



## **HYSTS Management Committee / Trustee's Annual Report for 2020**

It would be easy to dismiss 2020 as a year of frustration and disappointment however we took the opportunity to complete a capital improvement project, started another, completed small maintenance tasks and maintained contact with our young sailors and our volunteers. Our raison d'être is simple: to teach young people the fundamentals of sailing in a safe environment. Unfortunately whenever we attempted to establish a viable sailing programme we were thwarted and thoroughly frustrated every time by the latest Covid19 restrictions imposed on any forms of gathering. The regular advice taken from the RYA website was extremely useful in allowing us to judge whether we should attempt to sail and some of the management advice was used to compile our risk assessments. During the year our volunteers have faithfully remained committed to supporting the Scheme by attending a socially-distanced picnic and enthusiastically joining in our regular web Zoom conferences.

Having sought the permission of Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Havant Borough Council we replaced the dilapidated boat compound's fence and gates with marine grade, 1.8m high, weld mesh, light security fencing. A grant kindly given by the M M Wyllie Charitable Trust paid for the majority of the costs supplemented by a grant from a local HCC County Councillor. Prior to the construction phase extensive research was required to establish the positioning of all underground services that might lay under or close to the site. This was the completed capital improvement project that now provides greater protection from the vandalism and petty thieving that has regularly plagued us; additionally, it now allows full utilisation of existing stowage facilities within the compound.

Our second capital project was started in the autumn and involved us hiring the services of a website design and development company to completely rebuild our website. Like any organisation, especially working with young people, our website is a vital tool. It keeps our young sailors, their parents and our volunteers fully informed. Potential funders also use it to understand what we do, and existing funders are acknowledged on the site.

As he is now in the last year of school one of our young sailor's mother asked if we were able to point him in the right direction for opportunities within the sailing profession? We passed the request to David, one of our Senior Instructors who provided the young man, and his mother with a very comprehensive list of possibilities and ideas but at the same time realistically pointing out that he, David, also had a day job. Bill, our Principal, who is active in careers and training in the British Merchant Marine, also provided the family with a whole host of career opportunities in the wider maritime industry emphasising the young man would need to work towards obtaining educational grades to achieve these goals. Bill is very happy to talk to anyone interested in opportunities in the maritime world.

Providing the appropriate safety cover and observing the Covid19 restrictions one of our local water sports centres has managed to provide limited facilities which allowed one of our young sailors to sail a single-handed Laser and also experience the thrills of windsurfing. He is now so competent on a sail board that he has participated in a regional competition! He wants to return to us next year and is also considering taking a course to become an instructor which would allow him to support the Scheme. His parents often take a kayak or paddle board out to accompany him on the water and have been delighted to observe the harbour seals.

The pandemic appears to stop everything with the exception of having to pay bills so although we were unable to sail we still had to pay all our core costs. Our greatest outlay remains our combined insurance payments, made worse by the insurer increasing the premiums by an inordinate amount this year. A generous grant from the Trinity House Maritime Charitable Trust greatly helped us meet our expenses coupled with donations from kind individuals, who if tax payers are enhanced by Gift Aid. Our involvement in the Havant Borough Council Community Lottery has again provided us with a steady and reasonably predictable income. One of our Trustees recently had a birthday and created a 'Birthday Fund Raiser' on behalf of the Scheme hosted by Facebook. A total of £497.00 was donated by generous supporters.

Our programme of disposing of unwanted assets continued with the successful sale of one of the two remaining Wayfarers and three Toppers. The Toppers were bought by two of our ex-boys one of whom has promised to help us in the future.

Some years ago we approached HCC with a proposal to buy the sailing base. Whilst only able to offer a lease for the dinghy compound, HCC agreed to the sale of the land on which the building stands and also a peppercorn fee, on the understanding, if the Scheme had to be dissolved, this would return to HCC. The appropriate application was made but we have recently discovered that our request has been mislaid within HCC. We have submitted another request to buy the site. Once successful we plan to redevelop the base with a construction more appropriate to the Scheme's needs.

We continue to use all forms of social media to maintain contact with our young sailors and volunteers and our regular Zoom chat sessions with everyone have proved popular and we consider, successful. Ever the optimists, we have planned a full programme of sailing in 2021 and have identified twenty or so dates for our young sailors' diaries but of course we have to be pragmatic and all of this is dependent on so many factors beyond our control.

## 2020 Financial Report

**Brought forward from 2019**

**17013.16**

### **EXPENDITURE**

#### **Operational Equipment/Personnel**

Base maintenance and equipment	497.14
Boat Compound – Replacement Fence and Gates	10905.11
Safety boat maintenance and equipment	600.60
Dinghy maintenance and equipment	187.20
Safety boat fuel	00.00
Clothing	00.00
SI fees	000.00
Insurance (combined base/fleet/public liability)	2,626.58
	<b><u>14816.63</u></b>

#### **Fees and Affiliations**

Harbour conservation annual dues	67.38
Harbour federation annual membership subscription	35.00
Bedhampton Community Centre room hire	50.00
RYA annual recognition fee	336.00
HBSA annual affiliation fee	20.00
	<b><u>508.38</u></b>

#### **Utilities**

Fresh water	33.30
Waste water	75.14
Electricity	149.76
Business rates	186.88
	<b><u>445.08</u></b>

#### **Miscellaneous Operational**

RYA certificates/logbooks/handbooks	00.00
Staff refreshments	127.66
Publicity Printing	00.00
Website Design and Support	909.99
	<b><u>1037.65</u></b>

**INCOME**

Grants	4400.00
Donations	745.00
HMRC gift aid	137.83
Havant community lottery	738.50
Hire of base	000.00
Sailing fees	000.00
Sale of redundant assets	1500.00
Refund Of harbour conservation annual dues	67.38
	<b><u>7588.71</u></b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** **16807.74**

**TOTAL INCOME** **7588.71**

**Carried forward to 2021** **7794.13**

## Sailing Report

Sailing season: Not achieved

### **Breakdown:**

Sessions scheduled	20
Sessions completed	Nil
Sessions cancelled (adverse weather)	Nil
Attendance	Nil
Age spread	Nil

### **Attendance:**

Average attendance per session:

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	0	0
Two	0	0
Three	0	0
Four	0	0

### **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 and 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 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.