York Sailing Club CIO

Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 31 December 2025

Charity Number: 1196943

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Administrative details

Charity name: York Sailing Club

Charity number: 1196943

Registered address: 2 Muncastergate

Malton Road

York YO31 9JY

Trustees: Stephen Parry (appointed 6 December 2021, re-elected 16 February 2023)

Stephen Hogg (appointed 6 December 2021, re-elected 16 February 2023)

Joseph Hardwick (appointed 12 October 2023)

Bank: Barclays, Parliament Street, York

Objectives

a) To promote and facilitate community participation in sport and healthy recreation by providing facilities for sailing and other water-based activities, primarily but not exclusively for those residents in York and surrounding areas.
b) To advance education and training for the public benefit in the subject of sailing and other water-based activities, primarily but not exclusively for those residents in York and surrounding areas.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2025.

History

York Sailing Club started life as the British Transport Yacht Club (York Division), and later became known as York Railway Institute Sailing Club. York Railway Institute was founded in 1886 as a sports and social club for railway employees. It was based in the city centre, and over the years it spread to several other sites around York, catering for an ever-wider range of sports and eventually allowing non-railway staff to become members. The sailing club was established in 1957, beside what was then the main east-coast line to London. The railway line closed in 1983 (the main line now follows a route a little further to the west), and the former railway line is now a cycle track. York Railway Institute formally ceased to exist in 2016, when it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called simply York RI (Charity number 1165513). The sailing club was part of this organisation until the independent charity York Sailing Club was established on 6 December 2021.

Current status

York Sailing Club is a volunteer-run sailing club, with no paid employees. There were 38 members at the end of the reporting year (33 adults and 5 junior members). Management roles are filled by volunteer members of the club.

Once the charity was established, the non-fixed assets of the club, including boats and other equipment, were transferred from York RI to the newly formed York Sailing Club charity. The land and buildings are leased from York RI on a 99-year lease at a peppercorn rent.

Subscriptions and other fees

Subscriptions and fees are set at the lowest level commensurate with sustaining a viable operation and prudent investment in facilities. Our individual and family subscription rates were raised by £10 and our junior subscription by £5 in 2025.

York Sailing Club charged the following membership fees in 2025:

Family membership: £220

Individual membership: £155

Junior membership (under 18): £75

Other charges levied by the Club included the following:

Use of club sailing dinghy: £3.00 for full day, £2.00 for half day

RYA Level 1 sailing course: £125 (available to members only)

Activities

The season opened in March with a full programme of Sunday sailing, to which the usual Wednesday evening series was added in May. This year we had hoped to see a recovery in support for racing and I am pleased to say that this has begun to happen. Participation in racing is without doubt the best way of improving sailing skills and we shall continue to promote this aspect of our activities in 2026. As we all know, sailing is a weather dependent sport and in 2025 we were faced with evenings of very little wind for most of the Wednesday Series, while heavy rain and flooding all but wiped out the Winter Series. Removing boats from the compound at the end of November was particularly challenging last year and one has to ponder whether it would be more sensible to revert to our old practice of finishing sailing at the end of October and having the 'big clear-up' and bonfire around November 5th.

Membership numbers continued to show a gradual increase in 2025, largely as a result of numerous new enquires to the website followed by a constant stream of requests for taster sessions. The Open Day was held in ideal weather conditions and attracted record numbers, but as in recent years, the number of new members it recruited was very disappointing. This event continues to be a very good 'shop window' for us but it is clearly no longer the recruiting tool that it was in the pre-internet days.

Training in 2025 was centred on the RYA Level One Course that we ran in June, and I am most grateful to all those members who helped in making this happen. We filled the course without difficulty, but it is notable that as ever, we were unable draw more than 50% the participants into the activities of the club thereafter. As the Training Centre Principal, I have been concerned that I am ready to retire from that role and, perhaps more importantly, both Mike Craggs and I (the two Senior Instructors) have reached the age where we no longer wish to run formal RYA accredited courses. Following a special meeting of the membership, held in October, we have decided to delete the RYA Level One course from the programme for 2026 and replace it with more targeted training sessions that will be run throughout the season to meet the needs of members more generally. Beginners will be required to become competent in crewing

skills before being offered training as helms; this will necessitate teaming up in a double hander with one of our more experienced members and by this means it is hoped that new members will more easily become fully involved in the life of the club.

It was the turn of York SC to host that annual regatta in 2025 and with an unusually enthusiastic turn-out from Yorkshire Ouse SC combined with near perfect weather, the event was one of the most successful of recent times. Huge thanks must go to Pete Craggs and Phil Nelson who once again took on the role of Race Officers, and to Steve Hogg and the catering team who fired up the barbeque and provided a great lunch. We look forward to the rematch at YOSC this year!

