



Scotland

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2006

The Annual Report of the Trustees of RYA Sailability Scotland  
for the year 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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!



## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives 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.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

At the last AGM (May 2006) the task of taking RYA Sailability Scotland forward fell to a newly elected board of Trustees, two of whom were taking on the role for the first time with myself moving up from vice-chair to take over the Chair from Philip Coghill. I am greatly indebted to Philip for his continued support and his work on an exciting new development project which will commence in 2007.

When I took over I stated that I felt that the task ahead would not be an easy one as the organisation had struggled during the previous twelve months both in terms of reduced income and difficult personnel situations. I am pleased to say that most of the difficulties inherited in relation to the administration and financial management of the organisation have been overcome and I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Fiona Morrison and Robin Scott for their dedication and diligence in restoring the ship to a relatively even keel.

There is still work to be done and some of the changes that were put in place during 2006 have yet to bear fruit. I stated at the time that there was no instant fix but at least progress has been made and the organisation is moving in the right direction.

During 2006 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.

The activities of Sailability Scotland would, of course, not happen without all the volunteer support and the commitment of the sailors, and I offer my thanks to you

all.

Overall I have enjoyed my first year in the role of Chair though it has, at times, been difficult to maintain a balance between the development aspects of our work and the regatta circuit as the latter sometimes seems to occupy a disproportionate amount of time and resources.

The current Trustees are at the mid-point of their two year term and together we look forward to developing the work of RYA Sailability Scotland, in particular focussing on the development of opportunities for people with a disability to experience taking to the water for the first time.

On behalf of my fellow Trustees I would like to wish you all the best for the coming year and hope for fair winds whenever and wherever you take to the water.

Gary Phillips  
Chair  
RYA Sailability Scotland



## RYA SCOTLAND NEWS

### Introduction

As the RYA Scotland Development Manager, I cover all aspects of sailing development in whatever form this might take, across the length and breadth of Scotland. This includes, to a certain extent, disabled sailing.

### Disability sailing work in 2006

2006 proved to be one of the most taxing years I've ever had whilst working for RYA Scotland. This made trying to achieve my hopes and plans for the year somewhat difficult to achieve.

On a positive note, discussions were started towards the end of 2006 with RYA Sailability, on the topic of a Regional Organiser, who could take forward the plans of RYA Sailability Scotland. These discussions are still on-going, but close to completion.

All clubs and centres were provided with a guidance note on their responsibilities towards the DDA at the start of 2006, and this note was reviewed at the end of 2006, to take into account additional legislation introduced.

There are currently approx 10 Foundation Sites in Scotland (this figure is approximately as we have not yet received the feedback forms for this year), throughout Scotland. It is hoped that the creation of the voluntary post of Regional Organiser will provide better support to these centres of activity, and subsequently help them to develop.

### RYA Scotland work

'Sailing in the City' increased in activity in 2006, with considerable numbers of

children taking part in sailing activity, across all levels, across Scotland.

'Team 15 Scotland' goes from strength to strength, with junior windsurfing increasing in interest, and the creation of 5 clubs - Clyde Barracudas, East Kilbride Eagles, Monikie Maniacs, Loch Insh Monsters, and the Tiree Tigers.

Powerboat Scotland ran 3 cruises last year, with over 40 participants in RIBs and jetskis. A motor cruise took place from Largs to Northern Ireland and back, with over 30 boats taking part.

Jane Scott



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### Membership

A total of nine groups took out membership during 2006 though none of these were new groups. We were pleased to welcome back Loch Insh Watersports and St Mary's Loch Sailing Club after an absence of a couple of years but unfortunately we lost Largs Challenger Group and Cowal Sailability. Fiona Donaldson remained the sole individual member.

This year has been difficult in terms of securing funding though we have been willing to support new initiatives 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.

### Challenger Travellers & SOCC

The 2006 Traveller Series was again successful though the overall entry was down on previous years and no sailors made their series debut. The series was also blighted by poor sailing conditions with events curtailed due to too much wind at Loch Venachar and Bardowie and a complete absence of wind at Loch Linnhe. It even snowed at Loch Venachar!

Nevertheless those that took part enjoyed some close racing and there was a series long battle for top honours in Gold fleet between Alex Hodge and Liz Eaton with Liz taking the title by a solitary point.

SOCC went off without a hitch and provided several memorable moments not all

on the water. Once again the number of entrants from outwith Scotland was below expectation with the Class Association citing distance as the reason. We were again supported in this event by Clyde Marine, North Lanarkshire Council, Tunnocks and Scottish Airports.

We also hosted the UK Challenger Championships at Largs. Unfortunately we were unable to secure any outside funding for the event and had to support it from our reserves. This situation will be reviewed before we agree to host the event again. Interestingly nine boats from outwith Scotland made the trip to Largs despite it being further than Strathclyde Loch.

Congratulations to all who took part both on the water and those who work behind the scenes to make each event a success.

### Disability Awareness Training (DAT)

We have been working with groups to provide DAT though the continued absence of outside funding has meant that the main programme remains dormant.

