



# **Ocean Youth Trust South**

## ***Adventure Under Sail***



# **2006 Annual Report**



# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

(Registered Charity No. 1079959)

## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending 31 October 2006

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## **THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST**

Ocean Youth Trust South exists to offer personal development through adventure under sail to young people aged 12 to 25.

Young crew members from a wide variety of backgrounds benefit enormously from being taken right out of their familiar environment and encouraged to face new challenges, enjoy new experiences, make friends, work as a team, acquire new skills and, above all, develop their confidence.

In practice this is achieved by putting twelve young people together on board our 72-foot sailing vessel, *John Laing*, with safety and support provided by skilled sea staff.

A significant proportion of young crew members each year come from deserving or disadvantaged backgrounds.

# ABOUT OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## Background and Purpose

- OYT South is one of six independent regional Ocean Youth Trust charities based around the UK, most of them (including OYT South) founded in 1999. They all grew out of the Ocean Youth Club (OYC), which was established in 1960 by Chris Ellis and Chris Courtauld.
- Each year OYT South takes 400 – 500 young people to sea.
- Ocean Youth Trust South owns *John Laing*, a 72-foot steel ketch specifically designed as a sail training vessel.
- The Trust's main purpose is to offer *Adventure Under Sail* as a development opportunity for young people aged 12 to 25.
- The Trust aims to reach as wide a range of young people as possible, and works in partnership with other charities and youth organisations to arrange voyages for deserving and disadvantaged young people who would never normally have the opportunity to take part in something like this.
- Voyages can last from two days to two weeks and involve twelve young crew members at a time, plus five or six adult sea staff.
- *John Laing's* usual sailing area covers the south coast of England, the West Country, France and the Channel Islands, with occasional longer and more challenging voyages such as the Tall Ships race series.

## OYT South People and Organisation.

OYT South has a full-time team of three people: our Staff Skipper and Bosun on board the boat and a General Manager ashore. We also have a part-time office assistant.

We are also grateful for the commitment of our volunteers, who sail as sea staff, undertake vessel maintenance and provide essential shore support.

OYT South is managed by a Board of Trustees, some of whom are also qualified sea staff.



## THE 2006 SAILING SEASON



Sixty-two volunteers contributed 342 days of work on *John Laing's* winter refit 2005-6, an outstanding effort which meant that we started the sailing season with the boat in excellent condition and ready for some exciting sailing.

The first half of the season provided a fantastic demonstration of the value that sailing with OYT South can offer to young people from an enormous range of backgrounds, building confidence, developing teamwork, forging friendships, broadening horizons or simply offering a much-needed break from problems at home or at school. Crew members included:

Brothers and sisters of life-limited children associated with Naomi House, CHASE and Keech Cottage children's hospices; homeless young people from Devon & Cornwall Foyer Federation; young people facing difficulties in education, from Chichester XL club; severely dyslexic pupils from Stanbridge Earl's school; pupils with multiple physical and learning difficulties from Alfreton Park school; young people from the Teenage Cancer Trust; a group from the Wheatsheaf Trust, which works with disaffected people in Southampton; a group sponsored by MDL who had won awards for being exceptionally deserving; our own bursary winners; and also a good selection of keen young sailors, Duke of Edinburgh's Award candidates and others just looking for adventure, a challenge and a chance to learn new skills.



Between them they covered the south coast from Brighton to Devon, as well as large parts of northern France and the Channel Islands. A group from Park House school managed to visit all five of the main Channel Islands in one week, as well as sailing across the Channel and back. A TS Swiftsure (Nautical Training Corps) group took us to Weymouth for the May Bank Holiday to see the festivities (and immense water fight) surrounding their annual trawler race.



Some groups enjoyed sunshine, a few endured calms, and several – notably the Foyer group – survived some truly appalling weather and still came up smiling.

All this set us up for the Tall Ships series, which began with an exceptional crew for the delivery leg to St Malo, where they won a cup in the inter-crew sports. There followed two races with two cruises in company in between, which took *John Laing* from St Malo to Torbay, Lisbon, Cadiz, La Coruna and Antwerp, with various other stops along the way. Crew members for these voyages represented at least six nationalities as well as young people from a very broad range of backgrounds, including a number of bursary winners who would never



normally have had the chance to do anything like this without funding support.



Race 1 was dominated by frustrating calms and headwinds, but the overall experience became a huge success when the sea staff appointed a new skipper and mates from among the crew and put them in charge of the vessel for the last few days into Lisbon.

