



# **Ocean Youth Trust South**

## ***Adventure Under Sail***



# **2007 Annual Report**

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# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

(Registered Charity No. 1079959)

## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending 31 October 2007

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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 a number of 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 and part-time Office Administrator ashore.

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 2007 SAILING SEASON



The 2007 sailing season followed the biggest vessel refit effort ever: ninety-five volunteers contributed 381 days of work on the boat over the winter. We also completed some excellent volunteer training in February, with 43 people earning certificates for various shore-based courses.

*John Laing* was re-launched on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, ready for a busy programme of voyages. Homeless young people from the Devon & Cornwall Foyer Federation provided the first crew of the year, enjoying an early-season Channel crossing to Cherbourg. This set the tone for some excellent sailing on a diverse range of voyages.

In the first part of the year, these included a Senior Section group of Shropshire Girl Guides; Swalcliffe Park School, for boys with special educational needs; Imperial College Underwater Club; Southampton's Wheatsheaf Trust; a siblings group from Naomi House Children's Hospice (featuring a very lively birthday party on board); and a sponsors' day sail for International Paint.



This was followed by a voyage which is a huge success every year, with Alfreton Park Special School, for young people with physical and learning difficulties. They covered just 42 miles in five days, but for this particular group, even the shortest voyage encompasses real challenges and huge achievements.



After that came voyages for St Gabriel's school; East London charity Toynbee Hall; a group sponsored by Cardiff Rotary Club; and the ASTO Small Ships Race from Torquay to Guernsey, in which *John Laing* finished first in class and third overall - an amazing effort by a young and inexperienced crew.

A group from Chichester Girls School XL Club brought the boat back from Guernsey, and they were followed by a lively voyage with a Teenage Cancer Trust group.

After that, *John Laing* left home waters for more than two and half months, in order to take part in the Tall Ships Race series in the Baltic. Successive crews sailed from Southampton to Ipswich, via Boulogne; Ipswich to Kiel, via the Dutch inland waterways; and Kiel to the race start in Arhus, via the picturesque Danish east coast.



Race 1, from Arhus to Kotka, in Finland, was affected by light winds at the end; but *John Laing* was able to enjoy a detour to Tallinn in Estonia after crossing the finishing line. Next, the fleet cruised across the Gulf of Finland to Sweden. Many vessels stuck to the main ports, but *John Laing* led a breakaway movement to visit unspoilt harbours in the beautiful Finnish archipelago, where she was welcomed with huge enthusiasm. She rejoined the fleet in Mariehamn, before going on to the next festival in Stockholm.



Race 2 to Poland included some tough sailing, but the outstanding Szczecin festival more than made up for it, with 2 million visitors, countless activities, and an excellent folk music festival taking place right next to *John Laing's* berth.

As with other legs of the Baltic trip, this featured graduate trainees from International Paint among the crew. The Roundwood Youth Group, from North London, took over to sail back to the UK, via Heligoland and Den Helder. In Ipswich they were succeeded by a group including the award winners selected by our sponsors, Marina Developments Limited, who sailed the final leg home to Southampton after 77 days away.

A windless voyage along the Polish and German coasts followed, ending in Kiel.

Then it was back to local south coast voyages: one organised by our own Isle of Wight Support Group; a confidence-building trip for women from black and minority ethnic groups in Southampton; a second voyage of the year for the Chichester XL Club; a siblings' group from CHASE children's hospice; and Parkside School, another regular client.





We also had a very special day sail in September for the family and friends of Trevor Hewson, a longstanding watch leader, Trustee and friend of many in OYT South, who sadly died earlier in the year.

The October ASTO Small Ships race failed to produce a repeat of *John Laing's* triumph in June, but still proved a lively and sociable weekend. The following week saw a mixed crew with a BBC visit at the end of the voyage, tracking a crew member for a documentary about young people who self-harm.



TS Swiftsure returned in October, and was followed by groups from Hampshire, Nuneaton and the final voyage of the year with the Community Links charity from Barking in East London – a mixed voyage including two girls with learning difficulties, one of whom summed up the whole season in her reaction at the end: her voyage was one of the best experiences of her life and she was truly sorry it was over.

Sixty-two volunteer sea staff sailed with us in 2007, to make all these voyages possible, including twelve newly-qualified mates. Our thanks are due to them and to the rest of our army of volunteers who maintain the boat, raise money, liaise with clients, organise events and support us in numerous other ways. Without our volunteers, OYT South could not continue.



