

Ocean Youth Trust South Adventure Under Sail



2008 Annual Report

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

The great majority of young crew members come from disadvantaged backgrounds or face significant problems at home or at school.

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.

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 2000. 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 five people: our Operations Manager, Staff Skipper and Bosun on board the boat and a General Manager and 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 2008 SAILING SEASON

2008 proved to be a year of challenging weather for sailing, getting off to a dramatic start with deep snow on deck during a voyage for the first time since *John Laing's* Antarctic expedition in 2001!

A succession of young people enjoyed local south coast voyages from March until early July. This included two special celebrations. 2008 was the 20th

anniversary of the first MDL Award Winners' voyage, for young people selected by our sponsors Marina Developments Limited for achievement in the face of extreme disadvantage. It was also the 18th anniversary of *John Laing's* launch, and a coming-of-age party was held during our annual voyage with Alfreton Park Special School for children with moderate to severe physical and learning difficulties.



The summer season took us away from our home sailing area for almost two months, with a succession of voyages taking us to Falmouth, Liverpool, through the Caledonian canal and across the North Sea to Norway for the Tall Ships series; a Norwegian cruise and a race to the Netherlands, and home via Lowestoft – having virtually circumnavigated Britain!



It was back to local voyages from September to November, including the ASTO Small Ships Race and many more groups of enthusiastic young people.

A busy and varied sailing season: but what really counts is that hundreds of young people had the opportunity to develop new skills, build their confidence, work as a team, face their fears and take on real responsibilities as crew members. Perhaps the best tribute to the outcomes achieved through our voyages is that virtually all of the groups who sailed in 2008 have booked to sail again in 2009.

With the Baltic – including St Petersburg – on the schedule for 2009, OYT South is set for another fabulous year, with yet more opportunities to involve young people from all sorts of backgrounds in the fun and challenges of adventure under sail.

2008 FACTS AND FIGURES

Berth sales: We had 492 berths available to sell; 482 were actually sold (98%) and after some last-minute drop-outs, 467 (95%) were filled – a major achievement given that some of our most disadvantaged young people lead highly disrupted lives. Average berth occupancy across UK sail training is only around 70% (source: ASTO).

Crew members: Over two-thirds of the young people who sailed with us were assessed as having some sort of disadvantage. Many came to us via mainstream and special schools, youth groups and other charities ranging from children's hospices to inner-city projects and homelessness groups.

Berth cost subsidies: All crew members aged 12-25 had a basic subsidy of 50% of the true cost of running their voyage, paid for through our fundraising. 145 crew members, identified as exceptionally deserving or disadvantaged, received additional bursary funding, to a total of over £16,000. All this was possible thanks to some very generous donors.

Qualifications: 275 people earned recognised RYA qualifications on board this year: 239 Start Yachting certificates, and 36 Competent Crew certificates.

Volunteers: 65 people sailed as sea staff in 2008. 57 were volunteers who between them gave 811 days to sail on our voyages. 78 volunteers contributed 458 days' work to *John Laing's* winter refit between November 2007 and March 2008.

Volunteer training: At our shorebased training weekend in February, 50 people earned 73 qualifications between them: first aid, radar, diesel engine maintenance, GMDSS radio licences, basic food hygiene or sea survival.

Sailing programme: *John Laing* covered 7,000 nautical miles in 2008. 38 voyages were local trips on the south coast of England, with occasional passages to France or the Channel Islands. Seven voyages went much further, with the Tall Ships series taking us on a round trip via Falmouth, Wicklow, Liverpool, the Caledonian Canal, Norway, the Netherlands and Lowestoft.

Staff: Our team of Staff Skipper Mark Todd, General Manager David Salmon, Office Manager Sally Croly and bosun Liz Key have all continued to make invaluable contributions to our success. For 2009, Mark will be promoted to Operations Manager, and the Trust has appointed a new Staff Skipper, James Boyce.