The first cruise in company took us to Cadiz, where the city laid on superb festivities to welcome the fleet.

But it was the second cruise, back to La Coruna, which will not easily be forgotten, as *John Laing* struggled against gale force winds for day after day, before recovering with some great parties in the few accessible ports – including a spectacular Spanish birthday party for the skipper, organised by our two Spanish crew members!



One highlight of Race 2 to Antwerp was the result: 18<sup>th</sup> out of 60 vessels! The Roundwood Club, from Brent, provided the crew for the return to the UK, and were very proud of covering three countries in three days as they visited Holland, Belgium and France.





The latter part of the season again saw a good mix of crews, with a number of school groups, a young carers group, and return visits from Foyer and TS Swiftsure. A mixed crew including several experienced dinghy sailors entered the ASTO (Association of Sea Training Organisations) race in the Solent and came fourth in class.

Meanwhile, shore-based activities continued, including a successful third annual dinner, this time at Chichester Yacht Club, in association with our children's hospice partners, CHASE and Naomi House. Another successful event was the OYT South stand at the Southampton Boat Show, where our staff and volunteers met many friends, old and new.

Our staff bosun, Julian "Dinghy Boy" Watkins, moved on at the end of the season after a year in the job plus several previous years as a volunteer, and we owe him thanks for all his work. He has now been replaced by Laura Aldrich-Blake, who is working with our two highly-experienced senior staff, skipper Mark Todd and General Manager David Salmon, plus our office assistant Sally Croly, all of whom continue to make invaluable contributions to our success.



Thanks are also due to the army of volunteers who sail with us, maintain the boat, raise money and support us in numerous other ways. Without them, OYT South could not continue.

Planned highlights for the 2007 season include the Tall Ships Race series in the Baltic, as well as a major project to look at a long-term replacement for *John Laing*, and yet more opportunities to involve young people from all sorts of backgrounds in the fun and challenges of adventure under sail.

As we promise to every new crew that joins: *"Whatever effort and enthusiasm you put into the voyage, the sea staff will match and beat it!"*



## WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS AND CREW SAY ABOUT OYT SOUTH

Several of our regular clients sailed with us once more in 2006. **NAOMI HOUSE** and **CHASE CHILDREN'S HOSPICES** again put together groups of brothers and sisters of life-limited children, and this year we also had crew members from **KEECH COTTAGE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE** for the first time.

These young people have so much to deal with at home, and it is always fantastic to see them making friends, supporting each other and beginning to relax in a different environment.



The CHASE group leader said: *“Absolutely wonderful time – great opportunity to see children with varied backgrounds getting along so well and having the opportunity to be individuals learning some of their future strengths with no pressures attached.”*

The Naomi House leader said: *“Thanks very much for a great chance to work with a great bunch and fantastic crew to give us all a fun-filled voyage. Will treasure the experience. Thanks for giving the youngsters a great time.”*

A crew member added: *“The sea staff were really nice to everyone. I would like to come back again.”* Toni, 12

The **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST**, another regular client, also sent a group to sail with us in 2006:

*“It’s been proper ace, I had lots of fun, as everyone was great because they are all different and friendly! I hope I can join your adventures again.”* Sarah, 19

Later in the year came the sad news that one of the Teenage Cancer Trust group had died; but one of the staff told us:

*“At the funeral her dad read a piece about her sailing experience and how it empowered her and made her feel strong when she was so sick. I just wanted you to know what an effect you had on her.”*



**COBNOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE** brought a group of keen young dinghy sailors for two voyages this year – including the Small Ships Race in the Solent:

*“A must for all sea-lovers – an unforgettable experience.”* Sam, aged 20.

*“Awesome sail. Good way to get experience on the sea. Loved it.”* Bryn, 19

**XL CLUBS** target young people facing difficulties in school, to promote achievement and encourage success. XL clubs seek to re-engage and motivate young people. Throughout their last two years of compulsory schooling, club members learn to take responsibility, develop social skills and enjoy the benefits of teamwork.