Our staff bosun, Laura Aldrich-Blake, moved on at the end of the year – thank you to Laura for all her hard work and enthusiasm. She has been succeeded by Liz Key, who joins the established team of Staff Skipper Mark Todd, General Manager David Salmon and Office Administrator Sally Croly, all of whom continue to make invaluable contributions to our success.



Planned highlights for the 2008 season include the Tall Ships Race series to Norway and the Netherlands, as well as continuing work on the New Boat Project, and yet more opportunities to involve young people from all sorts of backgrounds in the fun and challenges of adventure under sail.



## WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS AND CREW SAY ABOUT OYT SOUTH



The Devon and Cornwall **FOYER FEDERATION**, which offers accommodation and training to homeless young people, has now done enough sailing with us for a number of them to start taking on responsibility on board: *“Thanks for making this week just as good as last time! And taking control of my watch was brilliant, it’s not very often I get to boss people around!”* Emma, 20.

Another Foyer resident became the first person from a homeless background to qualify as a relief bosun on board *John Laing*.

The Nautical Training Corps unit **TS SWIFTSURE** is another group who have reaped the benefits of frequent sailing, with many members having now done four trips and progressed from RYA Start Yachting qualifications to earn Competent Crew certificates. *“Every time I come here it gets better and better. It’s been one of my best experiences ever.”* David, 13



**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 SCHOOL FOR GIRLS XL CLUB** sailed twice in 2007: *“Superb trip, excellent for the girls – and me!”* Drinda Macauley-Moore, teacher.

The **NAOMI HOUSE CHILDREN’S HOSPICE** siblings trip is designed to allow people to get to know others living in similar circumstances: *“I have had a cracking time and learnt a lot about sailing. I have also made a bunch of mates that I hope to keep in touch with.”* Joe, 13



The **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST** group took great pleasure in time away from hospitals – not least the group’s doctor: *“Thank you very much for all your hard work and entertainment. A big thanks for a really good time.”* Lisa, 28.



**ALFRETON PARK COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL** works with pupils with both physical and learning difficulties: *“The group really grew in confidence and worked well as a team. They began to look after one another, which is a great achievement for youngsters with these difficulties. The voyage also helped our teachers grow as they learned more about the children away from a school environment. The OYT South sea staff were absolutely brilliant and put in lots of effort to help our kids.”* Rosemary Mackenzie, headteacher.

A new client for 2007 was drawn from various Senior Section groups of **GIRL GUIDES** in Shropshire: *“The whole trip was an amazing experience, being able to help sail a boat; being a part of a team on the boat. The sea staff were truly friendly.”* Teresa, 17.



The **TALL SHIPS RACE** series attracted a lot of keen young sailors: *“This boat is heaven on the high seas! Amazing people, great experience and the most fun I’ve had in such a long time.”* Bobby, 18. *“I really enjoyed this sailing trip, lots of fun and interesting people to meet and lots of exciting places to see. Well worth it.”* Paul, 19

The **WHEATSHEAF TRUST** organised a number of voyages, including a very windy Channel crossing involving a number of their youth leaders: *“A fantastic experience and brilliant crew who looked after everyone who sailed to France. I am so thankful to have had this opportunity and would love to sail with you again! Can I train to become a volunteer please?”* Melanie, 23



## **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 OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH?**

- An OYT South voyage is a fantastic fun working holiday during 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.

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.

We do run occasional adult voyages, which may include sponsors, prospective volunteer sea staff, other supporters who want to learn more about our work, or corporate team-building events. Adult voyages can also be run for exactly the same purposes as most youth voyages: to develop confidence, broaden horizons and raise aspirations for people who have had limited opportunities in life.



## 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.





## 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 the sail training organisations which deals exclusively with disadvantaged young people.
- 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."

## INTRODUCING THE NEW BOAT PROJECT

Ocean Youth Trust South is starting to plan for the long-term replacement of *John Laing*, due to the cost and workload of maintaining an ageing steel vessel, as well as the need to look at more modern accommodation and other features to meet the needs and expectations of our clients.

The Trust has engaged Owen Clarke Design to produce a concept design for our new boat. Owen Clarke Design has an international reputation for high performance yacht design: they were the lead designers of Ellen MacArthur's *Kingfisher* and Mike Golding's *Ecover*. But just as importantly, Merfyn Owen, as a former Ocean Youth Club skipper, has a deep commitment to sail training, and shares OYT South's passionate desire to create a new boat that can offer a superb sailing experience to young people from the widest possible variety of backgrounds.