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS AND CREW SAY ABOUT OYT SOUTH



"Sailing with OYT South offers HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN-IN-CARE many benefits, among these being the opportunity to experience working as a member of a team, where mutual cooperation, communication and sharing responsibility are key aspects to sailing a large ocean-going vessel. Sailing also offers the participating

children an alternative approach to re-engaging with education albeit outside of a school classroom environment, in which many experience some kind of difficulty either interacting with other children or coping with academic study. The children who sail gain confidence and self esteem through a sense of accomplishment, as well as benefit from the physical activity and maritime environment, both of which not many children experience in normal everyday life these days. And finally, every child who has participated in the sailing programme has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and always asks to do it again." Geoff Buss, Team for the Education of Children in Care, Hampshire County Council

The **SENIOR SECTION GIRL GUIDES** organised a group in March. One 23-year old said: "I reached my aim! I survived my first week of sailing on an awesome boat. Have learned tons and met some ace people. Thank you for the opportunity and for the bursary that enabled me to come." Group leader Michelle said: "You've made us feel welcome, showed endless patience and shared your valuable experience."



NAOMI HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, Winchester has arranged a series of voyages for siblings of life-limited children over the last five years. One 17-year old boy wrote: "I have enjoyed this trip to an amazing extent and if anyone asks me about the voyage I will tell them it is an amazing and mindblowing experience and even though you have to work your nuts off it is all worth the late nights, meeting all different people and getting so close and just making the bond with everyone."

OYT South has a special interest in supporting young people with **SCOLIOSIS** (spinal curvature), a condition shared by our Operations Manager, and has



awarded a number of bursaries to provide sailing opportunities for young people with Scoliosis. One 14-year old girl wrote afterwards: "It was really amazing and I didn't want to go home – however much I whined about being cold! I will never forget any of you." And a 12-year old wrote: "Thanks, it was brilliant – I loved the rockyness of the boat!"

The Devon and Cornwall **FOYER FEDERATION** offers accommodation and training to homeless young people. Allan, 24, told us "I didn't know what to expect at all on the first day. It's turned out to be an unforgettably amazing experience. I've enjoyed the company and made some cool new friends. It's been a life-changing time. Massive respect to all." Emma, 17, said "Thanks for bringing the dolphins out, you've made my life complete. You have really made me feel welcome, you are all a wicked bunch."

The Nautical Training Corps unit **TS SWIFTSURE** encourages older members who have done several voyages to take on leadership roles and responsibility for supporting younger cadets. David, aged 15, wrote: "I've always loved John

Laing every time I have been, but this time has topped all of the others mainly because we've done more, helping to teach the newcomers." One of the new ones was Alice, 12: "Everything is better than I imagined and I can't wait till next time to learn more and challenge myself further – the life skills you learn make a BIG difference."



ALFRETON PARK COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL works with pupils with both physical and learning difficulties. Lizzie, aged 17, told us "Thank you for the sailing, it was good, it was quiet on the sea with no cars about." Luke, 16, said: "Jon and Geoff helped me put the sails up, enjoyed our barbeque on the beach and helming the boat."

XL CLUBS seek to re-engage and motivate young people facing difficulties in school. Club members learn to take responsibility, develop social skills and enjoy the benefits of teamwork. **CHICHESTER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS XL CLUB** came on a voyage in October. Frances, 14, wrote: "Really enjoyed the trip. I liked the waves. Thank you."

TOYNBEE HALL, a Tower Hamlets-based charity, ran four full voyages as part of the year-long Aspire Project, for disengaged young people who are not getting the full benefits of formal schooling. The project as a whole reported significant improvements in confidence and in school engagement. Jane Fletcher,



Toynbee's Education Programme Manager, wrote: "The sailing trips our young people took part in were a fantastic culmination of the skills and experiences they had throughout their year with Aspire, and we have booked up to go again in 2009. Many of our participants do not leave London very often (or indeed ever), certainly have never been on a 72' yacht and mostly have not cooked and taken responsibility for themselves and a group in this way ever before." A 15-year old girl said of her voyage: "It was a whole new life experience and was inspiring for us youths who get called yobs!"