**CHICHESTER XL Club** sailed this year with a group of girls. A staff member later wrote to us about one of the girls: *“She has had not ambition or aspirations until recently. It is difficult to explain in an email how she has changed since our trip in John Laing, she was outstanding on the trip. I always try to think that I can see the potential in each of the students, but I have to admit, she surprised me with her skills and ability.”*



**ROUNDWOOD YOUTH CLUB** from Brent has sailed regularly for many years. In 2006 they managed three countries in three days (Holland, Belgium and France) before finishing back in the UK. Krissie, 17, wrote: *“the night watch was good as it was so fascinating how the stars and sky and sea collided together.”*

*“At first I was scared but I got to know a lot of people and had a lot of fun. Altogether it was scary, nervous, exciting and happy.”* Shekhar, 13

**PARK HOUSE SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE** sailed with a group of 13 and 14 year olds: *“This was my first time sailing and it was probably the most challenging and the best trip I have been on. The best part of the trip was putting the sails up and doing the night watches.”* Daryl, 13



Another excellent new group came from the Nautical Training Corps: **TS SWIFTSURE**. They sailed twice with a group ranging from 12-year old cadets to 20-year old officers and showed fantastic enthusiasm and commitment on both occasions: *“It was soooooo good! I loved it, I want to stay forever and not to go to school.”* Zoë, 12

*“Thank you very much for providing such a fantastic experience. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute and there was never a bad point. The sea staff were brilliant and I really enjoyed their company.”* Nick, 17

*“The staff were fabulous and really understand working with young adults and how to get them to achieve their various certifications. A very big thank you.”*  
Adele, group leader.

The Devon and Cornwall **FOYER FEDERATION**, which offers accommodation and training to homeless young people, has become regulars on board *John Laing*, with one young crew member earning a recommendation to join our watch leader training programme: *“It has been the best time of my life and I enjoyed it some much I didn’t want to leave.”* Ashley, 18

*Absolutely hysterical from start to finish. Could not have wished for a better team on the boat! Can’t wait to come back!”* Jenna, 21

The **TALL SHIPS RACE SERIES** was a real adventure which saw young people from all sorts of backgrounds and six different nationalities sail together, thanks to generous bursary funding which allowed us to offer some of the places to young people who would not otherwise have been able to sail.

*“I’ve had such an amazing time this week Enjoying Cadiz! Thanks for helping me to get my residential D of E.”* Olivia, 16

*“The only way not to be sad after a trip is to plan the next one. Merci!”*  
Rémy, 21

*“I got to do some hardcore fast sailing for the first time. Dolphins were cool and the sea staff and crew were excellent.”* Kieran, 16

*“Great fun, great people, great atmosphere.”* Edward, 24

## ***Adventure Under Sail* is an ideal environment for the development of young people because:**

- It takes young people right out of their normal environment and away from TV, computer games and mobile phones.
- It's an excellent way of building confidence, developing character and promoting a sense of responsibility.
- Living and working with others in a confined space places a high priority on tolerance and teamwork.

## **What do young people get out of sailing with the Ocean Youth Trust?**

- An OYT South voyage is a fantastic fun working holiday in which people will learn new skills, make friends and return with a real sense of achievement.
- Everyone who sails with us is challenged to achieve something they never believed they would be able to do.
- *John Laing* carries no passengers - everyone on board plays a full part in every aspect of the voyage.
- Opportunities to learn range from seamanship and navigation to cooking and general life skills.
- Our sea staff make every crew member a promise: whatever energy and enthusiasm you put into the voyage, we will match and beat it.
- Crew members get a chance to work for recognised qualifications such as the RYA Competent Crew or Start Yachting certificates. An OYT South voyage can qualify as a residential for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.
- All crew members get a voyage certificate to put in their Record of Achievement.
- OYT South has a club ethos and atmosphere - we encourage crew members to stay involved, help at refits, earn qualifications, train as sea staff, and be part of the team.

## **Who can sail with OYT South?**

We aim to encourage anyone aged 12-25 who wants to sail with us, from the widest possible range of backgrounds, including those with no sailing experience as well as keen and competent sailors. We take roughly equal numbers of girls and boys. Some sail as part of a group, with a group leader if required; others book as individuals and come along to make new friends.



Although *John Laing* is not specially adapted for people with disabilities, young people with a range of physical and learning difficulties have sailed with us successfully and we are always happy to discuss individual cases before booking.

We do run occasional adult voyages, especially at times of year such as the exam season when many young people are otherwise occupied. Adult voyages may include sponsors, prospective volunteer sea staff, or other supporters who want to learn more about our work. A company might wish to use the boat for corporate hospitality or a team building day for staff; or a club might use the boat for a members' day out.

