



UKSA

Founders' Club

Charity Number 299248

**Change a
young person's
life forever**



Welcome from our Founder, Sylvia Lister

Thirty-five years ago, my late husband, Noel, and I set up UKSA. We were inspired by the impact that sailing had on our own lives, from competing in international competitions to sailing around the world on our yacht, Whirlwind XII. We knew we had to pass our passion on to the next generation. We wanted to enrich, challenge, inspire and educate.

I look at the organisation now and the incredible transformation from those early days. I couldn't be prouder of how far UKSA has come, and I know that Noel would feel the same. They now offer a unique breadth of aspirational pathways – from inspiring and engaging a school child taking part in watersports for the first time to enable them to build confidence, broaden horizons and develop life skills, through to training young people looking to begin or progress in careers in the maritime industry.

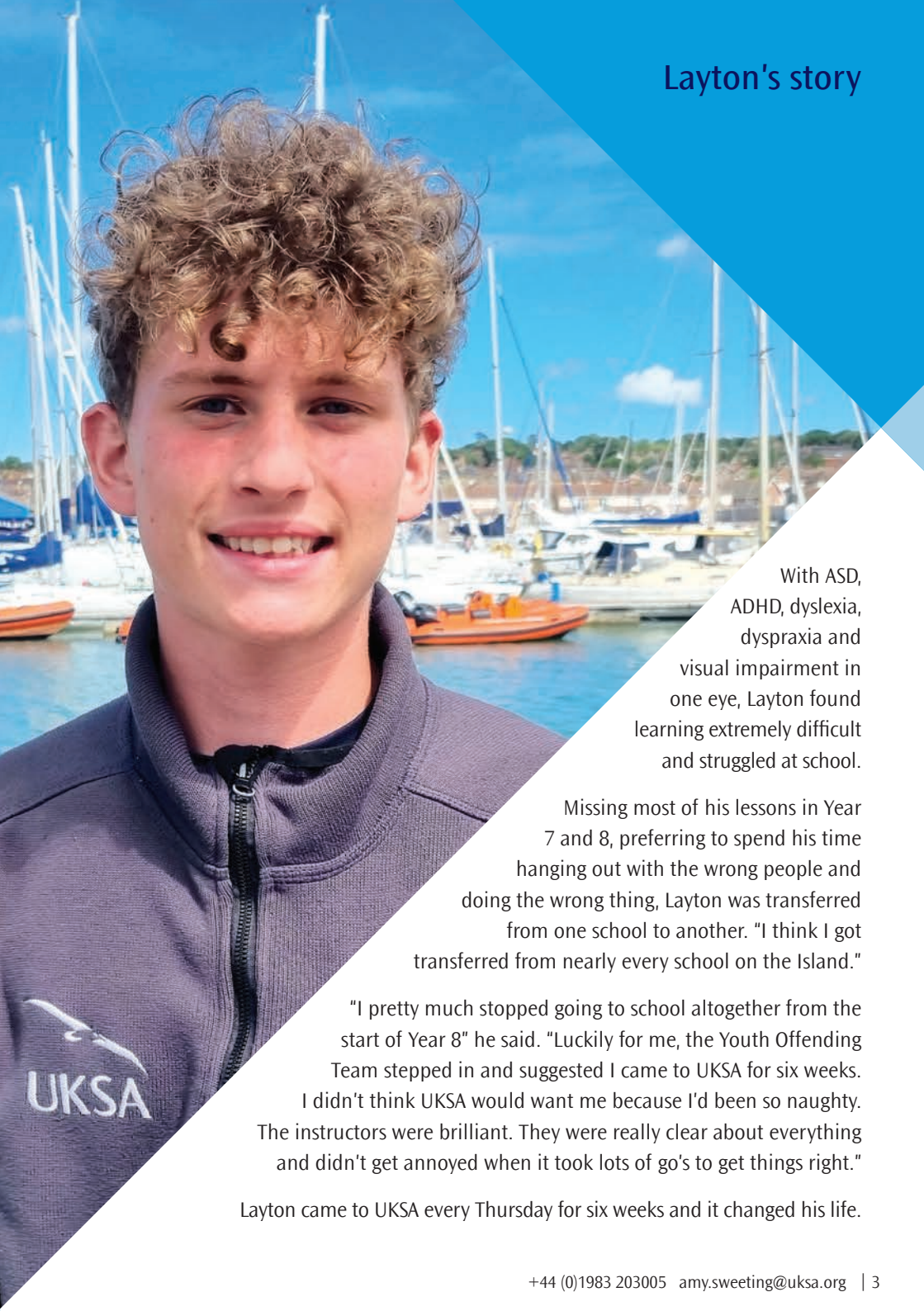
Most impressive is their passion for removing barriers to enable deserving children and young people, that might not otherwise have the chance, to benefit from their activity, education and development programmes, including through school trips. They can only do this with continued financial support.

