



Ocean Youth Trust South

Adventure Under Sail



2005 Season Report

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

(Registered as an Educational Charity No. 1079959)

2005 SEASON REPORT

For the Year Ending 31 October 2005

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST

Ocean Youth Trust South exists to offer personal development through adventure under sail to young people aged 12 to 25.

Young crew members from a wide variety of backgrounds benefit enormously from being taken right out of their familiar environment and encouraged to face new challenges, enjoy new experiences, make friends, work as a team, acquire new skills and, above all, develop their confidence.

In practice this is achieved by putting twelve young people together on board our 72-foot sailing vessel, *John Laing*, with safety and support provided by skilled sea staff.

A significant proportion of young crew members each year come from deserving or disadvantaged backgrounds.

ABOUT OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH

Background and Purpose

- OYT South is one of six independent regional Ocean Youth Trust charities based around the UK. The OYT was founded in 1999, but grew out of the Ocean Youth Club (OYC), which was established in 1960.
- Each year OYT South takes around 400 young people to sea.
- Ocean Youth Trust South owns *John Laing*, a 72 ft steel ketch specifically designed as a sail training vessel.
- Our main purpose is to offer *Adventure Under Sail* as a development opportunity for young people aged 12 to 25.
- We aim to reach as wide a range of young people as possible, and we work in partnership with other charities and youth organisations to arrange voyages for deserving and disadvantaged young people who would never normally have the opportunity to take part in something like this.
- Voyages can last from two days to twelve days and involve twelve young crew members at a time, plus five or six adult sea staff.
- *John Laing's* usual sailing area covers the south coast of England, the West Country, France and the Channel Islands, with occasional longer and more challenging voyages such as the Tall Ships race series.

OYT South People and Organisation.

OYT South has a full-time team of three people: our Staff Skipper and Bosun on board the boat and a General Manager ashore. We also have a part-time office assistant and part-time fundraising assistant.

We are also grateful for the commitment of our volunteers, who sail as sea staff, undertake vessel maintenance and provide essential shore support.

OYT South is managed by a Board of Trustees, some of whom are also qualified sea staff.

THE 2005 SAILING SEASON



John Laing's 2005 sailing season was marked by a succession of outstanding young crews: groups and individuals, old friends and new bookings – all working together in a series of fun and challenging voyages.

We probably had crew members from a greater variety of backgrounds and circumstances than in any previous year: but the record shows that week after week we sailed with young people who showed immense effort and enthusiasm in getting to a fantastic range of destinations, learning new skills, coping with difficulties and achieving more than most of them had ever thought possible.

It was also a season of fun and laughter, with the first crew of the year, in March, setting the pattern by inventing the game of “malteser pinball” and another group describing their trip as “better than Thorpe Park”.

The first half of the season saw the welcome return of regular groups such as CHASE Children's Hospice and special schools such as Stanbridge Earls and Alfreton Park, plus some excellent new groups including the Teenage Cancer Trust, a siblings' voyage from another hospice (Naomi House), and another specialist dyslexia school, Sunnydown.



Some did local south coast voyages; others undertook longer passages to France or the Channel Islands. Some enjoyed fast sailing in brilliant sunshine; others endured strong winds, rough seas or thick fog. But whether the highlights lay in making new friends, playing games, or mastering sailing skills and earning a Royal Yachting Association certificate, virtually everyone came out of the experience with memories to treasure.

As well as all the group voyages, we also enjoyed voyages for individuals, with young people who had never met before working to become strong teams and forge firm friendships.

The main focus of the summer was of course the Tall Ships Race series, where generous bursary funding ensured that every one of the seven legs included crew members from exceptionally deserving backgrounds as well as those enjoying more fortunate lives. We were also joined by four young Canadians from a sail training vessel on the Great Lakes.



Tall Ships took *John Laing* from Portsmouth to Waterford, Cherbourg, Newcastle, Fredrikstad, back down the Danish east coast, via the Kiel Canal and the Dutch coast, and finally to Ipswich.