The new boat will be a ketch, around 75 feet long, with accommodation for 20-21 people. OYT South sees this as a 3-5 year project, with 2008 being the year for getting the fundraising programme up and running, as well as doing detailed work on the design. The Trust has already secured a substantial restricted donation to get the project underway, but will be seeking major sponsors, including a name sponsor, for the new vessel.

OYT South and Owen Clarke Design are hoping that this project can set the standard for modern sail training vessels for years to come.

## PATRONS

OYT South's longstanding Patron is **Lord Iliffe**, who is a keen yachtsman.

This year the Trust has also recruited three Appeal Patrons, to help with the New Boat Project: the journalist and broadcaster, **David Dimpleby**, a lifelong sailing enthusiast; the yachtsman **Mike Golding**, once an Ocean Youth Club watch leader, now one of the finest British sailors of his generation (he is one of the few yachtsmen to have raced round the world non-stop in both directions; he held the solo record for sailing round the world westabout - the most challenging direction for circumnavigation - between 1994 and 2000; and he is notable for his courageous rescue of fellow sailor Alex Thompson in the Southern Ocean during the 2006 Velux 5 Oceans yacht race); and **Andy Cassell**, Paralympic sailing gold medallist as well as a champion in numerous able-bodied sailing events, and now director of Ratsey & Lapthorn Sailmakers. OYT South hopes to attract additional Appeal Patrons over the coming year.

## 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:

- \* Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement \*
- \* Angus Allnatt Trust \* Annie Holt \* Aquafax \*
- \* Arthurs Chandlery \* Association of Sea Training Organisations (ASTO) \*
- \* Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation \* Charles Dunstone Charitable Trust \*
- \* CHK Charities Ltd \* Chris Dobson \*
- \* Cleghorn Waring \* Contact Marine \* Coutts Charitable Trust \*
- \* Cover to Cover \* Curatus Trust \* David Heffer \* Di Roberts \*
- \* Dulverton Trust \* EBM Charitable Trust \* Fairway Lodge \*
- \* Felixstowe Master Mariners \* Foundation for Sport and the Arts \*
- \* Friarsgate Trust \* Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust \* Gosling Foundation \*
- \* Greendale Foundation \* Hamble Yacht Services \* Hobson Charity \*
- \* IMS Shrinkwrap Covers \* International Paint \* J M Tyler \* Kelvin Hughes \*
- \* KTY Yachts \* Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation \* L E West \*
- \* Lewmar \* Lister Charitable Trust \*
- \* Marina Developments Ltd \* Marine Chart Services \*
- \* N Smith Charitable Settlement \* Nancy Blackett Trust \* Nicholas Bonham \*
- \* Ocean Safety \* OYT South Dorset support group \*
- \* OYT South Isle of Wight support group \* OYT South London support group \*
- \* OYT South West Sussex support group \*
- \* Patrick Frost Foundation \* Penguin Engineering \*
- \* Peter Beckwith Charitable Trust \* Peter Harrison Foundation \*
- \* Ratsey & Laphorn Sailmakers \* Raymarine \* Reckmann Mast Systems \*
- \* Richard Bonham Christie \* Robinsons Compass Adjusters \*
- \* Roger Brooke Charitable Trust \* Royal Yachting Association \*
- \* Rubin Foundation Charitable Trust \* Sydney Black Trust \*
- \* Tall Ships Youth Trust \* TS Hornet Sea Cadet Corps, Gosport \*
- \* Veryan Ltd \* Viking \* Vitesse \*
- \* Vokins Trust \* Zurich Insurance Company \*

## FINANCE AND FUNDING

The cost of running OYT South is currently just over £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 twenty-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 00681331**

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 / Card annually (*delete as applicable*)

Adult / Friends (Shore member )	£36 p.a. (Members under 25: £18 p.a.)
Sailing Members	£136 p.a. (Recommended)
	£106 p.a. (Minimum)

*Sailing members can choose to pay the recommended OR minimum donation, or something in between, depending on personal circumstances and the amount of sailing you plan to do with OYT South.*

## 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

**For the credit of: Ocean Youth Trust South, Sort Code 30-92-02, Account 00681331**

Please debit my account as detailed below, until further notice

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

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

£.....:..... annually, on 1 February.

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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**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO  
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**TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007**

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Trustees**

Brian Eyres  
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# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2007.

