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Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC047162

# Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 30th November 2025

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The Trustees of Sailability Scotland SCIO are pleased to present the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Trustees' Annual Report

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name Sailability Scotland SCIO

Charity Number	SC047162
Address	1 Gowanbrae, Lowthertown, Annan, Dumfriesshire, DG12 6TL.
Current Trustees at date of Approval of Annual Report	Stephen Thomas Bate Duncan Greenhalgh John McPartlin Richard Toulson
Other trustees during the period of the accounts	
Independent Examiner	Ian Anderson

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and has been registered with OSCR as a SCIO since 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The charity is governed by its constitution, which was last updated in March 2023.

### Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the full members at the Annual General Meeting and may serve for up to 4 years. All trustees must retire from office at each AGM but can be re-elected. Effectively trustees who are re-elected have continuous service as a trustee up to the maximum of 4 years. Trustees can also be appointed between AGMs where necessary to bring on additional skills or when a vacancy arises.

### Management

The day-to-day management as well as the strategic planning and management of the administration of the charity is undertaken by the trustees, working with various working parties and sub-committees as and when necessary.

### Objectives and Activities

The charity's charitable purposes as stated in the constitution are:

- To promote and advance public participation in the sport of sailing.
- To promote the potential benefits to all people in need by reason of age, health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, that the art and skills of boating can bring to improve their quality of life and that of their carers.
- To co-ordinate the activities of all who can benefit from sailing in matters of teaching, coaching, cruising and competition with equality and diversity in respect of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- To encourage and support local, and to promote and arrange, National competitions.
- To encourage and assist in the setting up and running of sailing clubs or groups specifically for people with a disability and to encourage sailing organisations to accept disabled sailors into membership.
- to do all of these things (4.2-4.6) in mutual cooperation with RYA Sailability, RYA Scotland, World Sailing and Scottish Disability Sport. and: on the basis that the organisation will operate principally in Scotland.

## Activities

### Organised Championship and Other Events

A full programme of 6 well attended events took place in the Challenger Travellers Series in 2025 with a total of 17 Competitors of whom 11 qualify for an award to be made at the AGM in March 2026. Again entry fees for the events were subsidised from donations received.

This success meant that even more towing than ever was required although we again managed to move boat trailers in a progressive fashion through successive venues and allowed for some relatively short double journeys to be carried out. So, we had boats moved from the Solway to Castle Semple to Bardowie, on to Venachar, then Loch Earn then ultimately to Craobh Haven for the Shuna adventures.

This approach enabled us collectively to ensure that everybody who had wished to sail at each venue were enabled to do so.

Many thousands of boat miles towing were involved in getting to all these events in Scotland.

This involved only a few drivers so well done to them, helping enable over 30 sailors to take part in our Scottish events this season. A special shout out to Andrew Smith who came to us as a volunteer this year and carried out a great many of these towing trips.

And for this to happen we are again immensely grateful to the help provided by the very generous donation by the **Seamanship and Pilotage Trust of the Clyde Cruising Club**. It ultimately meant that, with some additional support from Sailability Scotland we were able to cover all the costs of towing.

The Scottish Challenger Championship was held this year at the very scenic Kippford base of the Solway Yacht Club. It was a great event with fine weather for the weekend and attracted 9 entrants, 4 of whom made the journey from various parts of England.

It is particularly pleasing to hear that the Club had been successful in the bid for a £50,000 Grant which was sought towards making their facilities fully accessible. This success had been helped by a letter of support from Sailability Scotland

Our now regular trip up to Craobh Haven turned out to be a disappointment as the formal event for both Race Round Shuna and feeder race from Ardfern had to be cancelled due to a bad weather forecast.

However, this was not a complete flop as 3 of our sailors managed to privately hire a safety boat and sailed round the island early on Saturday before the strong winds

came in. On Sunday the same boat was hired to take quite a few of our Members on an energetic motor out to the Atlantic side of Scarba and into the Corryvreckan. These sailing events enable sailors; many with varying levels of disabilities, to compete on equal terms with anyone wanting to enter and experience dinghy racing. In the Challenger Trimarans and Hansa Dinghies, once on the water, the sailors are unaided.

Major notable successes this year at the World Sailing Inclusive Championships hosted by the Sultanate of Oman, Hansa World Championships held in Australia and Challenger UK Championship at Rutland Water were:

Rory McKinna won both World events in the Hansa Class. And following this up later in the season winning the Challenger UK National Championship in grand style at Rutland Water.

Murray MacDonald won the World Sailing Inclusive Championships in the Intellectual Impairment category in the ILCA 6 Class.

## Types of support offered/requested

Referrals and advice are given to all who inquire of us and this year we were able to successfully find suitable sailing for a number of enquirers.

## Support to Member Groups

The Charity's fleet of boats are spread around various locations in Scotland, are designed specifically or otherwise suitable, for individuals with a disability. Over a number of years the boats have been renovated to bring them up to standard and all should be available to be used during the 2026 season. Thanks go to Duncan Greenhalgh who has been especially active in the last year refurbishing several boats despite being time pressed with personal matters and still finding time to pursue his passion of sailing his Challenger at numerous events around the country. As a result of his efforts, we also have 2 new leaseholders for our Challengers.

## Media Promotion

The website is a first contact for members of the public containing contact information along with current News and Archived information.

The website has been completely revamped over the winter and is now active. The charity has a YouTube channel and a Facebook page which has over 400 followers attracting many comments and likes on the regularly posted updates. An emailed newsletter, 'Fair Winds' is sent to Members and all interested in Sailability with regular updates and news as it occurs.

## Development Policy

There are a number of targets and improvements the Charity has aims to develop. Including:

- increasing membership and activities particularly with younger generation
- improving public visibility by improving publicity through social media and website.
- improving liaison with RYA Scotland,
- diversify the boat availability for example to the Hansa Class and other suitable Sailability boats.

## Membership

Membership numbers have remained at a similar level to previous years. This is an area needing some action for the 2026 Board to recruit new members for the continuity of the Charity. In parallel with this the Board must progress its succession strategy for the smooth continuity of office-bearers.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RYA Scotland is a valuable partner and the support they provide is very much appreciated. Our work as a charity is wholly the result of voluntary donations and effort. Without them we would not be able to operate.

It is acknowledged Sailing Groups and Sailing Clubs manage most sailing events in Scotland who host and make our events possible. Sailors from this network are the target of our support along with individual sailors. Donations freely made, enable the Charity to subsidise all our events and provide economical sailing activities. Particular mention to **Sir Boyd Tunnock** for the continued support. Also, to **Hugh Campbell** donating towards the running of SOCC at Solway Yacht Club this year.

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Our sincere thanks go to all individuals who have supported the work of Sailability Scotland SCIO at events, maintaining the charity assets and much more unseen actions.

## Financial Review

Treasurer's report for 2025 AGM

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