On the Waterford to Cherbourg race we won the trophy for having the youngest average age of any competing vessel. The triumph of the Newcastle to Fredrikstad race lay in simply completing the course, when more than half the fleet retired due to bad weather. Otherwise, highlights included some great water fights against other vessels and spectacular parties and fireworks in the host ports.

With the return voyage from Tall Ships finishing in Ipswich, we enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time visiting more ports outside our normal cruising ground, in Holland and Belgium, before returning to our home port of Southampton.

Late summer and autumn saw our annual voyage for exceptionally deserving crew members sponsored by MDL; return visits by Steve Lacey's Dorset group and from the East London charity Community Links, plus another trip for one of our longest-running clients, the Roundwood Club in Brent;





and some new trips including the charity Rethink, and a sponsored international crew voyage which saw young people of seven different nationalities enjoy a visit to Caen.

In the midst of all this we also had our second highly successful annual dinner, with over 100 guests attending at the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble. The dinner was supported by our two children's hospice partners, CHASE and Naomi House.

The sailing season ended in November with the departure of our staff bosun, Craig Dickerson, after three successful seasons with OYT South – many thanks to Craig for all his efforts!

He was replaced by Julian “Dinghy Boy” Watkins, who has been sailing with the Trust since the age of sixteen. He is now working with our highly experienced staff skipper, Mark Todd, while General Manager David Salmon and assistant Sally Croly continue to run things ashore.

Our staff are supported by an army of volunteers, with 58 people sailing as watchleaders or bosuns in 2005; 329 days' volunteer labour provided at the 2004-5 winter refit; and countless efforts by other supporters ashore.



The 2006 season already looks as though it will be very exciting: the 50th anniversary Tall Ships Race series taking us to France, Spain, Portugal and Belgium; and another excellent set of bookings bringing young people from all sorts of backgrounds for the fun and challenges of adventure under sail.

As the sea staff promise to every new crew that joins: *“Whatever effort and enthusiasm you put into the voyage, the sea staff will match and beat it!”*

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS AND CREW SAY ABOUT OYT SOUTH



NAOMI HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, WINCHESTER

organised a voyage for brothers and sisters of children who had died in the hospice. One teenager commented: *“Usually I am shy when I first meet people, mainly because I dread when they are going to ask how many brothers and sisters I have. Being in the same situation as everyone else helped me to feel more at ease and happier.”*

Another said: “It was one of the most enjoyable weeks I've ever had. As we were all in similar situations it was very easy to just sit down and talk when we were off watch and it was also easy to work as a team when we were on watch. The whole group just gelled so easily because we all realised that we weren't alone. I can't wait to meet up again as I believe it's important for us to stay in contact now that we've found each other.”

THE TEENAGE CANCER TRUST brought a group from Manchester and Leeds, most of whom were just recovering from cancer, with one due to restart chemotherapy the week after the voyage.

One crew member said: *“There are no words that could describe the way I feel but it is definitely one thing in life worth doing and coming out with a certificate! Hopefully more patients from TCT in Manchester can experience the same feeling.”*



One of the TCT staff added: *“Have got so much from this trip, words can't say or express. I just want to get back on a sailing boat and go back out to sea. A truly magical experience mainly due to all the staff. A big thank you to you all from the bottom of my heart. I will see you all again, I'm sure.”*

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL, CATERHAM works with profoundly dyslexic pupils. Heather Perkins, Sunnydown's Senior Residential Childcare Officer, thought the sailing experience was ideal for them:

"It can do so much to develop their confidence. Most of them were at mainstream schools before they came to Sunnydown, and will have been really struggling. They often come to us with very low self-esteem, and we have to work hard at building them up again."



Her colleague, Tim Magson, has a strong background in outdoor activities for young people, but says nothing beats sailing.

"It's just a fantastic thing to do. Modern life is so sanitized that kids often don't get a chance to achieve their full potential. Here, you are out in the elements, away from land. It's the truest adventure the children will ever experience."