## **What's the boat like?**

*John Laing* is a 72-foot steel ketch with berths for twelve crew (young people / group leaders) and six adult sea staff. The boat was designed especially for sail training, so that young people really can do everything on board. She is immensely safe and strong - she's been round the world, and spent several months in the Antarctic. She undergoes regular inspections to ensure that she conforms to all required safety standards.

The layout below decks is arranged so that crew and staff eat together, and so that everyone can gather to share in making plans and decisions. This is not a boat where the skipper determines what will happen and then simply gives orders to the crew. We aim to explain, discuss and, where possible, offer choices.

## **Is it safe?**

The Ocean Youth Trust (with our predecessor, the Ocean Youth Club) has almost 50 years' experience of sail training; we have taken thousands of young people to sea, most with no previous sailing experience; and we have a superb safety record.

## **Who runs the voyages?**

We have a highly-qualified professional staff skipper, and a staff bosun responsible for boat maintenance. In addition, we carry at least three volunteer sea staff on every voyage. All our staff, both professionals and volunteers, possess Royal Yachting Association qualifications appropriate to their level of responsibility, and have passed a rigorous OYT South assessment at the appropriate level.

As well as sailing ability, all our staff are trained and assessed on their suitability for working with young people. We check all staff with the Criminal Records Bureau. We aim to have both male and female staff on every voyage.

We encourage keen and competent crew members to train as sea staff - those over sixteen can sail as volunteer relief bosuns, and those over the age of eighteen can be assessed on their ability to sail as watch leaders.

## **A few key points about OYT South:**

- OYT South voyages really are open to anyone; we are not one of those sail training organisations that deals exclusively with disadvantaged youngsters.
- We do not require any previous sailing experience.
- A staff : crew ratio of almost 1 : 2 allows for a lot of individual attention.
- We involve the crew in decisions about the voyage - what we do, where we go and how we get there.
- We aim to give the crew a lot of responsibility - by the end of the voyage, a good crew can be effectively running the boat.
- Our style is deliberately very relaxed and informal - Libby Purves described us in the Times as "the larkiest of sail training organisations."



## DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

Ocean Youth Trust South is enormously grateful for the donations of funds or equipment we receive from many individuals and organisations, as well as many contributions in the form of time and expertise. Without this support, we would not be able to keep our vessel, *John Laing*, in such good condition, and offer so many opportunities for young people from different backgrounds.

Our sincere thanks to all who have helped us during the past year in many different ways, including:

- \* Aquafax \* Arthurs Chandlery \*
- \* Association of Sea Training Organisations (ASTO) \*
- \* Avon Reach Retirement Home \* B&Q \* Basil Shippam and Alsford Trust \*
- \* Beaverbrook Foundation \* Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation \*
- \* Nicholas Bonham \* Richard Bonham Christie \* Bournemouth Rotary Club \*
- \* Brownsword Charitable Foundation \* Carnegie Charitable Trust \*
- \* Michael Cannon \* Cayo Foundation \* CHASE Children's Hospice \*
- \* Cleghorn Waring \* Contact Marine \* Coutts Charitable Trust \*
- \* M & A Dymond \* Fairway Lodge \* Felixstowe Master Mariners \*
- \* Foundation for Sport and the Arts \* Patrick Frost Foundation \*
- \* Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust \* Goldsmith's Company \*
- \* Gosling Foundation \* Greendale Foundation \* Hamble Yacht Services \*
- \* Dave Heffer \* Mike Heffer \* Trevor Hewson \* Hiscox Foundation \*
- \* IMS Shrinkwrap Covers \* International Paints \*
- \* OYT South Isle of Wight support group \* KTY Yachts \* Kelvin Hughes \*
- \* Lewmar \* Tim Louis \* Lloyds TSB Foundation \* Marina Developments Ltd \*
- \* Marine Chart Services \* Martins Rigging \* Naomi House Children's Hospice \*
- \* Ocean Safety \* Raymarine, Portsmouth \* Penguin Engineering \*
- \* Peter Beckwith Charitable Trust \* Peter Harrison Foundation \*
- \* Professional Welding Services Ltd \* Ratsey & Laphorn Sailmakers \*
- \* Reckmann Mast Systems \* Di Roberts \* Robinsons Compass Adjusters \*
- \* Dr & Mrs V Robinson \* Rubin Foundation Charitable Trust \*
- \* Royal Yachting Association \* OYT South Southampton support group \*
- \* Tall Ships Youth Trust \* TMI Foundation \*
- \* TS Hornet Sea Cadet Corps, Gosport \* Viking \* Vitesse \* Vokins Trust \*
- \* Mr & Mrs M Watkins \* Wessex Youth Trust \* L E West \*
- \* Worshipful Company of Girdlers \*
- \* Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards \*
- \* Worshipful Company of Pewterers \* Worshipful Company of Shipwrights \*
- \* Zurich Insurance Company \*

## FINANCE AND FUNDING

The cost of running OYT South is currently around £200,000 pa.

