

SPRING 2020



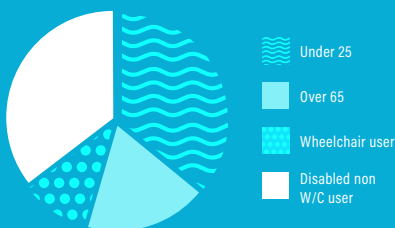
HELPING PEOPLE GET OUT ON THE WATER

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The Year in Numbers

Passenger demographic



1154

Total number of participants



0

Number of people excluded because of their condition or impairment



1 - 94
age range



£100K
raised



Chairman's welcome

2019 was a record year for Wetwheels Jersey and that was made possible by the support of our fantastic passengers and carers, and the dedication and commitment of our crews. It was also a successful year for fundraising. We also appointed our first full-time member of staff and you can read more about Dina Cook below.

We had a record year for trips and participants in 2019 and managed to raise the funds to pay for all the extra running costs, as well as replacing the engines and putting a little aside for the possible replacement of the boat in 2028. In the current lockdown period, we are planning an upgrade of the navigation systems and preparing the boat for a late start to the season. The circumstances, however, mean that we have not stopped our fundraising activities, particularly because we have suffered some delays and setbacks.

We have also improved our safety equipment, by adding a new Man Overboard system, canvass slings and a defibrillation kit, as well as providing associated training and engagement with the RNLI. This process of continuous improvement is planned to continue in 2020 and will begin with a full replacement of the navigation systems with new Raymarine equipment, as standardised across the Wetwheels fleet in the UK.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our feedback sessions. Their contribution has led to initiatives to improve the outcomes and experience for everyone who travels on board with us.

We have recently been advised that Wetwheels Jersey Ltd has been successfully registered with the Charity Commissioner, with a Registration number of 338, replacing the previous registration held by the Wetwheels Jersey Charitable Trust, and giving you the peace of mind that we are a well governed and properly constituted charity.

This record year was once again only possible through the superb efforts of our team of volunteers and our special thanks and congratulations go to Richard Hollick for his extraordinarily generous contribution, resulting in a well-deserved Jersey Charity award. Congratulations also go to Dina Cook for her IOD Jersey - Third Sector Director of the Year 2019 award.

Finally, I have to comment on the current challenges we all face as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The lockdown means we are unable to launch our season at the expected time, and many of our fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled, including the Barclays Jersey Boat Show. I would like to assure you that, where possible under the current guidelines, Dina Cook and her team are still working to make sure the boat is shipshape and ready to explore as soon as policy allows. In the meantime I would urge you to continue to support our charity by encouraging friends and family to join our Shipmates Scheme.

Thank you and stay well.

Brian Watt
Chairman, Wetwheels Jersey

MEET OUR OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

In planning for our long-term future, the Wetwheels Jersey Ltd Board and the Wetwheels Jersey Trustees identified the need to provide a full-time, salaried role of Operations Director, previously filled on a voluntary basis.

Dina Cook will be familiar to many of you and has been involved with Wetwheels since the beginning. Until recently she has devoted most of her spare time to running our crew rostering, making sure bookings are fulfilled and ensuring the boat is always in top condition.

Last year we realised we needed someone to look after our operations and fundraising full time and we are lucky that Dina chose to take up the role.

Dina has lived her life around boats and the sea and is a well-known figure in the local marine scene. Her efforts for Wetwheels were recognised at last year's Institute of Directors, Jersey Branch Director of the Year Awards where she was chosen as the winner in the Third Sector category.

If you need to know anything about Wetwheels, or would like to find out more about how you could support or get involved with the charity, email Dina on operations@wetwheels.je



Dina's role is sponsored by



FUNDRAISING AND PERFORMANCE

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSORS:



Wetwheels Jersey receives no public grant and therefore relies on the support of our passengers, donations and kind sponsors to provide the high level of service for the hundreds of disabled and disadvantaged people we take out to sea every year.

We also have to make sure that the boat is maintained to the highest standards and that we are able to invest in new or replacement equipment and put some money away for the time when we will need to invest in a new vessel.

Last year we raised £100,000 through fundraising events, donations and charitable grants. As well as our own events we are grateful to the following sponsors who have supported us in 2019:

Association of Jersey Charities
Appleby
Greville Bathe Fund
Ocorian Trustees
Cyan Regulatory