GENEROUS BURSARY FUNDING opened up berths on the Tall Ships Race series to young people who would never normally have a chance to do something like this. One, who is just starting to rebuild her life after some exceptionally traumatic early experiences, said

"I can honestly say that it's been one of the most challenging experiences yet; however, I have taken so much from this trip and I will never forget it. The things that I've seen and done are way beyond anything I could have ever thought possible. I always as a child dreamt of doing things just like normal people did, but never thought it would happen. This was way beyond anything I could imagine and has touched my life in so many different aspects; and for that I cannot thank you enough. I feel that this is the start to many endless opportunities for my future."

Another bursary-funded crew member said: *"I had a really good time. I have learned a new skill and made new friends and now I can get up in the morning! I hope to be back."*

XL CLUBS target young people facing difficulties in school, to promote achievement and encourage success. XL clubs seek to re-engage and motivate young people. Throughout their last two years of compulsory schooling, club members learn to take responsibility, develop social skills and enjoy the benefits of teamwork. Chichester XL club did a voyage in 2005. One boy said: *“I thoroughly enjoyed sailing in John Laing. The team were great although seasick in the English Channel going to Cherbourg!”* Another added: *“The XL Club from Chichester had a great 5 days and learned a lot. Sailing to France was an achievement.”*

CHASE CHILDREN’S HOSPICE, GUILDFORD, did another siblings trip. One girl said: *“Absolutely fantastic experience, loved every second and would so love to come again (if you’ll have me!). Huge thanks to everyone for making it the bestest trip ever.”* Another CHASE crew member added: *“Never thought I’d really like the ocean but surprise surprise I did. Thank you so much.”*

ST GABRIEL’S SCHOOL, NEWBURY, brought a group for the first time. Teacher David Hemsley said: *“Just fantastic. All the exercises at sea – one after the other – were great. Wonderful to see the girls struggling!”*

THE TALL SHIPS RACE SERIES brought together many individual crew members. Here’s what some of them said:

“I’m sure I’m going to be able to draw from this whole experience for a long time – probably the rest of my life. I have a lot of respect for the staff, and enjoyed sailing with everyone.” **Mark, Canada**

“This was so much fun! I will take back so many memories because it has been unforgettable.” **Barney**



“This was my first time sailing and I am definitely going to sail again. The parties were also fantastic!” **Tim**

“I had a brilliant time despite being tired and seasick at first. I shall smile at the memories I have of this voyage. Thank you to all on the boat and the boat herself for helping us get to Norway.” **Kate**

***Adventure Under Sail* is an ideal environment for the development of young people because:**

- It takes young people right out of their normal environment and away from TV, computer games and mobile phones.
- It's an excellent way of building confidence, developing character and promoting a sense of responsibility.
- Living and working with others in a confined space places a high priority on tolerance and teamwork.

What do young people get out of sailing with the Ocean Youth Trust?

- An OYT South voyage is a fantastic fun working holiday in which people will learn new skills, make friends and return with a real sense of achievement.
- Everyone who sails with us is challenged to achieve something they never believed they would be able to do.
- *John Laing* carries no passengers - everyone on board plays a full part in every aspect of the voyage.
- Opportunities to learn range from seamanship and navigation to cooking and general life skills.
- Our sea staff make every crew member a promise: whatever energy and enthusiasm you put into the voyage, we will match and beat it.
- Crew members get a chance to work for recognised qualifications such as the RYA Competent Crew or Start Yachting certificates. An OYT South voyage can qualify as a residential for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.
- All crew members get a voyage certificate to put in their Record of Achievement.
- OYT South has a club ethos and atmosphere - we encourage crew members to stay involved, help at refits, earn qualifications, train as sea staff, and be part of the team.

Who can sail with OYT South?

We aim to encourage anyone aged 12-25 who wants to sail with us, from the widest possible range of backgrounds, including those with no sailing experience as well as keen and competent sailors. We take roughly equal numbers of girls and boys. Some sail as part of a group, with a group leader if required; others book as individuals and come along to make new friends.

