

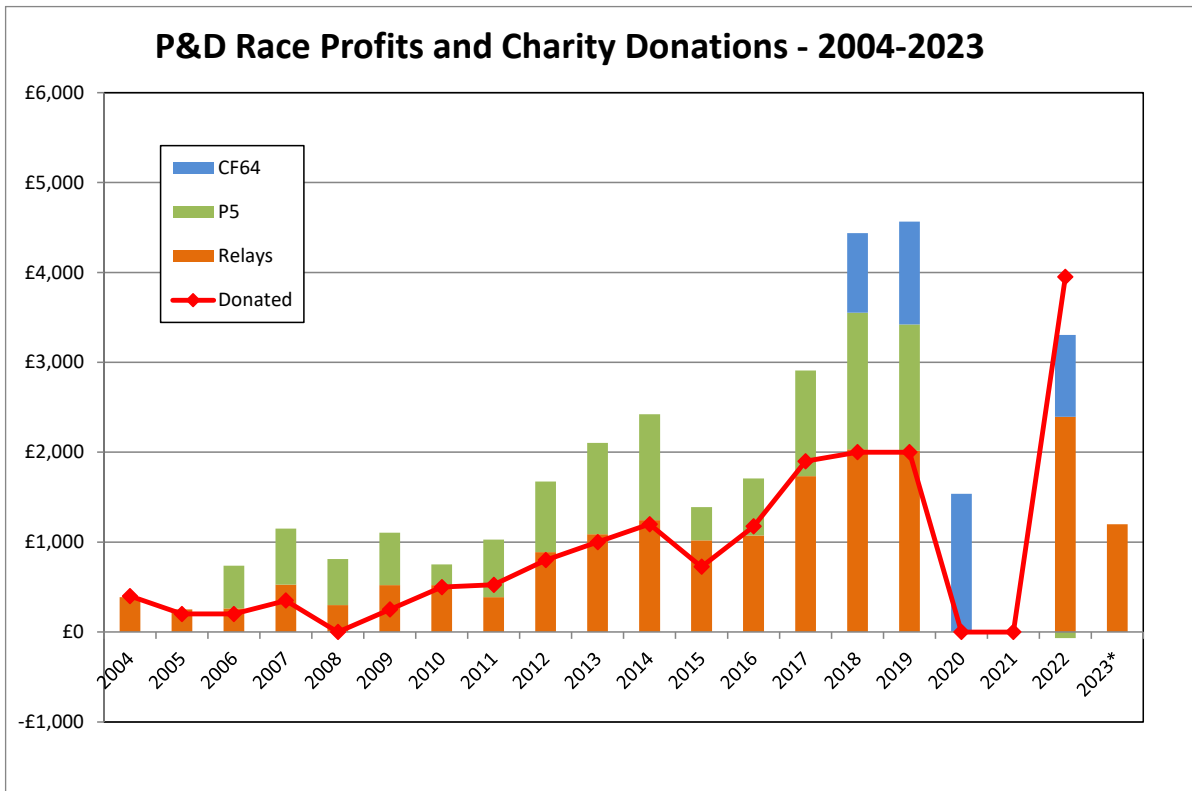


# Race Director's Report for 2022-23

## 1. 2022-23 Club Races

### Summary

- After being restricted by the pandemic to just 1 race in 2020 and no races in 2021, we've had 4 races in the 2022-23 Club year - all 4 brilliantly supported by P&D members, running friends and family.
- The 2022 CF64 Winter Race was postponed from January to April, while the 2022 Porthkerry 5MT (May), 2022 Cosmeston Relay Race (July) and the 2023 CF64 Winter Race (January) all resumed in their regular slots.
- Profits from the 2022 races totalled £3,304. The Porthkerry 5MT made a small loss of £67.
- The January 2023 CF64 Winter race recorded a profit of £1,204.
- 2 London Marathon places were purchased in 2022, using previously accumulated race profits of £3,950.



## **Commentary**

### **2022 CF64 Winter Race**

- Race postponed from January to April due to uncertainties over ongoing CoViD-19 restrictions at start of 2022.
- Date change adversely affected race entries, costs and profit.
- Approx. 30 refunds and 30 deferrals processed (→ +ive for P&D reputation).
- Under 300 final entries (vs max. 350 in previous races).
- Race went ahead without incident - good feedback and profit of £910.

### **2022 Porthkerry 5MT Race**

- Only 133 entries and 114 starters (vs capacity of 300).
- Despite small projected loss, decision taken approx. 2 weeks before race day to go ahead to protect P&D (race) reputation. Loss was £67.
- Race went ahead smoothly - on new course - well received by participants.
- Various thoughts/views on why entries were so low - but nothing really conclusive.

### **2022 Cosmeston Relay Race**

- Race was a sell-out (taking 3 weeks vs. previous record of <1 hour).
- Another great night's relay running - very good participant feedback.
- Race profit of £2,394.

### **2023 CF64 Winter Race**

- Race sold out (350 places) in a record 5 days. Nearly 30 deferred entries carried forward from 2022 race.
- Low-cost/no-frills approach proving popular. Race profit of £1,204.

## **Observations/Trends**

- Race entries and arrangements progressively returning to (new) normal. CoViD-19 risk assessments and plans still required as part of licensing process.
- Costs increasing across the board.
- Participants may be getting more sensitive to entry costs - rejecting big, expensive races in favour of smaller, cheaper races.

## **2. 2023-24 Race Outlook<sup>856</sup>**

- Planning on 3 club races going ahead as normal in 2023-24:
  - Porthkerry 5MT - Sun. May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Cosmeston Relay Race - Weds. July 12<sup>th</sup>
  - CF64 Winter Race - Sun. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (tbc)
- Need to keep a close eye on (increasing) costs through 2023.
- Will need to review costs and entry fees for Porthkerry 5MT before opening entries (early March).

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