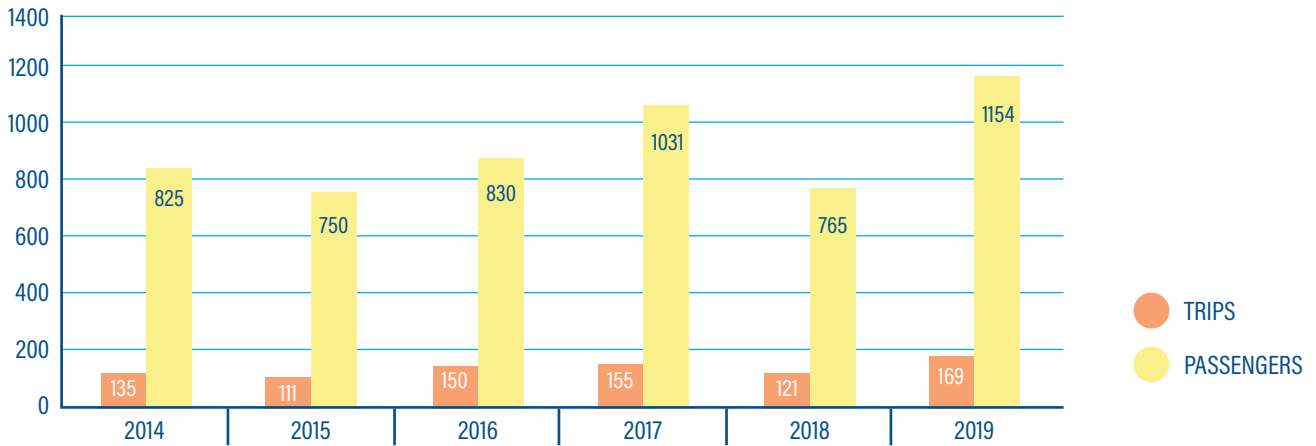
2020 is obviously going to be a challenging year for all of us but we can continue to raise much needed funds while we are in lockdown. You can help by encouraging your friends and family to sign up as Shipmates - our Friends scheme - for more information please email operations@wetwheels.je

We are also happy to accept donations by post (please don't send cash) to **Wetwheels Jersey, 3 Mulcaster Street, St Helier JE2 3NJ**



PASSENGERS

The 2019 season was a record year for the number of trips and a record year for the number of participants, as shown in the graph below:



This was achieved despite a late start to the season owing to the engine re-fit taking nearly four weeks to complete.

We were extremely fortunate to have Richard Hollick join our team of volunteers at the end of 2018. Richard retired in the summer of 2018 and proceeded to obtain his commercial skipper license with the sole purpose of skippering for Wetwheels. Of the 169 passenger trips Richard skippered 124 in total. On top of this Richard also took on the role of training both volunteer skippers and crew and helped with boat maintenance.

In September we nominated Richard for a Jersey Charity award, which saw him winning £500 for Wetwheels, presented at Government House by His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor.

Karl Vallois (our longest serving skipper) and his wife Angie, both who are in full time employment, gave of their spare time freely to take out many of the Youth Clubs on the Island as well as a few of our other passengers, they undertook 18 trips in total. Without the likes of Richard and Karl, the cost of running Wetwheels would increase dramatically and we are very grateful for their continued support. If you would like to find out more about becoming a qualified skipper or crew on Wetwheels, please get in touch with us. We provide all the training and equipment you will need.

PLANS FOR 2020

Fundraising

Our major fundraising event for 2020 is now scheduled to take place on 18th October. **The Wetwheels Jersey True Grit Challenge is an exciting mix of stamina and ingenuity as teams will be asked to compete over testing terrain on Jersey's north coast.** We have partnered with 3D Events and

SandStorm events to deliver this exciting event, with our Gold Sponsor Ravenscroft, Silver Sponsor Carey Olsen and Bronze Sponsor Sanne Group. As well as aiming to raise approximately £15k in participant fees and personal sponsorship, this event will very much raise awareness of Wetwheels. We are hoping that this will become an annual event.

We'll be keeping you updated about the event and we'd urge as many as possible to sign up.



SIGN UP NOW
operations@wetwheels.je



AHOY THERE!

Now that you have read all about us why not come on board by signing up to our Shipmates Scheme?



Wetwheels Jersey is funded entirely from donations and the generosity of our sponsors and patrons. Our fundraising team are always looking for new ways to raise money so that we can continue to operate the boat to the highest standards and offer free trips to the hundreds of disabled or disadvantaged passengers we take out to sea every year.

For just £25 a year you could help make this happen.

Your donation will help to cover our running costs and build our reserves so that we can replace essential equipment when needed. In time Wetwheels Jersey herself will need to be replaced.

As a Shipmate we'll send you a joining pack,

including a unique Shipmates t-shirt, opportunities to volunteer and raise funds for us, our newsletter and for one lucky Shipmate each year, an opportunity to go out on the boat with family and friends.

Please complete the form below and send it with your cheque for £25 to:

**Wetwheels Jersey,
2nd Floor 3 Mulcaster Street,
St Helier JE2 3NJ** or email operations@wetwheels.je for other methods of signing up.



SHIPMATES FORM

NAME:	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS:	MOBILE:
	EMAIL:
POSTCODE:	T-SHIRT SIZE: S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/>

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BANKERS ORDER (Please use block capitals)

To: The Manager: _____ Bank,

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Account no.: **26920093**

the sum of £25 and a like sum on the same date each year, every year until you receive my written instructions to cancel.

Signed: _____

Date: __ / __ / __ A/C number _____