Although *John Laing* is not specially adapted for people with disabilities, young people with a range of physical and learning difficulties have sailed with us successfully and we are always happy to discuss individual cases before booking.

We do run occasional adult voyages, especially at times of year such as the exam season when many young people are otherwise occupied. Adult voyages may include sponsors, prospective volunteer sea staff, or other supporters who want to learn more about our work. A company might wish to use the boat for corporate hospitality or a team building day for staff; or a club might use the boat for a members' day out.

What's the boat like?

John Laing is a 72-foot steel ketch with berths for twelve crew (young people / group leaders) and six adult sea staff. The boat was designed especially for sail training, so that young people really can do everything on board. She is immensely safe and strong - she's been round the world, and spent several months in the Antarctic. She undergoes regular inspections to ensure that she conforms to all required safety standards.

The layout below decks is arranged so that crew and staff eat together, and so that everyone can gather to share in making plans and decisions. This is not a boat where the skipper determines what will happen and then simply gives orders to the crew.

Is it safe?

The Ocean Youth Trust (with our predecessor, the Ocean Youth Club) has over 40 years' experience of sail training; we have taken thousands of young people to sea, most with no previous sailing experience; and we have a superb safety record.

Who runs the voyages?

We have a highly-qualified professional staff skipper and a staff bosun responsible for boat maintenance. In addition, we carry at least three volunteer sea staff on every voyage. All our staff, both professionals and volunteers, possess Royal Yachting Association qualifications appropriate to their level of responsibility, and have passed a rigorous internal assessment at the appropriate level.

As well as sailing ability, all our staff are trained and assessed on their suitability for working with young people. We check all staff with the Criminal Records Bureau. We aim to have both male and female staff on every voyage.

We encourage keen and competent crew members to train as sea staff - those over sixteen can sail as volunteer relief bosuns, and those over the age of eighteen can be assessed on their ability to sail as watch leaders.

A few key points about OYT South:

- OYT South voyages really are open to anyone; we are not one of those sail training organisations that deal exclusively with disadvantaged youngsters.
- We do not require any previous sailing experience.
- A staff : crew ratio of almost 1 : 2 allows for a lot of individual attention.
- We involve the crew in decisions about the voyage - what we do, where we go and how we get there.
- We aim to give the crew a lot of responsibility - by the end of the voyage, a good crew can be effectively running the boat.
- Our style is deliberately very relaxed and informal - Libby Purves described us in the Times as "the larkiest of sail training organisations."



DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

Ocean Youth Trust South is enormously grateful for the donations of funds or equipment we receive from many individuals and organisations, as well as many contributions in the form of time and expertise. Without this support, we would not be able to keep our vessel, *John Laing*, in such good condition, and offer so many opportunities for young people from different backgrounds.

Our sincere thanks to all who have helped us during the past year in many different ways, including:

- * Alfreton Park School * Aquafax * Arthurs Chandlery *
- * Association of Sea Training Organisations (ASTO) * Augustine Trust * B&Q *
- * BetaPrint, Gosport * Beaverbrook Foundation *
- * Peter Beckwith Charitable Trust * Nicholas Bonham *
- * Richard Bonham Christie * Brownsword Charitable Foundation *
- * Michael Cannon * Carnegie Charitable Trust *
- * CHASE Children's Hospice * Chloride Ltd * Contact Marine *
- * Cover to Cover * Di Roberts * Dolphin Hotel, Southampton *
- * Charles Dunstone Charitable Trust * Duke of Edinburgh Award *
- * Felixstowe Master Mariners * Foundation for Sport and the Arts *
- * Patrick Frost Foundation * David George * Goldsmith's Company *
- * Gosling Foundation * Hamble Yacht Services * Hanley Trust *
- * Dave Heffer * Trevor Hewson * Hiscox Foundation *
- * Holiday Inn, Southampton * IMS Shrinkwrap Covers * International Paints *
- * Invertrust * OYT South Isle of Wight support group *
- * John Laing Family Foundation * S C Johnson Ltd *
- * Keynes Park Cruising Association * KTY Yachts * Tim Louis *
- * Marina Developments Ltd * Martins Rigging * Ian McFarlane *
- * Meon Valley Golf and Country Club * Mercers' Company *
- * Naomi House Children's Hospice * Oak Trust * Ocean Safety * Mr Oliphant *
- * Raymarine, Portsmouth * Peter Purchon * Professional Welding Services *
- * Libby Purves * Reckmann Mast Systems * Ridgmount Foundation *
- * Robinsons Compass Adjusters * Rubin Foundation Charitable Trust *
- * Royal Yachting Association * OYT South Southampton support group *
- * Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation * Sunley Homes * TMI Foundation *
- * TS Hornet Sea Cadet Corps, Gosport * United Marine Aggregates * Viking *
- * Vitesse * Mr & Mrs G Wall * Mr & Mrs M Watkins *
- * Earl and Countess of Wessex Charitable Trust * Garfield Weston *
- * West Sussex Youth Service * Mrs Janet Witt * Woodlands Lodge Hotel *
- * Worshipful Company of Clothworkers *
- * Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards *
- * Worshipful Company of Shipwrights *

FINANCE AND FUNDING

The cost of running OYT South is currently around £200,000 pa.

Berth sales to individuals and youth groups, plus membership and mates fees, should deliver half our funds, whilst the remainder has to be raised from sponsorship, grants and donations. In addition, we need to build bursaries for those who are unable to afford our fees, together with a fund for the eventual replacement of our vessel.

Our boat *John Laing* is a tremendous asset which allows us to develop relationships with donors. We can offer access to sailing for themselves, or their families, staff or corporate clients; or we can design a donations package which includes both a contribution to the refit or to the purchase of equipment, as well as funding for deserving young people nominated by the donor.

“As part of the marina industry MDL is proud to be associated with such a worthwhile charity as Ocean Youth Trust South, which introduces boating to young people who wouldn’t normally get the opportunity. Some of the youngsters sponsored during our nineteen year association have said that their week aboard John Laing has begun a long term love affair with the sea and sailing.” **Jon Eads, Marina Director, Marina Developments Ltd**

“OYT South is an excellent provider of the sort of thing we want to see: supporting under-privileged young people, developing their leadership skills and building self-esteem.” **Rear Admiral Derek Anthony, Worshipful Company of Shipwrights**

Much of the essential work of the Trust is carried out by volunteers both at sea and ashore. We are also fortunate in the generosity of our commercial sponsors for providing us with a wide range of equipment, services and advice.

***If you are interested in supporting our work,
helping with the upkeep of our vessel,
or funding a deserving young person who could not otherwise afford to sail,
please contact our office on 0870 241 2252.***

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Ocean Youth Trust South is dependent upon the support of volunteers, both ashore and on board *John Laing*.

1) On board *John Laing*

We need at least three adult volunteers on every voyage, with the ability and enthusiasm to help young crew members get involved in every aspect of the voyage. We have roles for those with limited sailing experience, as well as for highly-skilled first mates and relief skippers.

All sea staff must undergo Criminal Records Bureau checks and have suitable RYA qualifications before they can sail. You will then undergo an internal OYT South assessment, which tests for appropriate skills in both seamanship and youth work, as well as allowing you to familiarise yourself with our boat and with OYT South routines. As a member of our sea staff, there are many opportunities to develop skills and gain RYA qualifications (often at discounted rates).

Our sea staff come from a wide range of backgrounds. The best young crew members are invited back to train as a bosun or watchleader. Other sea staff range from students to retired people. Some work professionally with young people, or in the sailing industry; others have jobs entirely unrelated to their role with OYT South.