### 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

## **SUPPORT TO MEMBER GROUPS**

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

### **National Squibs**

775 THUNDER remained with the Tay Sail Training Association and is used to develop its activities for both visually impaired and physically disabled members.

776 LIGHTNING remains allocated to Cowal Sailability though as there is a degree of uncertainty about this group this situation is under review.

### **Challengers**

Challengers 233 & 234 have had a home at Cramond when not at events though they remain available on demand to RYA Sailability Scotland for use at taster days, demonstrations and development events. This arrangement will be reviewed before committing to the 2007 season.

The allocation and usage of all boats to which RYA sailability Scotland has title is subject to regular audit.

## **FUNDING & EXPENDITURE**

In general terms this year has seen us continue to fund specific events from sponsorship and donations as well as the income from the event itself.

Unfortunately the improvement shown in previous years was not maintained in 2006. The failure to find support for the UK Challenger Championships resulted in the group supporting the event from its

reserves.

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. RYA Scotland continues to provide invaluable help with administration.

## **FUNDRAISING**

During 2006 the organisation received funding from various sources. RYA Sailability Scotland would like to acknowledge the financial support given by the following organisations. Without their help we would not have had such a successful year. They are:

Scottish Airports  
Tunnocks  
Clyde Marine  
North Lanarkshire Council  
RYA Scotland.

In addition St Mary's Loch Sailing Club held a charity regatta in aid of RYA Sailability Scotland in May 2006. This event raised over £1200 due in part to a portion of match funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland. We are greatly indebted to the efforts of the members of St Mary's Loch Sailing Club for their remarkable efforts.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This year has reflected an increase in cost over most categories. This has been the result of three main factors:

- The changeover in Treasurer revealed that expenses for part of 2005 had not been reimbursed. Consequently the 2006 figures are £541.65 higher.
- Sailability Scotland hosted the UK Challenger Championships at Largs. Attempts to get funding were unsuccessful which resulted in an amount of £581.90 being funded by Sailability Scotland.
- SOCC required additional funding, over and above the donations specifically designated for the event, together with the income from the event, in the sum of £336.56.

We made a grant of £250 to Able2Sail for set up costs. A2S provide large yacht cruising for the disabled off the West coast of Scotland.

RYASS would like to thank:

St Mary's Loch Sailing Club who raised £1,204.20 through a fund raising sailing weekend and raffle.

Tunnocks for its donation of £100.00

BAA Scottish Airports Limited for its donation of £300.00

Clyde Marine for its donation of £500.00

John Heron (Stevenson Kyles) for auditing the accounts.

Robin Scott  
Treasurer

John Heron  
Auditor

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th November 2006

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	190.00	70.00
Bank Interest	236.57	177.03
Treasury Stock Dividend	637.34	668.55
Donations	1,834.20	250.00
Competitions		884.00
	SOCC	
	720.50	350.00
	BAA SOCC	
	300.00	
	UK Nationals	
	1,074.50	
Fundraising	0.00	115.00
Thistle Mobility	0.00	0.00
Robertson Trust	0.00	0.00
	<u>4,993.11</u>	<u>2,514.58</u>

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**Expenditure**

Competitions:	SOCC	1,357.06	1,120.94
	Travellers	1,185.33	331.14
	UK Nationals	1,656.40	
Boat Maintenance		28.95	31.99
Insurance		244.30	730.41
Postage, Stationery and telephones		162.72	131.70
AGM		25.00	160.50
Cost of Stock Utilised		322.99	
Other		98.27	338.00
Travelling expenses		213.34	222.65
Able2Sail Grant		250.00	
DAT Training			
		<u>5,544.36</u>	<u>3,067.33</u>
Deficit/Surplus for year		(£551.25)	(£552.75)

**Balance Sheet**

as at November 2005

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	£	£
Investments		
Treasury Stock	<u>11,084.00</u>	<u>11,084.00</u>
Current Assets		
Stocks	298.70	80.00
Prepaid insurance	77.76	178.72
Prepaid Deposit for Band	50.00	
Cash at Bank		
Treasurers Account	7,954.39	10,127.01
Bonus Account	3,788.96	3,081.90
Debtors	82.00	65.00
Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-729.57</u>
	12,251.81	12,803.06
	<u>23,335.81</u>	<u>23,887.06</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Development Fund	23,055.29	23,606.54
General Fund	<u>280.52</u>	<u>280.52</u>
	<u>23,335.81</u>	<u>23,887.06</u>

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 30th November 2006

## 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 30th November 2005	23,606.54
	Deficit for year to 30th November 2006	<u>-551.25</u>
	Balance as at 30th November 2006	<u>23,055.29</u>
3 General Fund	Balance as at 30th November 2005	280.52
	Balance as at 30th November 2006	280.52
		0.00

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## THE TRUSTEES

Chair	Gary Phillips
Hon. Treasurer	Robin Scott
Hon. Secretary	Fiona Morrison

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Vice-Chair (Development & Training)  
Philip Coghill  
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## HON. PRESIDENT

S. Lothian Barclay MBE

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