Berth sales to individuals and youth groups, plus membership and mates fees, should deliver half our funds, whilst the remainder has to be raised from sponsorship, grants and donations. This means that every berth sold has a 50% subsidy for young people. In addition, we aim to secure additional bursary funding for those who are unable to afford even our subsidised fees; and we are working to build up a fund for the eventual replacement of our vessel.

Our boat *John Laing* is a tremendous asset which allows us to develop relationships with donors. We can offer access to sailing for donors and supporters, or their families, staff or corporate clients; or we can design a donations package which includes both a contribution to the refit or to the purchase of equipment, as well as funding for deserving young people nominated by the donor.

*“As part of the marina industry MDL is proud to be associated with such a worthwhile charity as Ocean Youth Trust South, which introduces boating to young people who wouldn’t normally get the opportunity. Some of the youngsters sponsored during our nineteen year association have said that their week aboard John Laing has begun a long term love affair with the sea and sailing.”* **Jon Eads, Marina Director, Marina Developments Ltd**

*“OYT South is an excellent provider of the sort of thing we want to see: supporting under-privileged young people, developing their leadership skills and building self-esteem.”* **Rear Admiral Derek Anthony, Worshipful Company of Shipwrights**

Much of the essential work of the Trust is carried out by volunteers both at sea and ashore. We are also fortunate in the generosity of our commercial sponsors for providing us with a wide range of equipment, services and advice.

***If you are interested in supporting our work,  
helping with the upkeep of our vessel,  
or funding a deserving young person who could not otherwise afford to sail,  
please contact our office on 0845 365 6781.***



# **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

**Ocean Youth Trust South is dependent upon the support of volunteers, both ashore and on board *John Laing*.**

## **1) On board *John Laing***

We need at least three adult volunteers on every voyage, with the ability and enthusiasm to help young crew members get involved in every aspect of the voyage. We have roles for those with limited sailing experience, as well as for highly-skilled first mates and relief skippers.

All sea staff must undergo Criminal Records Bureau checks and have suitable RYA qualifications before they can sail. You will then undergo an OYT South assessment, which tests for appropriate skills in both seamanship and youth work, as well as allowing you to familiarise yourself with our boat and with OYT South routines. As a member of our sea staff, there are many opportunities to develop skills and gain RYA qualifications (often at discounted rates).

Our sea staff come from a wide range of backgrounds. The best young crew members are invited back to train as a bosun or watch leader. Other sea staff range from students to retired people. Some work professionally with young people, or in the sailing industry; others have jobs entirely unrelated to their role with OYT South.

## **2) Shorebased support (groups and individuals)**

These supporters provide essential back up to our work at sea. Those who live near the ports we visit can meet the boat when she comes in, help with shopping, or organise entertainment for a day in harbour. Some shore volunteers help with repairs and maintenance – whether as highly skilled engineers or riggers, or just a willing pair of hands. Others help to raise money, to buy equipment on board or to sponsor deserving local youngsters who could not otherwise afford to sail. You might make contact with or even give talks to local schools, youth clubs and other organisations, or visit a new group shortly before they sail to make sure they are fully prepared and know what to expect.

If you would like more information about supporting OYT South, please look at our website: [www.oigtsouth.org](http://www.oigtsouth.org), or contact the office on 0845 365 6781.

**To become a member of OYT South, complete the forms on the following pages and return them to our office.**

## Gift Aid Declaration

*By using the Gift Aid Donation scheme provided by the Inland Revenue, OYT South will be able to reclaim tax at the basic rate on your donation at no cost to you.*

Please treat all donations I have made to Ocean Youth Trust South (charity registration no 1079959) since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make hereafter, as Gift Aid donations for income tax purposes. I declare that I am a UK taxpayer and the tax I pay is equal to or more than the tax OYT South will reclaim on my donation. I will notify you if this ceases to be true.

