



HEBE HAVEN SAILABILITY TRUST

(Marketed as 'Sailability Hong Kong')



Chairman's Report 2018



Introduction

Welcome to the 2018 Chairman's report of Hebe Haven Sailability Trust (HHST).

It has been a very busy year for us all with many exciting highlights and with the biggest Typhoon (Mangkhut) ever to hit Hong Kong having an impact upon us all.

Again, this annual report must start by acknowledging the generosity of Hebe Haven Yacht Club, its staff, members and our volunteers as we would not otherwise have achieved what we have over the last 9 years. It is to them we say a huge thank you for supporting us each year and helping us continue to grow in terms of numbers, activity levels and achievements.

Our Aims & Objectives:

Our principal aims and objectives remain those we established in 2009 which are to provide the opportunity for those with a disability (whether physical or intellectual) to have a water-based experience and/or if they so desire, to have the opportunity to learn to sail. In the last 3 years, the scope of our activities widened to include the rehabilitation of those having a life changing accident or illness, something we are proud of given the improvements to peoples' lives we continue to witness.

Our motto remains: 'Making Sailing Accessible to Everyone'.

Our Achievements:

Save for a downturn due to very hot weather during June / July 2018 and the considerable disruption and damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut at many yacht clubs (including HHYC and ourselves) in September, our activity levels have continued to increase and in November, we broke all records with a total of 303 different sailors with a disability sailing and taking part in our activities during the month.

Our Para sailing team continue to represent Hong Kong internationally and they won 2 more Gold Medals during the year bringing the total medals won in International competition to 4 (2 Gold & 2 Bronze). These, together with the Gold & Bronze medals previously won by ID sailors in 2016, brings our international medal total to 6.



Para Worlds 2018 - USA

Our sailors attended the Para Worlds in Sheboygan, USA coming 21st & 22nd overall thanks to the generosity of the RYA and World Sailing who sponsored our team. This reflects a year on year improvement from the 86th place they achieved in 2015, 66th place in 2016 & 38th place in 2017.



Hansa Open World Championships 2018 – Japan



We also took part in the Hansa Open World Championships in Hiroshima, Japan during October (24 participating countries) with one sailor achieving 5th place overall in the Hansa 303 Class (53 boat entries) and with another sailor achieving 9th place in the Liberty class (38 boat entries).

24hr Charity Dinghy Race 2018

Fresh from their overseas activities, our sailors returned to take part in the HHYC 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race where our 2 Para teams finished in 1st & 2nd places and our ID sailors finishing in a very creditable 15th position.



First SE Asian Para Sailing Championships



In December and as already mentioned, we won 2 more Gold medals whilst taking part in the first ever S.E. Asian Para Sailing Championships at HHYC. Our very grateful thanks go to 'Team LoTech' for sponsoring the event.



Local Regattas

More generally and closer to home, we took part in all the local Regattas other than that held at ABC due their dates clashing with our own international event in December.

Set Sail

We also provided the first ever 'Set Sail' experience for a number of new sailors. This 'Volvo Ocean Race' initiative resulted from Sun Hung Kai (SHK) and the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) wishing to see many more members of the public take to the water. If asked, we will do our very best to assist this process as we go forward.





Schools Programs

During the year, we further increased the number of SEN schools who sail with us as part of their curriculum and we already know that this will increase further in the future. We also saw an increase in weekend activities so generally, we remain very active. The outlook for 2019 is very promising as several other organisations have approached us in recent weeks.

More New Sailors

Hong Kong Amputees Association Limited joined our sailing program during the year bringing with them sailors from Hong Kong and also from China & Macau; the latter two countries having no facilities for disabled sailing.

HHYC Open Day 2018

Last but not least, the HHYC Open Day attracted nearly 6,000 visitors to HHYC with over 150 visitors sailing in our boats during the day.



Fund Raising:

2018 was again difficult. In summary, our donations were up on 2017 levels but were still some way below the levels achieved in previous years

The sailing community of Hong Kong within HHYC; RHKYC; ABC & VRC continue to provide help and assistance without which we just cannot operate. A huge thank you to them.