UKSA is our legacy. The launch of the Founders' Club, of which I am honoured to be Patron, is vital to ensuring its continued and sustainable growth.

I urge you to join me in changing children and young people's lives for generations to come.

Thank you, Sylvia

Layton's story



With ASD, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia and visual impairment in one eye, Layton found learning extremely difficult and struggled at school.

Missing most of his lessons in Year 7 and 8, preferring to spend his time hanging out with the wrong people and doing the wrong thing, Layton was transferred from one school to another. "I think I got transferred from nearly every school on the Island."

"I pretty much stopped going to school altogether from the start of Year 8" he said. "Luckily for me, the Youth Offending Team stepped in and suggested I came to UKSA for six weeks. I didn't think UKSA would want me because I'd been so naughty. The instructors were brilliant. They were really clear about everything and didn't get annoyed when it took lots of go's to get things right."

Layton came to UKSA every Thursday for six weeks and it changed his life.



The Founders' Club

Join our giving club for individuals who are willing to make a multi-year commitment to UKSA that will have a lasting impact.

We are at the forefront of using the power of the sea to give a brighter future to children and young people. We aim to increase diversity in the maritime sector through our vital work with harder to reach children and young people. We know that this won't happen overnight and the only way to change the lives of those that need it most is through sustained funding and investment in our future.

We are sincerely grateful to our members for their generous support.



How your membership will help

You can join this wonderful club by pledging an annual commitment of £20,000 or more.

Your donation will enable us to provide those children and young people who need it the most with our life-changing water-based adventure activities and along the pathway best placed to give them a brighter future.

£20,000 could fund 800 wellbeing sessions for young people who are struggling with their mental health.

£50,000 could enable 125 young people to attend our week-long Sea.Change Foundation programme to learn more about maritime careers.

£100,000 could enable 500 disadvantaged children to participate in a 3-day residential school visit.

Layton, Trainee Watersports Instructor



Suddenly life started making sense for Layton and he was determined to stay on at UKSA to train as a watersports instructor.

"I had no idea there were jobs around watersports, I didn't know I could work in this industry"

The team at UKSA put together a programme where Layton spent four days a week training as a watersports instructor, and one day a week learning English and Maths. "We were really tough on him" recalls welfare officer Kim Fry. "He had to stay out of trouble, complete his schoolwork and get good feedback from the instructors here – which he did."

He then also got the news that his girlfriend was pregnant and he became a father at the age of 14.

"My son is now 15 months old and one of the reasons I've stuck at something and sorted myself out. UKSA helps young people and really does change lives. My life would be very different if I wasn't here. I would probably just be hanging about at home, doing something I shouldn't be ..."

At 16 and working for UKSA for the summer, what's next for Layton?

"I have enrolled on UKSA's two-year Maritime Foundation course which starts in September," he grins. "The best thing about UKSA? My future - I'm going to be a senior watersports instructor here! Teaching new skills and changing lives, that's what I'm going to do."

The benefits of being a member

We want to show our sincere gratitude to our Founders' Club members through offering exclusive opportunities.

- A dedicated relationship manager
 - Invitations to exclusive events
- Opportunities to meet our ambassadors and beneficiaries
- Networking with likeminded individuals
 - Sailing and watersports activities with beneficiaries
 - Recognition of your gift





It is only by working together that we can make transformational change happen.

Please call Amy on +44 (0)1983 203005 or email amy.sweeting@uksa.org to discuss your membership

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Thank you



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