A group of **YOUNG CARERS** from Hertfordshire endured some of the worst weather of the season and still came up smiling. 17-year old Claire said: "This trip was great, I will never forget it. The leaders and the people were great fun. I had a good laugh. My favourite part was when we went out at night and did watch. I had never seen anything like it, the stars were beautiful. I will never forget the people, the holding on for dear life in your bunks, clowning around with everyone while dancing to S Club."

Eight disadvantaged young people from **DORSET** joined the Tall Ships Cruise in Company in Norway. Area Youth Worker Steve Lacey wrote: "The majority of this group had underachieved at school and in a number of cases not completed secondary education. All achieved a nationally recognised qualification during the voyage. For all, Tall Ships provides a unique blend of social, physical and cultural challenges which significantly develop young peoples' attitudes and skills which are transferable to their day to day lives."

Another hospice siblings' group came from **CHASE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**, Guildford. William, 12, wrote: "Super – will help me in future". Rosie, 13, said: "Thank you so much for doing this with us. I will never forget it. It was so fantastic." One of the CHASE staff who sailed with the group added: "Wonderful trip, we had a brilliant time! We will take great memories home with us."



ADVENTURE UNDER SAIL ON BOARD JOHN LAING 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.
- *John Laing* is an ideal size for everyone on board to get to know each other, and for the staff to work with each individual young person to ensure they get the most out of the experience.



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, or the residential element of 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.

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. Regular inspections 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:

- OYT South voyages really are open to anyone: though the majority of voyages are booked for groups of disadvantaged young people, we have a number of places available each year for young people from more fortunate backgrounds for DoE Award voyages, leadership training or activity holidays.
- 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, working with leading ocean racers such as Ellen Macarthur and Mike Golding. 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 all backgrounds.

The new boat will be a ketch, around 75 feet long, with accommodation for 20 people. A good deal of detailed work was done on the design in 2008, and now the challenge is to put the funding together. 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. This will be a real challenge in the current economic climate but we are aiming to make as much progress as we can.

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 Dimbleby**, 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

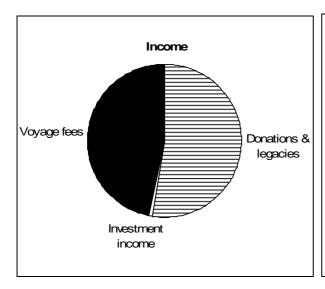
Ocean Youth Trust South is enormously grateful for the donations of funds or equipment we receive from many individuals and organisations, as well as many contributions in the form of time and expertise. Without this support, we would not be able to keep our vessel, *John Laing*, in such good condition,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

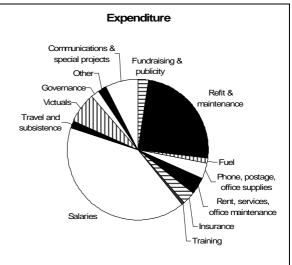
Our sincere thanks to all who have helped us during the past year in many different ways, including:

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* ACT Foundation * Angus Allnatt Trust * Annie Holt * Aquafax *
   * Arthurs Chandlery * Association of Sea Training Organisations (ASTO) *
 * Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation * Mark Boggis * Nicholas Bonham *
* Burnetts * BVT Surface Fleet Limited * Charles Dunstone Charitable Trust *
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       * TMI Trust * TS Hornet Sea Cadet Corps, Gosport * J M Tyler *
         * Veryan Ltd * Viking * Vitesse * L E West * P Whiffing *
                 * Whirlwind Charitable Trust * C H White *
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FINANCE AND FUNDING

The cost of running OYT South is currently just over £250,000 p.a. These charts give an indication of the breakdowns of income and expenditure:





Berth sales to individuals and youth groups, plus membership and mates' fees, should deliver around 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, compared with what it would cost without donations.

