CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31 December 2024 Period start date
To 31 December 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Southampton Canoe Club

Charity registration number: 1171807

Objectives and Activities

<table>
<tr><td></td><td>SORP reference</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</td><td>Para 1.17</td><td>'The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Southampton and persons living in and around Hampshire by the provision of facilities for paddlesport, including but not limited to kayaking, canoeing, surfski, and stand up paddle boards'</td></tr>
<tr><td>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</td><td>Para 1.17 and 1.19</td><td>Open to the Community - we offered FREE of CHARGE 1Hr Kayaking Taster sessions, from May to October as usual.

Membership Numbers –
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<tr><td>As of 31/10/25</td><td>Female</td><td>Male</td><td>Total</td><td>Disability</td><td>BAME</td></tr>
<tr><td>All Members</td><td>31</td><td>83</td><td>114</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Juniors</td><td>9</td><td>8</td><td>17</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Students</td><td>6</td><td>17</td><td>23</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Adults</td><td>16</td><td>58</td><td>74</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>New Members</td><td>8</td><td>8</td><td>16</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Renewing Members</td><td>23</td><td>75</td><td>98</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>As of 27/10/26</td><td>Female</td><td>Male</td><td>Total</td><td>Disability</td><td>BAME</td></tr>
<tr><td>All Members</td><td>14</td><td>34</td><td>48</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Juniors</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>10</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Students</td><td>1</td><td></td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Adults</td><td>10</td><td>28</td><td>38</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>New Members</td><td></td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Renewing Members</td><td>14</td><td>32</td><td>46</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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We have experienced a significant drop in membership numbers having lost the Polo Team due to the change of venue and the reduction in boat storage we are able to offer has meant members have gone elsewhere to paddle.</td></tr>
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Sports Development -

The Weights Gym –
Had to be relocated due to the club having to re-site itself but is now back up and running at a new venue.

Circuits and Ergos 2025/26–
Tuesday and Thursday evenings continue to be well attended at the new venue.

Coaches –
No new coaches this year – mainly having to focus on the location change.

Coaching sessions -
Our Saturday sessions had to be postponed for a long period whilst a new venue was organised, however it remains our' bread and butter' with newcomers continuing to attend our monthly Tasters now that we have got them back up and running.

Sprint –
The Sprint Team have built on successes last year and the group are developing well.

Marathon -
Our Hasler race event went well in 2025 although run from a new location at Coal Porters Rowing Club.

Welfare Officer –
The Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is responsible for acting as a source of advice about safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk, promoting good practice and for coordinating action within the Club on receipt of any concerns or referrals.
One of the main focuses of the role is ensuring all policies and codes of conducts are up to date and reflect recent changes in guidelines from British Canoeing and national legislation, that these are available to all coaches, club members and parents to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone involved in club activities.
Another focus is to ensure all coaches volunteering at the club are aware of the policies and have appropriate levels of safeguarding training to comply with regulatory requirements.
Welfare and Safeguarding are pivotal to all club activities and also form part of the application process for the British Canoeing Club Accreditation.

This Office is transferring to another person this year.

		Liaison with other Clubs in the Area – We continue to develop links with other clubs in the area by continuing to organise the local Hare and Hound race event, when possible to do so, which attracts their membership to the sport of marathon kayak racing and equally promotes the presence of both their club and ours to all participants in so doing. **Health and Safety** – No accidents were reported this year. The website is up to date with current risk assessments and standard operating procedures. A new officer is taking up this role as the new venue is developed.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities for the year 2025 – 2026 we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities as described earlier are :- 1. We have offered 'Open to the community' FREE of CHARGE Taster sessions 2. Provision of an Amateur Sport Development programme supported by trained coaches for all ages and abilities, has remained key for all those able to take part in sessions. 3. We continue to develop new events and are looking to organise a more local k4 event (likely now in 2026-2027) as well as a local sprint regatta – this is still in planning 4. Continuing to develop links with other clubs to offer an outlet for the development of kayaking together with their own activities. All the above activities benefit all ages and abilities in developing their self confidence and social skills, whilst maintaining their health and mental well-being by actively participating in a sports activity with other like-minded participants.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Southampton Canoe Club does not offer grants to individuals or other organisations - and this facility is not promoted by the Club.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Southampton Canoe Club uses its charitable funds to pay to maintain the training of its volunteer coaches to run the Monthly Taster sessions for the general public at NO CHARGE to all those that attend and it does not pass this training cost onto attendees. We are also developing our portfolio of available coaches by training new coaches as and when persons

		show the aptitude to do so. Our funds also extend to maintaining our fleet of kayaks, paddles and buoyancy aids which are used by all new-comers for the early years of their involvement at no extra cost until such time as they wish to buy their own equipment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the Coaches, Administrators and Officers of the Club offer their time freely and at no cost to Southampton Canoe Club. This enables the Club to offer their facilities and coaching at the lowest possible costs for all those who wish to become full members of the club.
Other		The Trustees as usual wish to recognise the contribution of its Volunteer Coaches and Committee Members in continuing to meet the Charities Objectives. Although membership tends to fluctuate year on year the volunteers continue to develop new ideas and coaching methods. We continue to maintain interest in training through the winter evenings by operating ERGO machine and Circuit Training sessions twice a week which has been open to all club members to attend free of charge as part of their membership. The development of a weight -training gym has meant that members have been able to weight train, and this continues to develop.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Service Level Agreement with Active Nation ended in September 2025, which meant we had to look for a new venue. This has been a major source of turmoil for the club. Fortunately the operator of the adjacent Woodmill Kitchen has been able to take us on board and we are actively developing a long term relationship with them. The main aims of the Club are to not only get more people active but to develop those people into talented athletes in the field of kayaking. In order to measure our achievement in this area we are always keen to demonstrate this by their singular achievements across the year:- **Help to develop international paddlers – Long term aim** A very good year for club members in international competition participation and results. **In the U23 World championships Montemor -O-Velho Portugal,** We had a team come 2nd over 500m in the B final. **In the U23 European championships held at Bascov, Arges in Romania,** We had a K4 crew over 500m make the A Final **At European Surf Ski Championship held in Miedzyzdroje in Poland,** One member became European champion in the surf ski event. **In the Open Oceanman** A member was also European champion. A fantastic result for both club members.