**Signature of donor** ..... **Date** .....

*Donors are required to provide the following information:*

**Title** ..... **Forename(s)** .....

**Surname** .....

**Address** .....

**Post Code** .....

*Please complete the section below should you wish to make regular monthly, quarterly or annual donations.*

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*Name and full address of your bank/ building society:*

To The Manager

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Post code: .....

Please pay Lloyds TSB Bank, 4 Castle Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1DU

**For the credit of: Ocean Youth Trust South, Sort Code 30-92-02, Account 0681331**

Please debit my account as detailed below, until further notice

Sort Code: .... /..... /.....      Account Number .....

Name(s) on your account: .....

£.....:.....monthly / quarterly / annually (*delete as applicable*)

Commencing on (date).....

Signature.....Date.....

*Please return to: Ocean Youth Trust South,  
PO Box 203, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 9AZ  
Tel: 0845 365 6781 Email: [office@oytsouth.org](mailto:office@oytsouth.org)*

# Membership Application

Title.....Forename.....Surname.....  
Address.....  
.....  
County.....Post Code.....  
Tel Day.....Tel Evening.....  
Email.....

I wish to pay by:- Annual standing order / Cheque Annually (*delete as applicable*)

Adult / Friends (Shore member ) £30.00pa (*Thirty pounds only*)  
Sailing Members (including annual sailing fee) £100.00pa (*One hundred pounds only*)  
Youth Membership £ 15.00pa (*Fifteen pounds only*)  
(*under 24, in full time education or non sea staff*)

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## Standing Order Mandate

Name and full address of your bank/ building society:

To The Manager  
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Post code: .....

Please pay: Lloyds TSB Bank, 4 Castle Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1DU

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Please debit my account as detailed below, until further notice

Sort Code: .... /..... /..... Account Number ....

Name(s) on your account: .....

£.....:..... annually, commencing on (date).....or immediately if  
after 7 January 2005

Signature.....Date.....

Gift Aid Declaration: Please treat all donations I have made to Ocean Youth Trust South (charity registration no 1079959) since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make hereafter, as Gift Aid donations for income tax purposes. I declare that I am a UK taxpayer and the tax I pay is equal to or more than the tax OYT South will reclaim on my donation. I will notify you if this ceases to be true.

Signatures (s).....Date.....

.....Date.....

Please return to: **Ocean Youth Trust South**, PO Box 203, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 9AZ

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**OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH**  
**TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006**

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	Brian Eyres Yvonne Taylor Caroline White Andy Royse David Illingworth Steve Lacey Cathy Lacey
<b>Charity number</b>	1079959
<b>Company number</b>	3898084
<b>Registered office</b>	New Court 1 Barnes Wallis Road Segensworth, Fareham Hampshire PO15 5UA
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# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Memorandum & Articles of Association, the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

### Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year were:

Travis Musselwhite	(Resigned 19 February 2006)
Brian Eyres	
Yvonne Taylor	
Caroline White	
Andy Royse	
Chris Lane	(Resigned 30 May 2006)
Roger Mowll	(Resigned 19 February 2006)
David Illingworth	
Steve Lacey	
Cathy Lacey	(Appointed 27 November 2005)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Ocean Youth Trust South is a company limited by guarantee, constituted by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a registered charity, number 1079959. The charity is governed by a management committee drawn from individuals elected at an annual general meeting (the trustees).

### Risk factors

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The reserves policy detailed on page 3 provides a buffer to allow for variations in fundraising in-year. Income from voyage deposits and payments are not spent until after each voyage has taken place, ensuring the Trust does not over-commit itself in the event of having to refund a voyage. Considerable effort is expended in maintaining *John Laing* to avoid cancellation of voyages due to defects which would lead to a loss of revenue and income. Similarly the staff, trustees and volunteers all work hard to optimise voyage experiences for young people to encourage future bookings by those young people and groups, thus maintaining the Trust's income streams.

### Objectives and activities

Ocean Youth Trust South is a registered charity established to provide adventure sailing and personal development opportunities to young people aged 12-25. The charity offers 'Adventure Under Sail' with voyages of 2-12 days' duration aboard the Trust's 72ft sail training vessel *John Laing*.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### Review of activities

The operation of *John Laing* is supported by the contributions of a large number of dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers worked a total of 342 days helping to refit the boat for the 2006 sailing season and 62 gave their time as sea staff on the voyages.

