Scotland within Groups and Clubs across the country.

Our sincere thanks go to all those of you who have supported either the work of RYA Sailability Scotland or your local group in the past year. We could not have done this without you.

Slainte!

CRAMOND

BARDOWIE

HELENSBURGH

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FIRTH OF

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HOLY LOCH

BROUGHTY

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objects of RYA Sailability Scotland are:

- To promote the art and skills of boating for all people who have any form of physical, sensory or learning disability to improve their quality of life.
- To co-ordinate the activities of all that join the Association in matters of teaching, coaching, cruising and competition and in respect of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- To encourage local and to promote and arrange National and International competitions.
- To encourage and assist in the setting up of new clubs or groups specifically for disabled sailors and to encourage sailing generally to accept disabled sailors into membership.
- To associate with RYA Sailability in its development work in Scotland, and shall do all of these things in association with RYA Scotland, ISAF and Scottish Disability Sport.

FROM THE CHAIR

Well hello again. This year some of you may be wondering just why the AGM has fallen in May. Like many organisation we are totally reliant on volunteers and your committee has had is fair share of health and work pressures to cope with so this has lead to the delay in holding our AGM. In addition we have had to take time to incorporate recent changes in charity legislation and to draw work forward for the membership to consider.

During 2005 RYA Sailability Scotland has once again continued to support the sailing activities we have all come to expect as well as the support and development of new activities and groups. In addition RYA Sailability have been approached with a view to fund the support of a development post for RYA Sailability Scotland which will initially be on a part time basis. I hope to be able to bring you more detail at the AGM.

During the year I am pleased to tell you we have had two new member groups join us, Able2Sail based on the Clyde and the Tay Sail Training Association, operating for the Royal Tay Yacht Club at Broughty Ferry. Please join with me and "welcome them both on board!"

This year has been difficult in terms of securing funding though on the positive side we have kept the deficit to a minimum and been able to support new groups and activities. This has been managed by maximising the very positive relationship with have with event sponsors who support RYA Sailability Scotland and for their support we thank them too.

I am stepping down from the Chair this year. I would say I have enjoyed the role though it has, at times, been hard to develop the work of RYA Sailability Scotland against the backdrop of reduced income and the changing focus of charity activities. I would like to thank the other members of the committee and council representatives for their support over the past four years. The activities of Sailability Scotland would, of course, not happen without all the volunteer support and the commitment of the sailors.

I wish you all the best for the coming year and sailing season.

Philip





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RYA SCOTLAND NEWS

"Increasingly clubs are looking to provide facilities for disabled sailors".

Much of this year has been dedicated to ensuring clubs and centres throughout Scotland understand their position in regard to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), and selling the Disability Awareness training course to both volunteers and commercial instructors. The RYA Sailability Scotland Development Plan is included in the overall RYA Scotland Participation Development Strategy, and we are seeking to support the aforementioned areas by finding the appropriate financial support. Increasingly clubs are looking to provide facilities for disabled sailors, both shore-based and on the water, so much of my time allocated to Sailability Scotland work is in an advisory capacity and helping to find funding to support this interest.

Contact was made with some fourteen clubs in the Highlands with a view to setting up a programme of Taster Sessions in conjunction with Highland Disability Sports. The sessions would be organised on a similar basis to that established by "Sailing in the City".

I am also keen to develop more fully "Access Sailing in the City" and will be working to develop the relevant links early in 2006.

I wish you well for the coming year and look forward to continuing to work with Sailability Scotland.

Jane Scott

Development Manager, RYA Scotland

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RYA SAILABILTY

At the end of a difficult period the RYA has announced it is to secure the future of the RYA Sailability. Office and accountancy services will be provided by the RYA and the Sailability team, which will continue to be managed by Debbie Blachford, will have the full support of RYA management and access to all services of the other RYA departments.

The effect of these changes is that the core costs of running the



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Charity', will be reduced to a minimal level. This will enable the Sailability staff to concentrate on generating funds and grant making, thereby providing encouragement and developing opportunities for Sailability Groups and Classes in the knowledge that every penny raised will be destined for grants for persons with disabilities to go sailing.

LEGISLATION

The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 received its Royal Assent on 14th July 2005. This has wide ranging implications on the management of Charities with the establishment of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

There are new regulations covering accounting procedures which come into effect in April 2006 though these will not affect RYA Sailability Scotland until financial year 2006/7 as our accounting year commenced prior to April 1st 2006.

It has been necessary to amend the Constitution to incorporate the requirements of the Act. At the same time the opportunity has been taken to review the management structure of Sailability Scotland.

Full details of the Act can be found at: www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/acts2005/



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

On The Water

Challenger Travellers & SOCC



The 2005 Traveller Series was again successful and contained some of the closest and most competitive racing ever. There were four different event winners including a member of the Bronze Fleet for the first time. The series again visited a new location with the final event being held Loch Linnhe courtesy of the Lochaber Yacht Club..

SOCC went off without a hitch though the number of entrants from outwith Scotland was below expectation. We were again supported in this event by Clyde Marine, North Lanarkshire Council, Tunnocks and Scottish Airports.

Congratulations to all who took part.

Endurance Challenge

Back by popular demand, the Challenge event was well attended. The opportunity to sail in teams and have the chance to enjoy Loch Venachar was again taken up enthusiastically by the usual suspects. The event was run over 12 hours as a relay. Five teams took part and over £4,000 was raised for their activities. Groups have requested that the event be run again and we are in discussion with potential hosts to find a slot in the calendar later this year.

Off The Water

Disability Awareness Training (DAT)

We have been working with groups to provide DAT. Most recently we have been working with Able2Sail to develop a module of training adapted to their particular requirements. It is hoped that we will be running "on task" DAT sessions for Able2sail during the season. These will be evaluated and it is proposed that they are offered to other groups and clubs.