New Boats

On the plus side, the year saw 3 more boat sponsors come forward: a Hansa Liberty donated by Victoria Lodge ('Victoria II'); a Hansa 303 donated by Matilda Hospital ('Matilda') and another Hansa 303 donated by Kay Patterson (named 'Toby J-J') following a HHYC member's Memorial Service.





New Safety Boat

The Round Table of Hong Kong also came to our rescue during the year with funding for a new Safety Boat, our oldest having become beyond economic repair during the year.

Friends of Sailability

What is also encouraging is that several members of the public have come forward and committed to providing monthly donations for our 'Friends of Sailability' scheme. We hope to increase this level of support as we go forward.

Going Forward:

We remain optimistic about the future. There is clearly a demand for our expertise and the services we provide as has been proven by our activity growth year on year (save for Typhoons!).

The Directors have established key objectives for 2019; these being:

- 1) Increase our fundraising activities and achievement levels.
- 2) Continue to pursue the lease for the 'Shell Land' (adjacent to HHYC), so as to provide an indoor training facility and more boat storage space so we may expand.
- 3) Continue to seek Charitable status for 'Sailability Hong Kong Limited' a company formed in 2015 so as to take over the running of the Trust.
- 4) Find sponsors for the International / domestic events we plan for the coming year
- 5) Celebrate our 10th Anniversary on 23rd November 2019

The principal objective for us all is to improve our fund-raising achievement level. In this regard, we continue to seek a Patron from within the local community to help raise our profile.

I will close by thanking all our supporters, whether they be from within the sailing community, members of the public, the schools who sail with us, other Charities, NGO's or our various sponsors. Between us, we continue to make a positive difference to people's lives here in Hong Kong and the sport of sailing.

Some Statics

This year's sailing statistics may be of interest and are attached as Appendix 1, 2 & 3 to this report.



Appendix 1:

- Our sailors by disability
- By nationality
- Where our sailors come from

Appendix 2:

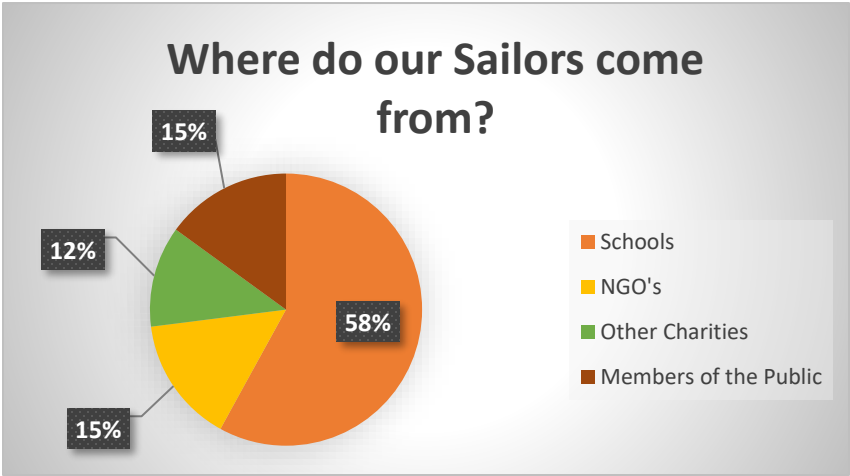
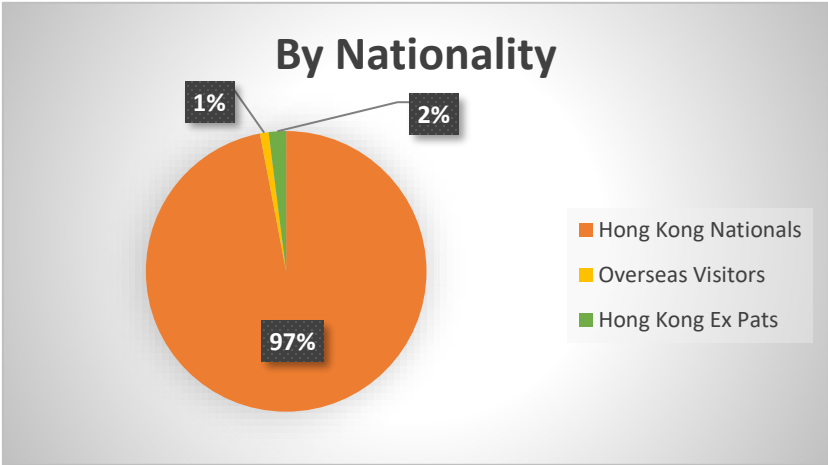
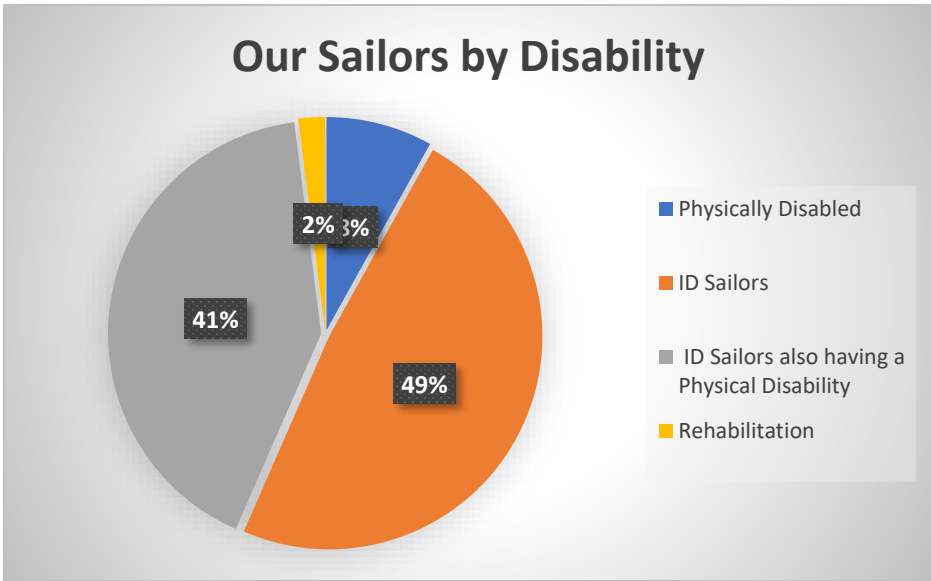
- Our average sailing week
- Annual intake of **NEW** sailors each month to one or more of our programs