Our key funding needs fall into three areas:

Team costs: As the chart shows, our staff (three highly trained professionals on the boat and two in the office) are our biggest expense, at £109,738 last year. No-one is paid more than £26,000, and they all put in very long hours and immense commitment. We are only able to keep staffing costs down at this level because of the huge input from our volunteers.

Vessel refit, maintenance and equipment: This cost £65,516 last year, keeping *John Laing* in good condition, helping to prolong her working life, and ensuring we meet or exceed all required safety standards. Over 400 days' volunteer labour each year provides a tremendous saving.

Bursaries for young people who cannot afford to sail: OYT South is committed to keeping our voyages accessible to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who cannot afford to sail; even with the basic 50% subsidy. A donation of just £140 provides a day at sea for a young person as well as making a contribution to the costs of running the voyage. £500 pays for a full voyage for one young crew member.

We are also working to build up a separate fund for the eventual replacement of our vessel.

We aim to ensure that our sponsors and donors are kept in touch with our work, and have a chance to see where their money goes and to understand the difference that their support makes. This can include day sails or longer voyages on board *John Laing*, or a chance to nominate young people to sail with us. We are fortunate in having excellent relationships with key donors. Some examples:



Supporting Ocean Youth Trust South provides us with unique opportunities. Not only by providing team building events for employees, but more importantly to support children from

disadvantaged backgrounds and encourage the next generation of sailors - our future!



For over 20 years MDL have enjoyed working closely with OYT South where each year we have provided the opportunity of taking deserving youngsters to sea aboard John Laing. We very much value our special working relationship with OYT South as they

understand our goals and tick every box in terms of creating opportunities for individuals to experience new challenges and to shine as part of a crew. For many, these experiences with OYT South are life changing and become memories to be cherished.

Raymarine

Raymarine is proud to support Ocean Youth Trust South in its work to expand the horizons of today's young adults – it's a great way to help them recognise both their own

potential and that of others in the big wide world out there.



TMI is proud to have supported OYT South for many years. We have seen the real difference the charity's work has made to the lives of deserving young people, encouraging them to stretch their horizons so that they are better

equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow's business world. Our partnership with OYT South is ideally aligned with our business mission to inspire change in individuals, to engage with the aims of their organization and to give people the skills, tools and desire to make a difference in whatever job they do.



"We are proud to support the Ocean Youth Trust in the development of young people from all walks of life both as individuals and through the thrills of working as a team in a challenging environment. Such experiences will give them a great start in life and, hopefully, a love of the sea and all things maritime."

95.6% of our expenditure in 2007-8 went on the direct delivery of our charitable services.

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, or email office@oytsouth.org.

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 backgrounds 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.oytsouth.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.

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TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2008.

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 (Resigned 20 October 2008) Martin Skipper (Resigned 26 January 2009)

Steve Lacey

Frederick J Cole (Appointed 4 April 2008) Fiona Pankhurst (Appointed 4 April 2008)

Jeremy Burnett Rae (Appointed 4 April 2008 and resigned 27 January 2009)

Ben Martin (Appointed 20 October 2008)

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*.

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 a series of voyages almost all round Britain, via Falmouth, Liverpool, the Caledonian Canal, Norway, the Netherlands and Lowestoft.

TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

About 450 young people sail with us each year. They come from a variety of backgrounds. We are rightly proud of this diversity, which includes young people facing serious problems at home or at school, as well as those with physical or learning difficulties, or emotional or behavioural problems. By careful risk assessment and by considering the individual crew member's requirements, we are expanding the number of young people with various difficulties who can sail 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.

