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Dear *Lieutenant Colonel R Cole-Mackintosh*

Children's Sailing Trust

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the 2020 Annual Review for the Children's Sailing Trust. 2020 was an extraordinarily difficult year for everyone but there is now cautious optimism that a big corner has been turned and we are hopeful that we can slowly return to normality in 2021. We are certainly confident that there will be great enthusiasm to resume outdoor learning again from teachers, parents and especially from the school children themselves.

I'm pleased to say we have several new boats, new changing rooms in Helford Village and a highly experienced new chief instructor, Vicki Thurston, all ready to re-start teaching on the river in April subject to any on-going restrictions.

After a few months delay due to the pandemic, construction of our new, additional site at Trevassack Lake is now well underway and really taking shape after several years of planning. This facility on The Lizard is designed to be accessible to all, especially for children with disabilities and special needs. All being well it will open for the first teaching sessions in July.

To reflect the wider reach of the Trust, the trustees have decided this is an appropriate time to change the name of the charity. The Helford River Children's Sailing Trust was started in 1997 by John Green from his home on the river. The objectives of the charity – to offer as many children as possible the opportunity to learn to sail – are unchanged, but we will soon operate from two very different, yet complementary locations. Incidentally, John identified Trevassack Lake as a potential base for the charity in 2009. With the new facilities we will be able to offer watersports teaching to children of all abilities from across Cornwall and further afield.

After much deliberation the trustees chose Children's Sailing Trust as the new name for the charity which we are launching with a brand new web site (www.childreussailingtrust.org.uk). I hope you like the new name which is less of a mouthful than Helford River Children's Sailing Trust and less likely to be confused with Helford River Sailing Club! And, of course, it emphasises our core activity of teaching sailing to children.

We will be promoting the Trust's income-generating activities both **on the river** and **at the lake** and the residential accommodation under the name of **Trevassack Holidays**. We hope that these services

will prove highly popular and generate an increasing level of funds for the charity so that, over time, the Trust is much less dependent upon annual fundraising.

However, this goal is some way off at the moment! We need to continue to raise substantial funds to cover our operating costs on the Helford River as well as continuing to invest in new equipment at Trevassack Lake. We are also starting a Bursary Scheme so that more families will be able to enjoy an active holiday at Trevassack Lake. To help to do all of this we are launching a Membership Scheme which we hope will provide a simple and attractive way for anyone to support the Children's Sailing Trust.

I hope you can help us get as many children as possible back on the water this year.

Thank you for your support.

With best wishes

*Yours sincerely
Charles Richardson*

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