2) Shorebased Support (groups and individuals)

These supporters provide essential back up to our work at sea. Those who live near the ports we visit can meet the boat when she comes in, help with shopping, or organise entertainment for a day in harbour. Some shore volunteers help with repairs and maintenance – whether as highly skilled engineers or riggers, or just a willing pair of hands. Others help to raise money, to buy equipment on board or to sponsor deserving local youngsters who could not otherwise afford to sail. You might make contact with or even give talks to local schools, youth clubs and other organisations which might enjoy a voyage, or visit a new group shortly before they sail to make sure they are fully prepared and know what to expect.

If you would like more information about supporting OYT South, please look at our website: www.oigtsouth.org, or contact the office on 0870 241 2252.

ALTERNATIVELY complete the forms on the following page and return to our office.

Gift Aid Declaration

By using the Gift Aid Donation scheme provided by the Inland Revenue, OYT South will be able to reclaim tax at the basic rate on your donation at no cost to you.

Please treat all donations I have made to Ocean Youth Trust South (charity registration no 1079959) since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make hereafter, as Gift Aid donations for income tax purposes. I declare that I am a UK taxpayer and the tax I pay is equal to or more than the tax OYT South will reclaim on my donation. I will notify you if this ceases to be true.

Signature of donor **Date**

Donors are required to provide the following information:

Title **Forename(s)**

Surname

Address

Post Code

Please complete the section below should you wish to make regular monthly, quarterly or annual donations.

Name and full address of your bank/ building society:

To The Manager

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Post code:

Please pay Lloyds TSB Bank, 4 Castle Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1DU

For the credit of: Ocean Youth Trust South, Sort Code 30-92-02, Account 0681331

Please debit my account as detailed below, until further notice

Sort Code: /..... /..... Account Number

Name(s) on your account:

£.....:.....monthly / quarterly / annually (*delete as applicable*)

Commencing on (date).....

Signature.....Date.....

Please return to: Ocean Youth Trust South, Spur House, 1 The Spur, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 2NA Tel 0870 241 22 52 Email:- office@oytsouth.org

Membership Application

Title.....Forename.....Surname.....
Address.....
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County.....Post Code.....
Tel Day.....Tel Evening.....
Email.....

I wish to pay by:- Annual standing order / Cheque Annually (*delete as applicable*)

Adult / Friends (Shore member)	£30.00pa (<i>Thirty pounds only</i>)
Sailing Members (including annual sailing fee)	£100.00pa (<i>One hundred pounds only</i>)
Youth Membership (<i>under 24, in full time education or <u>non</u> sea staff</i>)	£ 15.00pa (<i>Fifteen pounds only</i>)

Standing Order Mandate

Name and full address of your bank/ building society:

To The Manager
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after 7 January 2006

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Signatures (s).....Date.....

.....Date.....

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OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)
TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

TRUSTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2005.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum & Articles of Association, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in October 2000.

Ocean Youth Trust (South) is a company limited by guarantee, constituted by the memorandum and articles of association. It is a registered charity, number 1079959. The charity is governed by a management committee drawn from individuals elected at an annual general meeting (the trustees).

Review of activities

The results for the period and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements which, in the opinion of the directors, show a satisfactory result with end year cash funds of £49,061.

Total income for the year was £202,051 with grants and donations received accounting for £91,157.

The directors are pleased to report that the final instalment of the £50,000 mortgage taken out in 2000 on the vessel was paid in September 2005 enabling the trust to be free of all loans.

The total reserves stand at £92,583, of which £40,048 is the net book value of assets. Free reserves stand at £52,535 (2004 £42,934).

On 5th October 2004, within one week of the new financial year, HM Customs and Excise instructed Ocean Youth Trust South and some other sail training charities to charge VAT on voyage berth fees. The directors viewed this as a wholly unwelcome demand because it would increase the cost of voyages for deserving young people as well as possibly deterring donors from supporting the Trust.

With the combined help of other members of ASTO (Association of Sea Training Organisations), the demand was successfully challenged at a VAT Tribunal, which in March 2005 ruled in favour of the sail training operators and against the claim by HM Customs and Excise. All costs incurred for the appeal were refunded to the trust.