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:

Brian Eyres	
Yvonne Taylor	
Caroline White	
Andy Royse	
Jennifer Swatton	(Appointed 18 February 2007)
Martin Skipper	(Appointed 10 September 2007)
David Illingworth	(Resigned 18 February 2007)
Steve Lacey	
Cathy Lacey	(Resigned 8 July 2007)
Trevor Hewson	(Appointed 18 February 2007) (Deceased 30 May 2007)

Caroline White is the only trustee with a beneficial interest in the company. The trust has occasion to employ her in her capacity as a freelance fundraiser and charity consultant. Any sums paid to Ms White are consistent with the commercial worth of her efforts. 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*.

### Review of activities

The operation of *John Laing* is supported by the contributions of a large number of dedicated volunteers of all ages. Their dedication and hard work is responsible for the successful winter refit of *John Laing* and the adequate staffing of the vessel in operation.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

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 five support groups based in West Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Southampton, London and Dorset. Thanks are also due to Cathy Lacey who was chair for the majority of the year.

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**

Ocean Youth Trust South has continued to offer the experience of "Adventure Under Sail" to young people. During the season *John Laing* completed a mixed programme of voyages ranging from weekend voyages in the Solent to voyages to and around the Baltic Sea.

About 450 young people sail with us each year. They come from a variety of backgrounds. We are rightly proud of this diversity. *John Laing* is not specifically adapted to cater for disabled people but by careful risk assessment and by considering the individual crew member's requirements, we are expanding the number of young people with disabilities sailing as crew. For some crew members just climbing on board is an achievement, for others changing a sail on the foredeck whilst beating into a force seven is their highlight.

Ocean Youth Trust South relies on an army of volunteers. Without these we would not be able to operate. The winter refit of *John Laing* saw 95 volunteers give 381 work days to the project. The skills brought to the refit by the volunteers range from those who have only their time and enthusiasm to offer, through to highly skilled engineers. Whatever their abilities, without them the refit would not happen.

62 volunteers sailed as sea staff. The Trust has always seen the training of sea staff as important. This year the training weekend for volunteers saw 43 people gain certification ranging from Food Handling to Radar.

This year has seen the move from the front room of our General Manager's home to a dedicated office. We now have a home in the Royal Clarence Dockyard at Gosport.

### **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 £109,620.

Total income for the year was £302,885 with grants and donations received accounting for £156,034.

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

The total reserves stand at £138,486 of which £22,544 is the net book value of assets. Free reserves stand at £115,942 (2006 - £24,492).

The Trust received donations totalling £26,591 after the end of the 2007 financial year and before the AGM in April 2008. In addition we received voyage deposits totalling £37,144 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 run the 2008 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 2008 & 2009 seasons as well as both capital and through life costs of a potential new boat.

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### 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 months' 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 2008-09.

### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

### Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that DHB Fellowes be reappointed as examiners of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

### Statement of trustee responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its net income and expenditure for the year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of trustees



Martin Skipper, Trustee  
Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

We have audited the accounts of Ocean Youth Trust South for the year ended 31 October 2007 set out on pages 5 to 12. These accounts have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and regulations made under Section 44 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As described on page 3, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustee Report is not consistent with the accounts, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Trustee Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited accounts. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts:

- the accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 October 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information provided in the Trustee Report is consistent with the accounts.

### **DHB Fellowes**

Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditor  
Carnac Place  
Cams Hall Estate  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO16 8UY

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008



# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	156,034	83,158
Activities for generating funds		5,670	4,170
Investment income	3	2,033	1,385
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Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	163,737 139,148	88,713 93,680
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		302,885	182,393
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
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<b>Costs of generating funds</b>			
Fundraising and publicity costs	5&6	7,383	3,460
<b>Net incoming resources available</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		295,502	178,933
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Vessel expenses	5&7	139,830	167,811
Support costs	5&7	64,514	44,617
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		204,344	212,428
Governance costs	8	8,510	3,250
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		220,237	219,138
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		82,648	(36,745)
Fund balances at 1 November 2006		55,838	92,583
<b>Fund balances at 31 October 2007</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		138,486	55,838

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

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2007

	Notes	£	2007 £	£	2006 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		22,544		31,346
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	24,419		1,372	
Investments		5,000		5,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		109,620		59,658	
			<u>139,039</u>	<u>66,030</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<b>(23,097)</b>		<b>(41,538)</b>	
			<u>115,942</u>	<u>24,492</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>					
			<u>138,486</u>	<u>55,838</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
			<u>138,486</u>	<u>55,838</u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>138,486</u>	<u>55,838</u>	
			<u>138,486</u>	<u>55,838</u>	

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

These financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2007 were approved and signed on behalf of the trustees.