Ocean Youth Trust South is also greatly helped by the work of many volunteers ashore who raise money, seek donations in kind and organise groups of young people to sail. Some of these volunteers are members of our three support groups based in West Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Southampton. Thanks are also due to Chris Lane who stepped into the breach to Chair the Trust for another 6 months and who continues actively to support the Trust through the West Sussex Support Group.

The operation of the Trust is also greatly helped by the dedication, commitment and skill provided by the team of 3 full time and 1 part time staff members.

### Achievements and performance

2006 was the 46th year in which OYT South (formerly the Ocean Youth Club) has offered the experience of "Adventure Under Sail" to young people. During the season *John Laing* completed 52 voyages and took 414 young crew members to ports along the UK south coast, and in northern France and the Channel Islands. Crews also participated in the 50th Tall Ships Race events which started off in Torbay and visited St Malo, Lisbon, Cadiz, La Coruna and Antwerp as well as other supporting ports.

An exciting development this year has been the initiation of a project to investigate a future vessel for OYT South, so we can continue to deliver great voyages to young people in years to come. *John Laing* has provided sterling service over the years, but is requiring increasing effort to maintain each year, both in manpower and material costs. As she ages, there is also an increasing risk that defects mid-season could impact on voyage availability at short notice. *John Laing's* design is also ageing and does not lend itself to modernisation of the accommodation layout increasingly needed to meet the needs of potential users. A subcommittee has been formed, incorporating a number of Trustees as well as the staff skipper and engineer, to investigate potential options. Work is progressing well, with a number of leading yacht designers keen to participate in this exciting opportunity. A new boat would need a significant capital outlay, for which dedicated fundraising will be required, but would provide more affordable and predictable support costs. A Marketing and Communications consultant has been engaged to assist in this fundraising as well as optimising usage of *John Laing*.

### Financial review

The results for the period and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements which, in the opinion of the directors, show a satisfactory result with end year cash funds of £59,658.

Total income for the year was £182,393 with grants and donations received accounting for £83,158.

The directors are pleased to report that the trust remains free of all loans.

The total reserves stand at £55,838, of which £31,346 is the net book value of assets. Free reserves stand at £24,492 (2005 - £52,535).

The Trust received donations totalling £33,701 after the end of the 2006 financial year and before the AGM in February 2007. In addition we received voyage deposits totalling £9,657, which can be spent only after the voyage in question has taken place.

The directors are reasonably confident that the Trust has sufficient funds to complete the current winter refit and to run the 2007 sailing season, subject to a continued healthy level of berth bookings. A business plan has been drawn up to concentrate resources on raising additional funds for the 2007 & 2008 seasons as well as both capital and through life costs of a potential new boat.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### Plans for the future

With the continued commitment and enthusiasm of all Ocean Youth Trust South's supporters, the directors look forward to a successful year in 2007-08.

On behalf of the board of trustees

**Cathy Lacey**

Director

Dated: .....



# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2006 set out on pages 5 to 12.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 249C of the Companies Act 1985. Our reporting work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent accountant's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our reporting work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and reporting accountants

As described on page 6, the charitable company's trustees, who are also the directors of Ocean Youth Trust South for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

### Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the charitable company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
  - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
  - (ii) the charitable company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1).

**Donnelly Hamilton Brent Limited**

**Chartered Accountants  
Reporting Accountants  
A member firm of the UK200Group**

Carnac Place  
Cams Hall Estate  
Fareham  
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Dated: .....

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

	Notes	2006 £	2005 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	83,158	91,157
Activities for generating funds		4,170	9,485
Investment income	3	1,385	1,248
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	88,713 93,680	101,890 100,161
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<hr/> <b>182,393</b>	<hr/> 202,051
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>			
Fundraising and publicity costs	6	3,460	9,083
<b>Net incoming resources available</b>		<hr/> <b>178,933</b>	<hr/> 192,968
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Vessel expenses	7	167,811	140,365
Support costs	7	44,617	51,586
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<hr/> <b>212,428</b>	<hr/> 191,951
Governance costs	8	3,250	2,015
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<hr/> <b>219,138</b>	<hr/> 203,049
<b>Net expenditure for the year / Net movement in funds</b>		<hr/> <b>(36,745)</b>	<hr/> (998)
Fund balances at 1 November 2005		<hr/> <b>92,583</b>	<hr/> 93,581
<b>Fund balances at 31 October 2006</b>		<hr/> <b>55,838</b>	<hr/> 92,583

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2006

	Notes	£	2006 £	£	2005 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		31,346		40,048
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		-		350	
Debtors	12	1,372		6,754	
Investments		5,000		5,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		59,658		49,061	
			<u>66,030</u>	<u>61,165</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<b>(41,538)</b>		<b>(8,630)</b>	
			<u>24,492</u>	<u>52,535</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>24,492</u>	<u>52,535</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>55,838</u>	<u>92,583</u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>55,838</u>	<u>92,583</u>	
			<u>55,838</u>	<u>92,583</u>	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985, for the year ended 31 October 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 249B(2), requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31 October 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with section 226, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts were approved by the Board on .....

