



## CatZero Charity Summary

CatZero is a Humber-based charity dedicated to helping people overcome barriers, build confidence and develop the skills they need to move forward in life. We support young people, adults, families and veterans through tailored development programmes, using a combination of practical support, personal development, training and challenge. A key part of our approach is sailing, using our 72-foot Challenge yacht as a unique environment where people can develop teamwork, communication, resilience, confidence and self-belief.

Sailing is not only used as part of our core programmes; we also provide a wide range of sailing opportunities for other groups and organisations, including school sailing experiences, bespoke sails for community and other organisations. These activities allow people to experience sailing, often with no previous experience, while developing teamwork, communication, leadership and confidence.

Importantly, the yacht also plays a significant role in CatZero's fundraising model. Commercial and fundraising sailing activities help generate income that is used to underpin and subsidise our programme sailing, helping us provide places and opportunities for people who may not otherwise be able to access them. In this way, the yacht is both a tool for delivering our charitable work and an asset that helps generate the funds needed to sustain it.

In 2026, CatZero has also undertaken exciting sailing challenges that combine personal development, teamwork and fundraising. One example is the Humber to Hamburg voyage, involving apprentices from GEV Wind Power and RWE who are currently crossing the North Sea to Hamburg, coinciding with WindEnergy Hamburg 2026, before returning to the UK at the end of the week. The voyage has provided a challenging and memorable sailing experience while also raising money to support CatZero's charitable work.

Fundraising is an important part of keeping CatZero's programmes and sailing activities going. Alongside sailing challenges, we organise and take part in fundraising events such as cycling challenges, running events and community fundraising. Together with income generated through wider yacht activities, these efforts help ensure that CatZero can continue to deliver its core programmes.

Ultimately, whether someone comes to CatZero through one of our programmes, a school visit, a corporate sail, a bespoke sailing experience, a fundraising challenge or a major voyage such as Humber to Hamburg, the aim is the same: to use challenge, teamwork and shared experiences to create positive opportunities and lasting change. The yacht is central to this approach, providing a platform for our programmes, a vehicle for fundraising and a way of connecting CatZero with schools, businesses, community groups and supporters.