2005 was the 45th year in which OYT South (formerly the Ocean Youth Club) has offered the experience of "Adventure Under Sail" to young people. During the season *John Laing* made 44 voyages and took 406 young crew members to ports along the UK south coast, and in northern France and the Channel Islands. Crews also participated in the Festival of the Sea celebrations at Portsmouth in June followed by the Tall Ships Race events which started in Waterford and visited Cherbourg, Newcastle, Fredrikstad and the Kiel Canal as well as Ipswich.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Travis Musselwhite
Brian Eyres
Yvonne Taylor
Caroline White
Andy Royse
Chris Lane
Roger Mowll
Mark Boggis (Resigned 15 November 2005)
David Illingworth
Steve Lacey

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

TRUSTEE REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

Review of financial position

The Trust received donations totalling £51,108 after the end of the 2005 financial year and before the AGM in February 2006. A further £12,000 has been designated for berth bursaries to enable deserving young people to sail with us. In addition we received voyage deposits totalling £15,423, which can be spent only after the voyage in question has taken place.

The directors are confident that the Trust has sufficient funds to complete the current winter refit and to run the 2006 sailing season, subject to a continued healthy level of berth bookings. A business plan has been drawn up to concentrate resources on raising additional funds for the 2006 & 2007 seasons. An additional part-time staff member was hired in February 2006 to build and maintain records of donors and to coordinate all fundraising and communications activities.

The operation of *John Laing* is supported by the contributions of a large number of dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers worked a total of 329 days helping to refit the boat for the 2005 sailing season and over 50 gave their time as sea staff on the voyages.

Ocean Youth Trust South is also greatly helped by the work of many volunteers ashore who raise money, seek donations in kind and organise groups of young people to sail. Some of these volunteers are members of our three support groups based in West Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Southampton.

The operation of the Trust is also greatly helped by the dedication, commitment and skill provided by the team of 3 full time and 2 part time staff members.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Risk factors

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks in the operation of *John Laing* both for the sailing season and the winter refit. There are well established procedures in place for the operation of *John Laing*. These are documented via Sea Staff and Crew Handbooks, a Technical and Safety Notice for the reporting of the vessel's position and the number of persons aboard, and a Voyage Handbook detailing the day to day operation of the vessel. There is also a Health and Safety Policy document covering the winter refit activities.

With the continued commitment and enthusiasm of all Ocean Youth Trust South's supporters, the directors look forward to a successful year in 2006-7.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Chris Lane

Director

Dated:19th February 2006.....

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis).

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2005 set out on pages 5 to 12.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 249C of the Companies Act 1985. Our reporting work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent accountant's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our reporting work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and reporting accountants

As described on page 7 the charitable company's trustees, who are also the directors of Ocean Youth Trust (South) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the charitable company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
 - (ii) the charitable company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1).

Donnelly Hamilton Brent Limited

Chartered Accountants
Reporting Accountants
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Dated:

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

	Notes	2005 £	2004 £
<u>Incoming resources</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	91,157	81,770
Activities in furtherance of the charity's activities	3	100,161	96,438
Activities for generating funds	4	9,485	9,292
Investment income	5	1,248	1,323
Other incoming resources	6	-	166
Total incoming resources		202,051	188,989
<u>Resources expended</u>			
Costs of generating funds			
Fundraising and publicity costs		9,083	8,471
		9,083	8,471
Net incoming resources available		192,968	180,518
Charitable expenditure			
Direct charitable expenditure		140,365	111,339
Management and administration		53,601	47,014
Total charitable expenditure		193,966	158,353
Total resources expended	7	203,049	166,824
Net movement in funds		(998)	22,165
Fund balances at 1 November 2004		93,581	71,416
Fund balances at 31 October 2005		92,583	93,581

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

	2005 £	2004 £
Total income	202,051	188,989
Total expenditure from income funds	203,049	166,824
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(998)	22,165

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the statement of financial activities on page 5 which, together with the notes on pages 8 to 12, provides full information on the movements during the year on all funds of the charity.

