



## **HYSTS Management Committee / Trustee's Report for 2015 Season**

### **Steve Staples - Chairman**

2015 was the first for HYSTS providing Safety Boat cover from Whaly Boats rather than rigid inflatable boats (RIBs). The change to Whaly Boats had been initiated during the 2014 season when it became apparent HYSTS could no longer afford the berthing fees for the RIBs and Safety Boats were required which could be manhandled ashore and stored in HYSTS' Dinghy Compound at no additional expense to HYSTS. The RIB berthing fees had come close to breaking HYSTS during the 2014 season.

Early in the 2015 season a block and tackle system was developed for hauling the Whalys up the bridge embankment which HYSTS uses as a slipway and HYSTS soon settled into the new routine of operating with these boats. Previously some volunteers would be dispatched to Northney to fetch the RIBs; this split the group. An advantage of the new routine is that all the volunteers now stay together with the young participants, the benefit being there are more volunteers available to escort the young people across the car park and more experienced hands available to assist in rigging and launching the dinghies enabling the session to get afloat quicker. A disadvantage of the new routine is that in addition to all the dinghy equipment, all the Safety Boat equipment including the engines has to be hauled along the embankment to and fro to the Dinghy Compound as well each session as none of this equipment can be left in the Compound. During the 2015 season a new trolley was donated to ease this task.

The Whalys and their new engines were acquired during the winter period of 14/15 and the necessary Safety Boat crew familiarisation training on operating the Whalys was completed prior to the opening of the 2015 season. During the 2015 season the two remaining surplus RIBs together with their engines and a road trailer were sold.

The change made during the 2014 season of operating with different RYA Senior Instructors (SI) rather than having one resident SI has continued to be developed during the 2015 season with a small increase in the size of the SI pool being achieved. This change was implemented to spread the work load over a number of SIs rather than depending on just one.

The benefit of the cost savings achieved by the change in type of Safety Boats operated has been very apparent; not only through a saving in berthing fees but also in a significant reduction in the consumption of fuel. These savings together with a small increase in donations and grants has resulted in an improvement in HYSTS' financial position. HYSTS' financial reserve is now less of a concern than it was at the beginning of the 2014 season.

Following a review of HYSTS insurance and consultation with the RYA the policy was changed at the beginning of the 2015 season. Unfortunately this process was not completed before the season started and the first sailing session had to be cancelled because of this. The premium for the new policy is more expensive though is paid monthly rather than the previous' yearly which has eased cash flow.

Just prior to the start of the 2015 season HYSTS suffered vandalism to 12 of the 13 boats stowed in the Dinghy Compound; new tyres were slashed, bungs had disappeared, painters were cut off, the rope travellers on the transoms of the Toppers were cut off and the blocks stolen or thrown away. Additionally, the grab rope around the gunwale of one of the brand new Whalys was cut in 3 places. This did though re-enforce that the purchase of plastic Whaly Boats rather than inflatable boats was the correct decision as undoubtedly inflatable boats would have been slashed too and possibly completely destroyed. Early in August one of the five Topper hulls went missing; it was found on a beach adjacent to the Langstone Sailing Club and soon recovered. The boats are now secured by long lengths of plastic coated wire run through various parts of the more vulnerable boats and padlocked.

During the season one other session was cancelled due to the lack of an SI.

All things considered HYSTS had a successful season in 2015 and provided there is a requirement by young people for its offering and fiscal and volunteer support from the community HYSTS should have a viable future. The intention remains to grow the membership numbers. This aim must be achieved while maintaining the correct skills balance between beginner and expert in the sailing membership. More adult volunteer safety boat crew would ease the commitment being made by the current team.

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## End of Season Bookings Report

### 2015

Sailing period 4th April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

#### *Breakdown*

Sessions scheduled	19
Sessions completed	17
Sessions cancelled	2
Membership forms	21 (13 girls and 8 boys)
Age spread (years)	8-16

#### *Attendance*

Participant attendance 116 (average 5 attendances per person)

Average attendance per session 6.8 c.f. 7.2 in 2014 and 7.5 for 2013 season.