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Following discussions in January 2005 we had hoped to secure funding from RYA Sailability at a UK level to support the delivery of the DAT programme. At the time of writing this funding has not materialised. Consequently RYA Sailability Scotland has supported the costs of DAT from its reserves.

Support to New and Developing Groups and Activities

We have been able to respond to requests for support from the following organisations/groups during the past year:

- Tay Sail Training Association - boat loan and small grant
- Able2Sail Trust - Development advice, DAT and small grant
- Hansel Alliance - Short term boat loan
- Cramond Sailability - boat loan
- Cowal Sailability - boat loan
- Access Sailing in the City - Glasgow City Council

Types of support offered/requested

- Advice on setting up a group
- Arranging taster day or demonstration
- Planning an initiative with a partner organisation
- Support and advice on running specialist regatta/event
- Support with funding application
- Direct financial support
- Running national events



ADVICE	-
EXPERIENCE	-
PLANNING	-
SUPPORT	-
TRAINING	-
PROMOTION	-
DEVELOPMENT	-



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SUPPORT TO MEMBER GROUPS

The 4 boats retained by RYA Sailability Scotland continue to support the activities of groups, individuals and events across the country.

National Squibs

"developing activities for both Visually Impaired and Physically Disabled Sailors"

775 THUNDER was reallocated to the Tay Sail Training Association over the winter. It plans to use her to develop its activities for both visually impaired and physically disabled members during the coming year.

776 LIGHTNING continues to be allocated to Cowal Sailability in support of its current activities.

Challengers

For the past year, partly as a solution to the perennial problem of boat storage and also to support Cramond Sailability in its sailing programme, Challengers 233 & 234 have had a home at Cramond when not at events. It is planned that this arrangement will continue through 2006.

Cramond is undertaking a test in conjunction with RYA Sailability Scotland and the Class Association which will see the construction of folding crossbeams.

All groups which have boats allocated to them are in the process of signing off updated loan agreements designed to help with the smooth and efficient management of the boats and their support.





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FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE

In general terms this year has seen us fund specific events from sponsorship and donations as well as the income from the event itself. Year on year we have improved our ability to fund events in this way.

Our overall running costs are restricted to Boat insurance, Public Liability insurance and maintenance, as well as a small allocation for administration. The majority of our running costs are funded from investment income and can also be said to come from RYA Scotland in terms of administrative help.

In 2005 we have committed funds in terms of development in the following areas:

- Group development and Start-Up
- DAT Development
- Disability Discrimination Act awareness (with RYA Scotland)

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FUNDRAISING

The year 2005 has seen the organisation receive funding from various sources. RYA Sailability Scotland would like to acknowledge the financial support given during 2005. Without their help we would not have had such a successful year. They are:

- Scottish Airports
- Tunnocks
- Clyde Marine
- North Lanarkshire Council
- RYA Scotland.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RYA SAILABILITY SCOTLAND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 November 2005



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Accounts as published
2004

	2005		2004
	£		£
Income			
Subscriptions	90.00		150.00
Bank Interest	164.60		189.20
Treasury Stock Dividend	668.55		692.89
Donations	250.00		149.01
Competitions - SOCC	884.00		825.00
BAA Glasgow SOCC donation	350.00		350.00
Fundraising	95.00		178.30
Thistle Mobility Donation	0.00		159.00
Robertson Trust	0.00		500.00
	<u>2502.15</u>		<u>2434.00</u>
 Expenditure			
Competitions - SOCC	1120.94		1094.00
Travellers	331.14		212.30
Boat Maintenance	31.99		737.54
Insurance	730.41		725.17
Postages, Stationary and Telephone	(post/phones 66.59) (p'copy/printing 65.11)		
	131.70		359.38
AGM	160.50		171.06
Other	325.57		516.73
Travelling Expenses	222.65		117.26
DAT training	0.00		1662.15
	<u>3054.90</u>		<u>5595.59</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>(552.75)</u>		<u>(2402.19)</u>
 Set Against General Fund	280.52		530.44
Set Against Development Fund	272.23		1871.75
Transferred to General Fund	-		-

This account is a true reflection of the financial activities of RYA Sailability Scotland to year ended 30th November 2005

Prepared By:

Checked By:

Susan Buckingham
Hon Treasurer

John Heron
Stevenson-Kyles Ltd

RYA SAILABILITY SCOTLAND**BALANCE SHEET**as at 30th November 2005

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		2005		2004
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
Treasury Stock		<u>11084.00</u>		<u>11084.00</u>
Current Assets				
Stocks		80.00		80.00
Prepaid Insurance		178.72		178.69
Cash at Bank	Treasurer's Account	10127.01		9833.74
	Bonus Account	3081.90		2413.38
Debtors		65.00		850.00
Creditors		<u>-729.57</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>12803.06</u>		<u>13355.81</u>
		<u>23887.06</u>		<u>24439.81</u>
Reserves				
Development Fund		23887.06		24159.29
General Fund		<u>0.00</u>		<u>280.52</u>
		<u>23887.06</u>		<u>24439.81</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTSFor the year ended 30th November 2005**1 Accounting policies**

- (1) The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- (2) The organisation enjoys Charitable Status and is exempt from taxation.

2 Development Fund

	£
Balance as at 30 November 2004	24159.29
Deficit for year to 30 November 2005	<u>272.23</u>
Balance as at 30 November 2005	<u>23887.06</u>

3 General Fund

	£
Balance as at 30 November 2004	280.52
Deficit for year to 30 November 2005	<u>280.52</u>
Balance as at 30 November 2005	<u>0.00</u>

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