



# OCEAN CRUISING CLUB®

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## **The OCC Charitable Trust is Fully Operational**

**Devon, UK, 24 May 2021** – Introducing the Trust– who we are, what we do, how you can contribute, and how we can help you.

The Ocean Cruising Club Charitable Trust is registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales. It was set up in 2020 primarily to promote the following aims:

- To advance the education of the Public in the knowledge and practice of sailing seamanship, marine pilotage and navigation with the aim of improving safety at sea
- To promote community participation, through financial support in healthy recreation and provide opportunities for access to and participation in sailing, sail training and instruction with an emphasis on areas where facilities and opportunities may be less developed
- To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection, improvement and ecologically sustainable management of the marine environment
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Trustee David Ball explains, “For years, members of the OCC who share a bond with distance sailors and have a deep appreciation for the Club and its members, have asked to donate to the Club to support charitable ventures that promote life at sea. To provide a transparent means for members to contribute, we have taken steps to formalise the process and enable charitable giving. With your support we hope to be able to achieve our aims and any gift you are able to make will be most gratefully received.”

### **Donations or Gifts**

As a registered charity, members and non-members alike can make donations to the OCC charity during their lifetimes or as a part of their estate planning. These donations may create a potential tax savings depending on each donor's individual tax situation.

If you are a UK taxpayer, where possible, please use [Gift Aid](#). Donating through Gift Aid means the charity can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.

## Applying for a grant

The OCC Charitable Trust will consider applications that satisfy any of the four criteria mentioned above. Include in your submission the project's objective, timeline, budget, and logistics and submit via email to [admin@occtrust.org](mailto:admin@occtrust.org).

Applications can be submitted any time, but the grant program has limited funds available annually, so applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.

A grant recipient may be called upon to provide deliverables such as occasional reports, photography/video, slideshows, articles, media, or participate in OCC-led lectures and community outreach.

Send applications for grants and donation of grants/gifts to:

The Trustees  
Ocean Cruising Club Charitable Trust  
4 Vicarage Hill,  
Dartmouth TQ6 9EW

Email: [admin@occtrust.org](mailto:admin@occtrust.org)

## About the Ocean Cruising Club Charitable Trust

### *Sailing to a Better Future*

The OCC Charitable Trust was approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in 2020 and is a registered charity ([Registered Number 1191825](#)). Although affiliated with the Ocean Cruising Club, it is wholly independently operated. The overall management of the Trust is overseen by Trustees recommended by the Ocean Cruising Club, with day-to-day operations undertaken by members of the Executive. Most of the management of the Trust is done on a voluntary basis.

The general purposes of the OCC Charitable Trust are to advance sail training, seamanship, cruising, and navigation to improve safety at sea. In addition, the charity will help provide sustainable facilities and resources for young and disadvantaged persons through sailing instruction and opportunities; with an emphasis on areas where facilities and opportunities are less developed. Furthermore, the goal is to promote for the public benefit the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment, including promoting biological diversity.

Web: <https://occtrust.org/>

# About the Ocean Cruising Club



## *The Worldwide Community for Adventure Sailing Since 1954*

The OCC is the “home port” for those who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 45 nationalities represented among more than 3300 members, and Port Officers around the world, we have a more diverse membership and a wider international reach than any other blue water sailing organisation.

The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats. A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a qualifying voyage of a non-stop port-to-port ocean passage, where the distance between the two ports is not less than 1,000 nautical miles, in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36m) LOA; associate members are committed to achieving that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs.

Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation – in the number of circumnavigators, in the range of extraordinary voyages members have completed, and in the number of solo sailors and female sailors among our ranks. This is what sets us apart from other organisations, even as it draws us together as a group.

Web: [www.oceancruisingclub.org](http://www.oceancruisingclub.org)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OceanCruisingClubMembers/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/oceancruisingclub/>

Twitter: @OCC\_org

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