Boat ownership has shown something of an increase over the past year, particularly in the GP14 fleet and this places YSC among the most active GP14 clubs in the country, and something of an epicentre for vintage examples of the class. We had hope to compete for the Round Holes Trophy in 2025 but in the end it did not happen; I think we should have a sufficient number of vintage GP14's back in commission this year to correct that.

2025 saw our Club well represented away from home, with the well-established names of Pete Craggs, Steve Parry and Oliver Gabbitas placing the name of York SC on the 2025 Association results lists for the RS Aero Class and the GP14 Class. Discussions are already being held among members about similar activities in 2026.

The social calendar followed the usual pattern starting with a 'winter walk', organised by Pete Craggs and taking in the byways of Bishopthorpe and ending for most of us with a well-earned lunch in the Marcia Inn. The Ullswater weekend of 2025 was once again a great success with a good attendance and weather, which, though depressingly wet on the Friday, improved greatly on Saturday and ended in glorious sunshine on Sunday. The traditional Saturday sail to the Pooley Bridge tearoom attracted much enthusiastic support, though comparatively few rose to the challenge of sailing there, a stiff breeze couple with high water level that made impromptu landing difficult was not for the feint hearted! We held our usual end of season dinner at The Marcia Inn, this was well up to the usual high standard and exceptionally well supported.

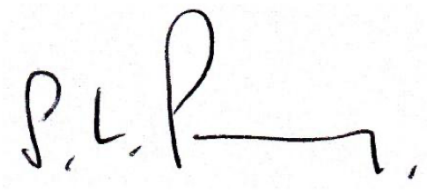
As one of our community outreach initiatives, we hosted two evenings for the York Sea Cadets in July. A large number of youngsters took part and all seemed to enjoy themselves. I should like to thank all those members who helped run the evenings; we may be asked to do the same again this year.

As ever, the day to day running of the Club has been in the safe hands of the Committee. We have held meetings on a monthly basis throughout the year, and I should like to thank the officers of the Club for their hard work on our behalf. Routine

maintenance of the Club House, the site and our training boats has been carried out by enthusiastically supported working parties over the year.

I should like to thank all members of the Committee and the Club for their support in 2025. As members will know, I had intended this to be my last year a Commodore but at the time of writing, I have yet to learn of a volunteer wishing to take on the role. At the very least, we must reinstate the position of Vice-Commodore for 2026.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S. L. Parry

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Operating income/expenditure

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Membership subscriptions		4,900	4,955
Courses (sailing and first aid)		900	860
Hire of club boats		137	163
Donations		82.75	60
Other income		1,195.62	104
Total income		7,215.37	6,142
Expenditure			
Rates (City of York Council)		188.62	79
Utilities (water and electricity)		281.14	301
Consumable items		477.88	84
New equipment		68.60	0
Maintenance and repairs		231.18	749
Licences and affiliation fees	2	389	371
Internet and social media		82.77	50
Insurance		2,403.68	2,369
Donations		50	0
Course materials and certification		118	217
Other expense		1,085.95	0
Depreciation	3	791	791
Total expenditure		6,275.82	5,011
Net operating surplus (loss)		939.55	1,131

BALANCE SHEET

Balance sheet at 31 December	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Land and buildings		10,000	10,000
Fixtures and fittings	4	4,982	5,773
Cash in bank	5	14,143.28	12,413
Total assets		29,125.28	28,186
Liabilities		0	0
Net assets		29,125.28	27,055

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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(1) Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. All expenditure presented is inclusive of VAT.

(2) Licences and affiliation fees

Royal Yachting Association (RYA) £170.00; Canal & River Trust £219.00.

(3) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life. Until the end of 2021 all of the sailing club’s assets belonged to York RI CIO. For 2024, as in 2022 and 2023, depreciation on all fixtures and fittings has been calculated on a straight-line basis over 10 years, starting from the establishment of York Sailing Club as an independent charity. No depreciation has been allowed for in respect of land and buildings.

(4) Balance sheet: Fixtures and fittings

Calculated as the value of fixtures and fittings at 31 December 2024, minus depreciation of £791 on those fixtures and fittings, plus the value of any fixed assets acquired during 2025 (which was zero).

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(5) Balance sheet: Cash in bank

Starting balance 1 January 2025	£12,412.73
Ending balance 31 December 2025	£14,143.28

Represented by:

Income for year £7,215.37

Expenditure for year * £5,484.82

Surplus (loss) for year £1,730.55

* Expenditure here is calculated as operating expenditure minus depreciation (because depreciation does not affect the bank balance).