Martin Skipper  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 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% and 33% Straight Line
Sailing Vessel	15% Straight Line

#### 1.5 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 1.6 Investments

Current asset investments consists of a National Savings Premium Bond which is stated at market 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.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 2 Donations and legacies

	2007 £	2006 £
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Unrestricted funds:		
Donations	156,034	83,158
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	<b>156,034</b>	<b>83,158</b>
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Included within donations is £1,000 from Mr Excell which has been donated towards the new boat build.

### 3 Investment income

	2007 £	2006 £
Prize on Premium Bond	-	50
Interest receivable	2,033	1,335
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	<b>2,033</b>	<b>1,385</b>
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### 4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2007 £	2006 £
Voyage fees	138,648	93,259
Subscriptions	500	421
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	<b>139,148</b>	<b>93,680</b>
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 5 Total resources expended

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
Fundraising and publicity costs	-	7,383	<b>7,383</b>	3,460
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<b>Charitable activities</b>				
<u>Vessel expenses</u>				
Activities undertaken directly	49,905	89,925	<b>139,830</b>	167,811
<u>Support costs</u>				
Activities undertaken directly	34,631	29,883	<b>64,514</b>	44,617
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	84,536	119,808	<b>204,344</b>	212,428
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Governance costs	-	8,510	<b>8,510</b>	3,250
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	<b>84,536</b>	<b>135,701</b>	<b>220,237</b>	219,138
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### 6 Fundraising and publicity costs

	2007 £	2006 £
Other costs of fundraising and publicity costs comprise:		
Fundraising costs	<b>7,235</b>	1,915
Advertising and PR	<b>148</b>	1,545
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	<b>7,383</b>	3,460
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 7 Activities undertaken directly

	2007	2006
	£	£
<b>Other costs relating to vessel expenses comprise:</b>		
Refit	35,139	55,746
Yacht services	10,197	13,828
Equipment expensed	4,816	2,348
Training	998	-
Travel and subsistence	3,190	7,911
Fuel	2,259	3,775
Depreciation	10,435	9,855
Literature & publications	200	121
Ship telephone	2,392	2,815
Licences and insurance	6,894	6,741
Victuals	13,405	14,606
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	<b>89,925</b>	<b>117,746</b>
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### Other costs relating to support costs comprise:

Telephone and fax	526	1,260
Postage and stationery	4,228	3,114
Office supplies	2,209	1,237
Subscriptions	84	90
Bank and credit card charges	964	1,103
Legal fees	-	130
Foreign exchange costs	67	(1,719)
Rent and services	2,173	920
Sundry expenses	441	1,817
Equipment rental	716	1,110
Insurance	200	175
Office maintenance	214	-
Loss on asset disposal	894	-
Communications and special projects	17,167	-
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	<b>29,883</b>	<b>9,237</b>
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### 8 Governance costs

	2007	2006
	£	£
<b>Other governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fee	2,250	-
Non-audit fees	5,995	3,000
Legal fees	265	250
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	<b>8,510</b>	<b>3,250</b>
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 9 Trustees

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses for their services. Caroline White was the only trustee to receive funds in the year to 31st October 2007 totalling £21,500 for services in respect of freelance fundraising and charity consultancy. A declaration has been filed with the Charity Commission in respect of these services.

### 10 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2007 Number	2006 Number
	4	4
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<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2007</b>	2006
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<b>78,606</b>	79,763
Social security costs	<b>5,930</b>	5,682
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	<b>84,536</b>	85,445

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Sailing vessel	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2006	64,001	25,397	1,153	90,551
Additions	-	-	2,527	2,527
Disposals	-	-	(1,053)	(1,053)
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<b>At 31 October 2007</b>	<b>64,001</b>	<b>25,397</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>92,025</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2006	34,134	24,897	174	59,205
On disposals	-	-	(159)	(159)
Charge for the year	9,600	-	835	10,435
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<b>At 31 October 2007</b>	<b>43,734</b>	<b>24,897</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>69,481</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 October 2007</b>	<b>20,267</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>22,544</b>
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At 31 October 2006	29,867	500	979	31,346
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2007

### 12 Debtors

	2007 £	2006 £
Other debtors	23,335	1,372
Prepayments and accrued income	1,084	-
	<u>24,419</u>	<u>1,372</u>

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

	2007 £	2006 £
Trade creditors	3,975	172
Taxes and social security costs	-	1,843
Accruals	8,250	3,000
Deferred income	10,872	36,523
	<u>23,097</u>	<u>41,538</u>

### 15 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 October 2007 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	
	2007 £	2006 £
Expiry date: Within one year	<u>7,636</u>	<u>-</u>





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