		Hasler Final - The club made the Hasler final which was held at Worcester. A small team went from the club with a successful finish in 3rd in Division 5 K2 **Provide additional training sessions to improve participation and performance of paddlers, especially juniors, in the Waterside series.** A number of members took part in the series some using it as training and for experience. A team achieved a finish in 3rd overall in senior ladies K2. **Devizes to Westminster race 2026** **Develop training plans and assist with preparation for paddlers to complete DW.** Magnus Gregory, a club member, and his partner Alex Lane finished 2nd overall and won the mixed event in a time of 17:08:41. Fantastic achievement. **Sprint -** **Increase participation in sprint racing both at local and national level. This includes implementing training to help develop junior sprint paddlers within the club.** This year we had good attendance at the sprint regattas from club members with the following stand out results: National Champs 3rd Mix 1000m 3rd U23 500m 1st U23 500 K4 At the inter club regatta racing for the MacGregor Trophy the club achieved 9th place the best for some time. **Marathon -** National Marathon Championships, Not many club members travelled to the event. **Water Polo report** The Water Polo Team has had to separate from the core club due to lack of facilities with the unfortunate need to move out of the venue we had been in for 10 years. We wish the Team good luck for the future.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are looking for a new funding officer at this time. We thank our previous Officer for her valued support.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

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<tr><td>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</td><td>Para 1.21</td><td>Below is a copy of our unaudited end of year accounts statement for 2025

Southampton Canoe Club Receipts and Payments Account for 2025(Jan 2025- Dec 2025)

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<tr><th>Receipts</th><th></th><th></th><th>Payments</th><th></th></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Amount</td><td></td><td></td><td>Amount</td></tr>
<tr><td>Balance b/f (Bank & Cash)</td><td>25301</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Membership, Container Rents and Race</td><td>13031</td><td></td><td>Site Rent</td><td>2749</td></tr>
<tr><td>Grants And Donations</td><td>400</td><td></td><td>Boat & Equipment Purchases</td><td>336</td></tr>
<tr><td>Boat Sales</td><td>3860</td><td></td><td>Course & Registrations</td><td>554</td></tr>
<tr><td>Shop Sales</td><td>158</td><td></td><td>Equipment /Repairs</td><td>120</td></tr>
<tr><td>Polo Entry Feess</td><td>635</td><td></td><td>BCU Levy/Affiliaton & Just Go</td><td>377</td></tr>
<tr><td>Sprint Entries</td><td>1240</td><td></td><td>Internet & Website Costs inc Zoom</td><td>160</td></tr>
<tr><td>Southampton Hasler</td><td>0</td><td></td><td>Sprint & Polo Entires</td><td>2095</td></tr>
<tr><td>Churchers DW</td><td>150</td><td></td><td>Local giving</td><td>180</td></tr>
<tr><td>WWR</td><td>128</td><td></td><td>Hamble River Raid</td><td>300</td></tr>
<tr><td>Website refund</td><td>28</td><td></td><td>Hall Hire</td><td>50</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Shop Purchases</td><td>133</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Engraving</td><td>42</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Maintenance/Containers</td><td>254</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Hasler returned Fees</td><td>751</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Balance c/f (Bank, Paypal and Cash)</td><td>36567</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Total</td><td>44931</td><td></td><td>Total</td><td>44931</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Opening Balance</td><td></td><td></td><td>Closing Balance</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Bank</td><td>25221</td><td></td><td>Bank</td><td>36502</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paypal</td><td>17</td><td></td><td>Paypal</td><td>2</td></tr>
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R J Buckler
Treasurer
07/03/2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</td><td>Para 1.22</td><td>We do not hold any reserves</td></tr>
<tr><td>Amount of reserves held</td><td>Para 1.22</td><td>None</td></tr>
<tr><td>Reasons for holding zero reserves</td><td>Para 1.22</td><td>The Club operates with the funds that are available and continues to function with a positive bank balance.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Details of fund materially in deficit</td><td>Para 1.24</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
<tr><td>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</td><td>Para 1.23</td><td>Not applicable</td></tr>
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Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Election by the Members of the CIO

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Southampton Canoe Club Trustees have delegated the day to day administration of the Club to a Club Committee, it's structure is as follows:- **Committee –** Chairperson Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer **Officers –** Welfare Officer Admin Officer Head Coach Grants/ Funding Officer Website Manager Quartermaster Junior Representative/s Race Captain This committee has 6 meetings per year. In addition the Committee have delegated the management of the Coaching team to a sub-committee run and managed by the Head Coach and this also has 6 meetings per year.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Club's Coaches operate strictly under the rules and governance of the National Governing Body of British Canoeing (Paddle UK) and the Committee also ensures that its Coaches attend regular update seminars and training events.

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Southampton Canoe Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1171807
Charity's principal address	Woodmill Coffee Kitchen Woodmill Lane Southampton SO18 2JR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Rance	Head Coach		
2	Philip Amey	Admin Officer		
3	Duncan Gray	Treasurer	From 30/11/2025	
4	Jack Gilbert Johns	None	Resigned 23/05/2026	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip George Amey	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Admin Officer and Trustee	

Date	27/10/2026