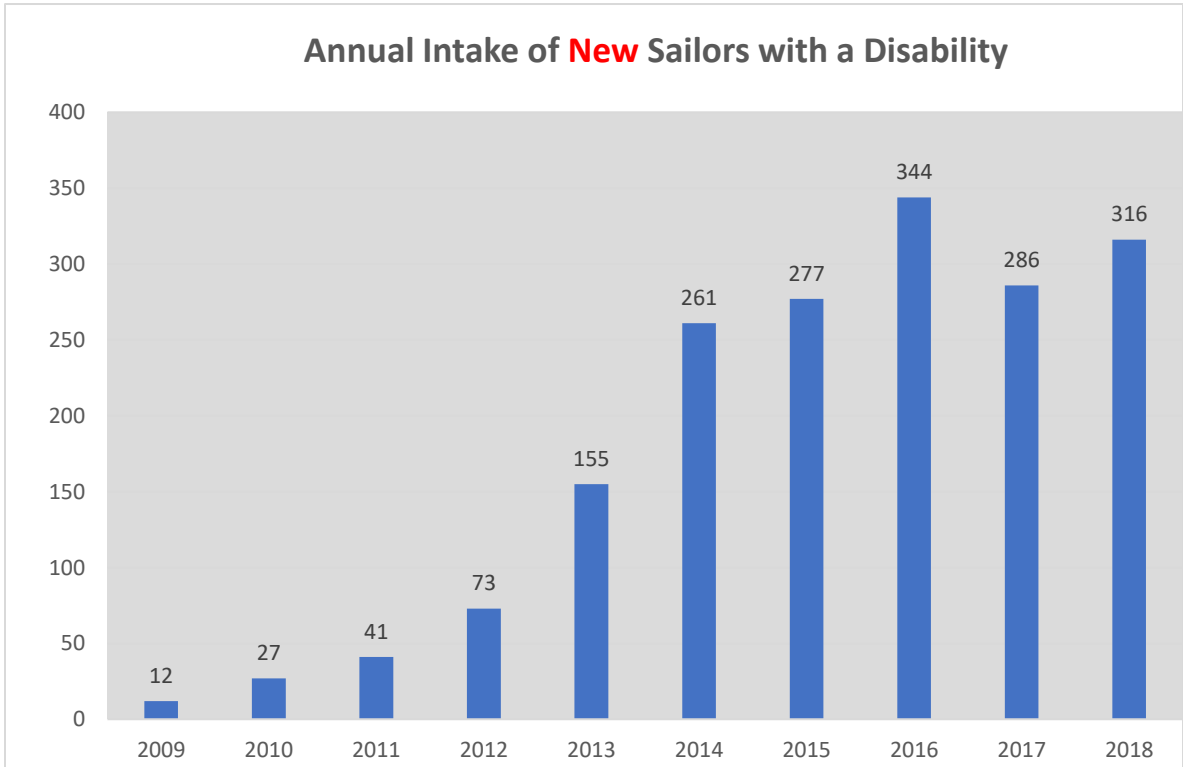
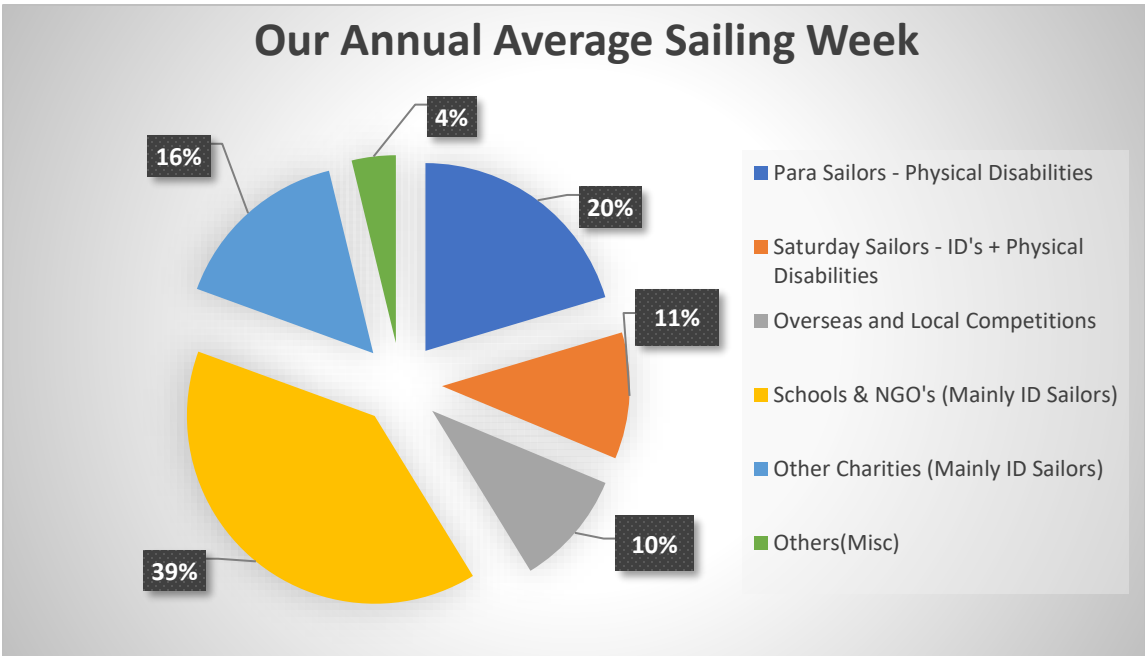
Appendix 3:

- Individual sailing lessons / sessions for 2018

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We hope you found the content both interesting and informative.