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

Net (expenditure)/income for the year	(998)	22,165
	(998)	22,165

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2005

	Notes	£	2005 £	£	2004 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		40,048		50,647
Current assets					
Stocks		350		100	
Debtors	11	6,754		2,781	
Investments		5,000		5,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		49,061		52,660	
			<u>61,165</u>	<u>60,541</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(8,630)		(17,607)	
			<u>52,535</u>	<u>42,934</u>	
Net current assets					
			<u>92,583</u>	<u>93,581</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities					
			<u>92,583</u>	<u>93,581</u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>92,583</u>	<u>93,581</u>	
			<u>92,583</u>	<u>93,581</u>	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985, for the year ended 31 October 2005. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 249B(2), requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and

(b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31 October 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with section 226, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 19th February 2006

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Chris Lane
Director

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in October 2000.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	33% Straight Line
Sailing Vessel	15% Straight Line

1.3 Investments

Current asset investments are stated at market value.

1.4 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2 Donations and legacies

	2005 £	2004 £
Donations and gifts		
Unrestricted funds:		
Donations	91,157	81,770
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	91,157	81,770
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None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's activities

	2005 £	2004 £
Voyage fees	99,101	96,048
Subscriptions	1,060	390
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OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

4 Activities for generating funds

	2005 £	2004 £
Fundraising	9,485	9,292

5 Investment income

	2005 £	2004 £
Interest receivable	1,248	1,323

6 Other incoming resources

	2005 £	2004 £
Other income	-	166

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

7 Total resources expended

	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
Costs of generating funds	9,083	8,471
Direct charitable expenditure	140,365	111,339
Management and administration	53,601	47,014
	<hr/> 203,049 <hr/>	<hr/> 166,824 <hr/>
Costs of generating funds comprise:		
Fundraising costs and advertising	9,083	7,232
Fundraising salaries	-	1,239
	<hr/> 9,083 <hr/>	<hr/> 8,471 <hr/>
Direct charitable expenditure comprise:		
Refit	35,210	20,895
Yacht services	14,530	11,872
Equipment expensed	2,620	2,842
Training	491	1,558
Travel and subsistence	4,349	3,139
Fuel	3,097	1,627
Voyage wages & salaries	48,048	41,709
Depreciation	10,600	6,390
Literature & publications	420	1,527
Ship telephone	2,448	2,723
Licences and insurance	5,683	5,808
Victuals	12,869	11,249
	<hr/> 140,365 <hr/>	<hr/> 111,339 <hr/>
Management and administration costs comprise:		
Telephone and fax	1,042	1,234
Postage and stationery	3,122	3,808
Sales and administration wages	42,186	38,028
Office supplies	1,235	722
Subscriptions	83	75
Bank charges	786	268
Legal fees	638	794
Interest payable	2,147	1,280
Light and heat	720	655
Sundry expenses	142	150
Other management and administrative costs	1,500	-
	<hr/> 53,601 <hr/>	<hr/> 47,014 <hr/>

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but one was reimbursed a total of £93.40 travelling expenses (2004- 1 was reimbursed £545.29).

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2005 Number	2004 Number
	5	5

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £50,000 or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Sailing vessel £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 Nov 2004 and at 31 Oct 2005	64,001	25,397	89,398
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2004	14,934	23,816	38,750
Charge for the year	9,600	1,000	10,600
At 31 October 2005	24,534	24,816	49,350
Net book value			
At 31 October 2005	39,467	581	40,048
At 31 October 2004	49,066	1,581	50,647

11 Debtors

	2005 £	2004 £
Other debtors	4,719	2,621
Prepayments and accrued income	2,035	160
	6,754	2,781

OCEAN YOUTH TRUST (SOUTH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2005

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2005 £	2004 £
Bank loans	865	13,887
Bank overdrafts	-	270
Trade creditors	1,102	-
Taxes and social security costs	1,643	-
Accruals	1,610	1,498
Deferred income	3,410	1,952
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	8,630	17,607
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