#### *Certificates Issued*

Certificate type	Number issued
RYA Stage 1	3
RYA Stage 2	4
RYA Stage 3	2

## Recognition of Charitable Status.

HYSTS' address is: Havant Youth Sail Training Scheme. C/o The Bedhampton Social Hall Centre, 21 Bedhampton Road, Bedhampton, Hampshire, PO9 3ES

HYSTS' Trustees; Mr Peter Bee, Mr Geoffrey Lynch, Mr Owen Davies, Mrs Hazel Matthews, Mrs Lorna Tomblin, Mr Stephen Staples, Mr Warren Scott, Mr Derick Borlace, Mr Kenneth Matthews.

The HYSTS Constitution (as amended 10th March 2014) requires the overall responsibility for the Scheme shall be vested in the Management Committee elected by the Patron and Sailing (Senior) Members at the Annual General Meeting each year. The Constitution also requires the Management Committee will consist of the following elected Officers; The President (who may be appointed for a five year term of office), Chairperson, Principal, Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Programme Co-ordinator, Fund Raising Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer, and Bosun. Three Patron or Sailing (Senior) Members may also be elected to serve as members of the Management Committee. The Constitution further requires The Officers of the Scheme and elected Management Committee Members will act as the Managing Trustees in accordance with Charity Law.

HYSTS' Constitutional objectives are:

1. to improve the quality of life of young people through the provision of sailing opportunities and qualifications as a challenging activity;
2. to provide a secure environment for the self-development of young people through qualified and professional guidance;
3. to work in partnership with statutory bodies and organisations within the community;
4. to deliver youth work through the medium of sailing and waterborne activity;
5. to facilitate training opportunities for young people and adults wishing to work with young people.

These objectives are further defined within the Co-Operation agreement between Hampshire County Council Outdoor Education Department and HYSTS. Hampshire County Council Outdoor Education Department issue, administer and police the AALA license under which HYSTS operates.

HYSTS' Objectives under the Co-Operation agreement are:

1. to introduce young people to sailing and seamanship as an activity in a way that facilitates personal development;
2. to provide affordable opportunities for young people to experience dinghy sailing with qualified RYA instruction and procedures in line with the regulations

and guidance set out in the current HCC Off-site and Hazardous Activities Regulations;

3. to provide a membership system by which young people can regularly participate in sailing in order to develop confidence, personal skills and teamwork;
4. to provide planned and progressive opportunities for youth groups to initiate and develop sailing for their members;
5. to provide 'come and try' sessions for young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attempt sailing as an activity;
6. to provide opportunities for young people to fulfil requirements of external organisations with regard to sailing (e.g. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Scouts, Guides, RYA certificates etc.);
7. to provide training opportunities in order to develop the HYSTS programme;
8. to raise self-esteem and develop personal and social skills;
9. to support the development and positive personnel relationships with both peers and adults;
10. to enable the sharing and acting on ideas and issues;
11. to recognise the voluntary involvement of young people with a range of experiences and views;
12. to take part in outdoor education activities.

Planned Outcomes for young people under the Co-Operation agreement.

1. Young people can gain RYA Awards for members and HYSTS Certificates of Participation (for introductory sailing sessions) (under 25 years) from Hampshire by the end of each season.
2. HYSTS members completing 3 or 6 months of regular attendance will receive an Access Credit and Certificate for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
3. Through their involvement with HYSTS activities young people will develop greater self-confidence and self-esteem as well as improving their team work skills.
4. Participation in the Members' Sailing Committee leading to young people having the opportunity for full involvement in the organisation of HYSTS.
5. HYSTS will provide a progression of sailing experience, from Wayfarers through single - handed to advanced sailing techniques, in line with the current RYA modules.
6. Young people will:
  - feel more confident;

- relate more effectively with both peers and adults in a variety of circumstances and settings;
- be able to use their skills effectively;
- learn how to express their views effectively;
- experience a new and challenging activity;
- have the ability to work with others and influence opinion and decisions;
- know when their views have made a difference;
- develop and maintain effective relationships;
- choose to be involved in positive activities and avoid crime, anti-social and hazardous situations.

To facilitate the meeting of these objectives HYSTS has, during the 2015 sailing season, provided 171 opportunities for young people to participate in dinghy sailing at a cost of £22.50 per session under the tuition of an RYA Senior Instructor. This is seen as meeting HYSTS' charitable purposes for the public benefit.

HYSTS' Trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.