The relationships we have with the organisations – youth groups, charities, mainstream and special schools and many more – who send young people to sail with us is one of OYT South's greatest strengths. We are delighted that so many groups return to sail with us year after year and express such high levels of satisfaction with our voyages and with the lasting impact they see on the young people involved. With an exceptionally strong core of repeat bookings, plus a steady stream of new clients, we were able to fill 95% of berths in 2008.

We are also proud of the work we have done to open up our voyages to increasing numbers of people from the most disadvantaged backgrounds. The reduction shown in these accounts for "Incoming resources from charitable activities" – in other words, voyage fees paid by young people or the organisations who send them – despite higher berth occupancy, is largely explained by an increase in bursary funding secured under the Donations heading, which enables us to offer voyages to young people who cannot afford to pay.

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 78 volunteers give 458 work days to the project. These volunteers range from those who have only their time and enthusiasm to offer, through to highly skilled engineers. Whatever their abilities, they are all invaluable to the completion of a successful refit.

Sixty-two 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 72 people gain certification ranging from Basic Food Hygiene to Radar or Sea Survival.

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 four support groups based in West Sussex, the Isle of Wight, London and Dorset.

The operation of the Trust is also greatly helped by the dedication, commitment and skill provided by the team of four staff members (five during handover periods).

Particular thanks are due to our retiring Trustees: Martin Skipper, who chaired the Board of Trustees through this financial year, and Jeremy Burnett Rae.

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 £109,321.

Total income for the year was £254,674 with grants and donations received accounting for £133,394.

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

The total reserves stand at £124,913 of which £30,423 is the net book value of assets. Free reserves stand at £94,490 (2007: £115,942).

The directors are reasonably confident that the Trust has sufficient funds to run the 2009 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 2009 and 2010 seasons as well as both capital and through life costs of a potential new boat.

TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

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 2009-10.

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

Frederick J. Cole, Trustee

Dated: 22nd February 2009

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 2008 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 accountants' 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).

Chartered Accountants Reporting Accountants

Carnac Place Cams Hall Estate Fareham Hampshire PO16 8UY

Dated: 25th February 2009

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

Incoming resources from generated funds	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Donations and legacies	2	133,394	156,034
Activities for generating funds		-	5,670
Investment income	3	2,241	2,033
		135,635	163,737
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	119,039	139,148
Total incoming resources		254,674	302,885
Resources expended	5		
Costs of generating funds			
Fundraising and publicity costs	5&6	6,526	7,383
Net incoming resources available		248,148	295,502
Charitable activities			
Vessel expenses	5&7	164,467	139,830
Support costs	5&7	91,865	64,514
Total charitable expenditure		256,332	204,344
Governance costs	5&8	5,389	8,510
Total resources expended		268,247	220,237
Net income/(expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds		(13,573)	82,648
Fund balances at 1 November 2007		138,486	55,838
Fund balances at 31 October 2008		124,913	138,486

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

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2008

			2008		2007
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	11		30,423		22,544
Current assets Debtors Investments	12	55,260 -		24,419 5,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		109,321		109,620	
		164,581		139,039	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(70,091)		(23,097)	
Net current assets			94,490		115,942
Total assets less current liabilities			124,913		138,486
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			124,913		138,486
			124,913		138,486

The company is entitled to an exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985, for the year ended 31 October 2008. 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 2008 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 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 2008 were approved and signed on behalf of the trustees.

Frederick J Cole, Trustee

Date: 22nd February 2009

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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

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.

Voyage fees received are accounted for on the accruals basis, depending on the timing of the voyage.

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:

Sailing Vessel Written down to residual value Plant and machinery Written down to residual value Fixtures, fittings & equipment 15% and 33% 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 consisted of National Savings premium bonds which were sold during the year.

