

Hansa Class UK

Annual Report of the Trustees, January 1st – December 31st 2016

The Hansa Class Association (UK) has been in existence for many years running competitive events for disabled sailors and in 2015 it was decided that the way forward was to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to enable us to raise funds to provide an even better experience for our sailors. This was achieved in February 2016 when we were granted charitable status under the name Hansa Class UK (HCUK), registered number 1165467.

A busy season of events commenced in April with a total of 13 one day TT events planned including a new Scottish TT series of 4 events. Only one event had to be cancelled during the season. There were also 2 two day GP events and a three day National event. The final event was a joint Northern and Southern TT which included the series prize giving. A total of 137 boats containing 186 sailors took part in the events during the year and a huge thank you is due to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the events so successful.

Additionally, In June, 19 sailors together with supporters and helpers attended the Hansa World Championships in the Netherlands where they achieved some very creditable results.

On the Fundraising front Ron and Steve Sawfords sponsored run in the Bath half-marathon raised a very respectable amount and the 29th may 1961 Charitable Trust generously donated £3000 towards our core funding requirement. Together with other general income we finish the year with a comfortable balance in our accounts. Unfortunately efforts to obtain funding for a 6 boat Racing and Training Unit to provide loan boats at racing events and to enable us to run Grass Roots race training days have so far been unsuccessful.

In August the AGM was held at Rutland Water during the RYA Sailability Multi Class Regatta. The new Hansa Class UK Constitution was formally adopted and Trustees elected.

The announcement from the Para World Sailing Committee in November that the Hansa 303 is to be included as a class in future Para World Sailing Championships is great news for the Hansa Class Association and will inevitably influence our future development.

At the end of November the HCUK committee met for a strategic planning meeting in order to formulate a plan to cover our development over the next 4 years. A number of initiatives were put in place to cover in particular, Training, Publicity and Fund Raising. These initiatives will be fully detailed in the 4 year Strategic Plan. They will be evaluated at the end of 2017 and further developed or amended as necessary.

It's been a busy year and a big thank you is due to the committee members who give so much time and effort into ensuring the continued success of HCUK, to all the Clubs that hosted events for us and to all the sailors who supported the events. We look forward to seeing even more of you on the water in 2017.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Bob Scull

Chairman