Mike A Rawbone
Chairman
March 2019

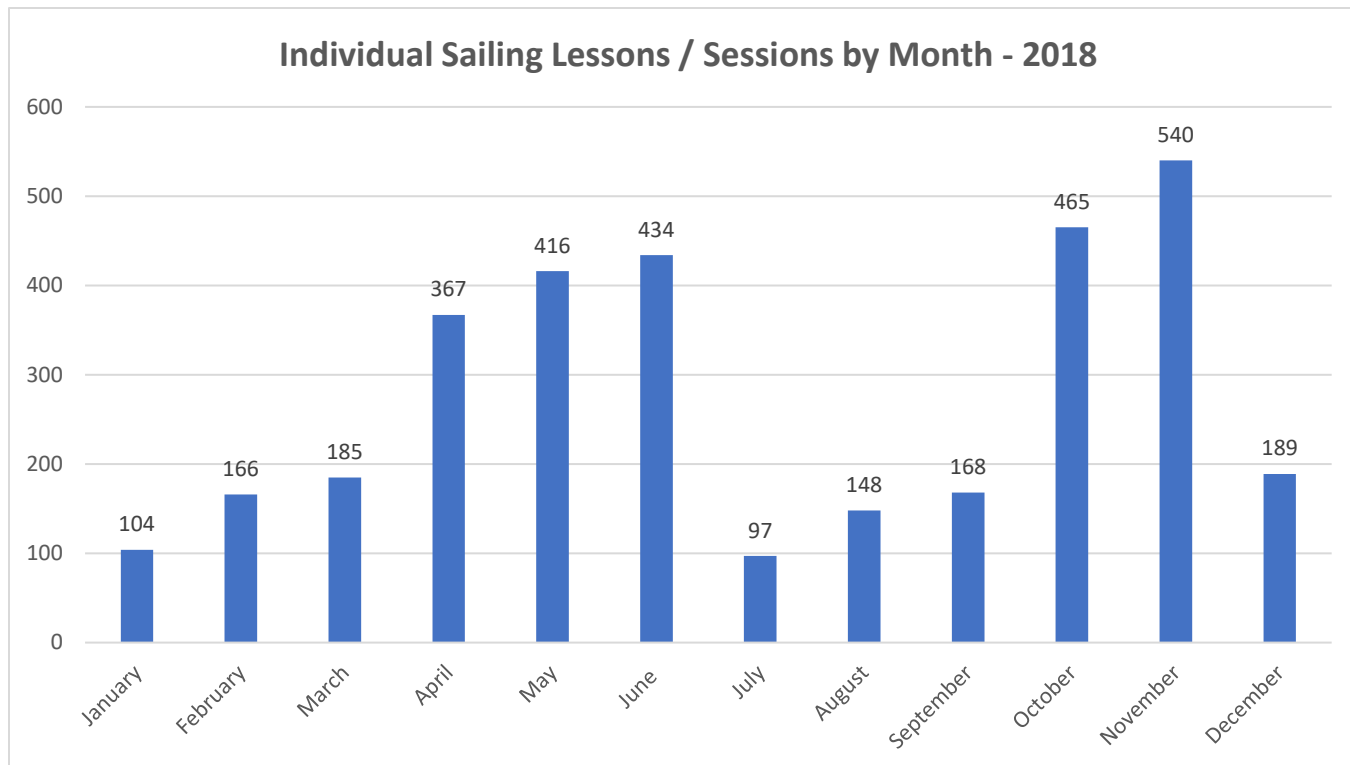




2017: Typhoon Hato Damage & 2018: Typhoon Manghut Damage inhibited sailing for some weeks



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Notes:

September 2018 – Typhoon Manghut Damage

Excludes Overseas Competitions in Sheboygan, USA (Sept) & Hiroshima, Japan (October)

November 2018: New record achieved. Our normal sailors plus 303 new school & NGO arrivals to our Sailability programs

My thanks to all our Coaches, Senior Instructors & Instructors for keeping the 'count' each week and making these statistics possible.