

Accrington and District Sea Cadets 2024–2025

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present this year's Chairperson's Report for the Accrington and District Sea Cadets. The 2024–2025 period has been one of growth, resilience, and renewed purpose as we continue to empower young people through maritime adventure, skill-building, and community engagement. This is my first AGM as the new Chairperson for the unit which has proven to be a steep learning curve. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone's support especially James Smith Porter CO and Stephen Hutchinson to ensure that the unit has continued to run efficiently during this time of change.

□ Highlights and Successes

- **Cadet Growth and Engagement** Accrington welcomed several new cadets this year, each bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to our ranks. We have also opened the new Marine cadet detachment to the unit
- **Skills and Qualifications** Cadets successfully completed courses in various disciplines. These achievements not only build confidence but also enhance future career prospects. We also had our presentation night in March which recognised the skills and knowledge that the cadets had achieved over the last 12 months and was an opportunity for our guests to see the highlights of being a Sea Cadet.
- **Community Presence** We strengthened our ties with the local community through parades, volunteering, and public events. Our cadets represented the unit with pride during Remembrance Day and Local events including the Accrington Carnival.
- **Fundraising and Support** Thanks to dedicated volunteers and generous donors, we secured vital funding to maintain our facilities and support training activities. Special thanks to those who contributed to our ongoing fundraising efforts.
- **Special Recognition** This year we have seen Stephen Hutchinson complete 52 years as a volunteer at Sea cadets. This was celebrated at the Presentation night to honour this achievement.

□ Opportunities Ahead

- **Expanding all Sections** We have a objective over the next 12 months to extend all of the sections of the unit – Juniors, sea cadets, Marine cadets, staff, UMT members and the PSA.
- **Voyage and Adventure** We are exploring opportunities for cadets to participate in offshore voyages aboard TS Royalist and other training vessels. These experiences are transformative and deeply aligned with our mission.
- **Partnerships and Outreach** We plan to strengthen partnerships with local schools and youth organizations to broaden our reach and offer more young people the chance to thrive within Sea Cadets.

□ Requirements and Future Needs

- **Training equipment** Our training equipment require modernization to meet the evolving needs of our cadets. We are seeking grants and donations to improve these to ensure that our cadets can get the best out of being part of the unit and have the experiences and opportunities that will help them grow and develop.
- **Volunteer Recruitment** To sustain our momentum, we need more adult volunteers—particularly those with skills in instruction, administration, and event coordination.

- **Sustainable Funding** Continued financial support is essential. We encourage local businesses and community members to consider sponsorships or one-off donations to help us deliver high-quality programming.
- **Support for the PSA** Unfortunately our chair for the PSA has resigned so we are after some more parents and supporters to join the PSA to help raise money that will support the cadets in getting the most out of their experience.

In closing, I extend heartfelt thanks to our cadets, volunteers, supporters, and fellow committee members. Your dedication fuels our mission and ensures that Accrington Sea Cadets remains a beacon of opportunity for young people in our community.

Together, we sail forward—with purpose, pride, and the wind at our backs.

Candice Davies Chairperson & Treasurer Accrington and District Sea Cadets



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ACCRINGTON		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2025	Charity no	521003
Set out on pages			

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is

needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material

respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of

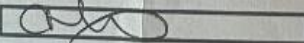
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have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: 31.10.25

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