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**Cathy Lacey**  
Director

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations under received Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	33% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15% Straight Line
Sailing Vessel	15% Straight Line

#### 1.5 Investments

Current asset investments are stated at market value.

#### 1.6 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.7 Accumulated funds

There is no restricted fund as specified by the trust document and all income and expenditure are allocated to the unrestricted funds.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 2 Donations and legacies

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Donations and gifts</b>	<b>83,158</b>	<b>91,157</b>
<b>Donations and gifts</b> Unrestricted funds: Donations	<b>83,158</b>	<b>91,157</b>
	<b>83,158</b>	<b>91,157</b>

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

### 3 Investment income

	2006 £	2005 £
Prize on Premium Bond	50	-
Interest receivable	1,335	1,248
	<b>1,385</b>	<b>1,248</b>

### 4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2006 £	2005 £
Voyage fees	93,259	99,101
Subscriptions	421	1,060
	<b>93,680</b>	<b>100,161</b>



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 5 Total resources expended

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>		
Fundraising and publicity costs	<b>3,460</b>	9,083
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<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<u>Vessel expenses</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	<b>167,811</b>	140,365
<u>Support costs</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	<b>44,617</b>	51,586
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	<b>212,428</b>	191,951
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Governance costs	<b>3,250</b>	2,015
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>219,138</b>	203,049
	<hr/>	<hr/>

### 6 Fundraising and publicity costs

	2006 £	2005 £
Other costs of fundraising and publicity costs comprise:		
Fundraising and publicity costs	<b>1,915</b>	8,228
Advertising and PR	<b>1,545</b>	855
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	<b>3,460</b>	9,083
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# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 7 Activities undertaken directly

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Other costs relating to vessel expenses comprise:</b>		
Refit	55,746	35,210
Yacht services	13,828	14,530
Equipment expensed	2,348	2,620
Training	-	491
Travel and subsistence	7,911	4,349
Fuel	3,775	3,097
Voyage wages & salaries	50,065	48,048
Depreciation	9,855	10,600
Literature & publications	121	420
Ship telephone	2,815	2,448
Licences and insurance	6,741	5,683
Victuals	14,606	12,869
	<hr/> <b>167,811</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>140,365</b> <hr/>

### Other costs relating to support costs comprise:

Telephone and fax	1,260	1,042
Postage and stationery	3,114	3,122
Sales and admin wages	35,380	42,186
Office supplies	1,237	1,235
Subscriptions	90	83
Bank charges	1,103	786
Legal fees	130	123
Interest payable	(1,719)	2,147
Light and heat	920	720
Sundry expenses	1,817	142
Equipment rental	1,110	-
Insurance	175	-
	<hr/> <b>44,617</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>51,586</b> <hr/>

### 8 Governance costs

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Other governance costs comprise:</b>		
Non-audit fees	3,000	1,500
Legal fees	250	515
	<hr/> <b>3,250</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>2,015</b> <hr/>

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

### 10 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2006 Number	2005 Number
4	5

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Sailing vessel	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 Nov 2005	64,001	25,397	-	89,398
Additions	-	-	1,153	1,153
<b>At 31 October 2006</b>	<b>64,001</b>	<b>25,397</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>90,551</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2005	24,534	24,816	-	49,350
Charge for the year	9,600	81	174	9,855
<b>At 31 October 2006</b>	<b>34,134</b>	<b>24,897</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>59,205</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 October 2006</b>	<b>29,867</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>31,346</b>
At 31 October 2005	39,467	581	-	40,048

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2006

### 12 Debtors

	2006 £	2005 £
Other debtors	1,372	4,719
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,035
	<hr/> 1,372	<hr/> 6,754

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2006 £	2005 £
Bank loans	-	865
Trade creditors	172	1,102
Taxes and social security costs	1,843	1,643
Accruals	3,000	1,610
Deferred income	36,523	3,410
	<hr/> 41,538	<hr/> 8,630







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