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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

2 Donations and legacies

Donations and gifts	2008 £	2007 £
Unrestricted funds: Donations	133,394	156,034
	133,394	156,034
3 Investment income		
	2008 £	2007 £
Interest receivable	2,241	2,033
4 Incoming resources from charitable activities		
	2008 £	2007 £
Voyage fees Subscriptions	118,479 560	138,648 500
	119,039	139,148

All deferred income brought forward was released to the Statement of Financial Activities during the year. All deferred income at 31 October 2008 was in respect of voyages due to take place in the year ended 31 October 2009.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

5 Total resources expended

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	Staff costs £	Other costs	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Costs of generating funds Fundraising and publicity costs		6,526	6,526	7,383
Charitable activities				
Vessel expenses				
Activities undertaken directly	59,940	104,527	164,467	139,830
Support costs				
Activities undertaken directly	49,798	42,067	91,865	64,514
	109,738	146,594	256,332	204,344
Governance costs	-	5,389	5,389	8,510
	109,738	158,509	268,247	220,237
Fundraising and publicity costs			2008 £	2007 £
Other costs of fundraising and publicit Fundraising costs Advertising and PR	ty costs comprise		6,134 392	7,235 148
		_	6,526	7,383

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

7	Activities	undertaken	directly
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Activities undertaken uneony	2008	2007
	£	£
Other costs relating to vessel expenses comprise:	46.055	25 422
Refit Yacht services	46,255 13,705	35,139
Equipment expensed	5,556	10,197 4,816
Training	1,473	998
Travel and subsistence	4,449	3,190
Fuel	3,346	2,259
Depreciation	1,116	10,435
Literature & publications	258	200
Ship telephone	1,862	2,392
Licences and insurance	8,107	6,894
Victuals	18,400	13,405
	104,527	89,925
Other costs relating to support costs comprise:		
Telephone and fax	1,584	526
Postage and stationery	4,010	4,228
Office supplies	2,064	2,209
Subscriptions	100	84
Bank and credit card charges	1,585	964
Foreign exchange costs Rent and services	68	67
Sundry expenses	9,987 991	2,173 441
Equipment rental	903	716
Insurance	250	200
Office maintenance	462	214
Loss on asset disposal	-	894
Communications and special projects	19,958	17,167
Interest payable	105	· -
	42,067	29,883
8 Governance costs	_	
	2008	2007
Other mayor and a cost a commission	£	£
Other governance costs comprise:		2.250
Audit fee Non-audit fees	3,950	2,250 5,995
Legal fees	1,439	266
	5,389	8,511

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

9 Trustees

With the exception of Caroline White, no trustee received any remuneration or expenses in the year for their services. Caroline White was remunerated for her role in respect of freelance fundraising and charity consultancy, to the value of £24,350 (2007: £21,500). At the year end, £2,070 of this amount was included in creditors. Caroline White was also reimbursed expenses to the value of £127 in the year, for a marketing event with the aim of raising funds for the charity.

10 Employees

Number of employees: The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2008 Number	2007 Number
	5	4
Employment costs	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	102,296 7,442	78,605 5,930
	109,738	84,535

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Sailing vessel	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost	~	~	~	~
At 1 November 2007	64,001	25,397	2,627	92,025
Additions	8,995	20,007	2,021	8.995
Additions	0,993			0.995
At 31 October 2008	72,996	25,397	2,627	101,020
Depreciation				
At 1 November 2007	43,734	24,897	850	69,481
Charge for the year	266	,00.	850	1,116
Charge for the year				
At 31 October 2008	44,000	24,897	1,700	70,597
Net book value				
At 31 October 2008	28,996	500	927	30,423
At 31 October 2007	20,267	500	1,777	22,544
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008

12 Debtors

	2008 £	2007 £
Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	54,024 1,236	23,335 1,084
	55,260	24,419
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2008 £	2007 £
Trade creditors Accruals Deferred income	5,933 2,650 61,508	3,975 8,250 10,872
	70,091	23,097

14 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 October 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2008	2007
Expiry date:	£	£
Within one year	6,500	7,636



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