

# HYTHE HOTSHOTS



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## **N E W S L E T T E R**

**Hi everyone**

### **T15 News**

***It has been a very busy June for our team racers. We have been to Aquasports and Hove for rounds two and three of the 2007 series.***

*Aquasports proved to be a typically tough challenge for our team, the sailing area is set deep in a valley surrounded by trees, and what little wind there was played tricks on everyone all day!!! The course was set with a devilishly tricky upwind beat to the finish and this provided endless frustration for our less experienced sailors! True to form everyone stuck at it and we finished the day just 3 points behind Bewl who fielded a much larger team.*

*Individual successes were as follows, Stuart Hards 1<sup>st</sup> 6.8 open, Tom Addison 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.5, Alex Barry 1<sup>st</sup> 4.5, Jamie Farnes 4<sup>th</sup> 4.5, Fredo Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.5, Zara Petts 4<sup>th</sup> 3.5, Catriona Hards 8<sup>th</sup> 3.5 (1<sup>st</sup>) Techno.*

*Special mentions for Alex who bounced back from Bewl with a dominant display in the 4.5 class, Jamie who improved enormously throughout the day in his 1<sup>st</sup> event for nearly 2 years! Fredo who finished equal on points with the class winner just losing out on 1<sup>st</sup> place by discard, and 8 year old Zara who sailed to 4<sup>th</sup> place in a fleet of 13!! An awesome feat!*

*On to Hove..... well it rained all the way there, it rained all throughout the day, and it rained all the way home! Still it didn't seem to upset our water babies, the hotshots scorched into top form and won the event by 8 points!! We welcomed back to our team the Conroy's who decided T15 was a better place to be than sunning themselves in Turkey???*

*As previously, our race officer Ian set a course to challenge everyone to the limit with some tricky bouy placements. Voices were raised, frustrations vented, tears were spilled, and that was just from the parents onshore! As for the coach he was reduced to a babbling wreck by lunchtime, putting to rest the theory that it's not the winning that's important, it's the taking part that matters.....!! He will be hiding some sedatives in the Hotshots kit bag next time. Any body who knows of a good stress counsellor please advise.*

However looking back there were some great moments. Honours go to Stu who took the record for falling off the most times in one race.....ever,..... the whole 6.8 fleet for the best start line pile up in history,.... Zara won the freestyle prize for a perfectly performed sail 360 whilst crossing the finishing line in race 5,.... Sam for thinking he could sail round the course off the fin(!), and Catriona for best use of language to her father/team coach in the heat of battle.

The sight of our senior team members sailing round in circles backwards 1m from the finish line will stay with me for a long time.

Individual results. Stu 1<sup>st</sup> 6.8 open, Sam 1<sup>st</sup> 6.8 Techno, Tom 1<sup>st</sup> 5.5, Alex 1<sup>st</sup> 4.5, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> 4.5 Dani 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.5, Zara and Catriona tbc



Stu and Sam did not have it all their own way this time, but got it all together when it mattered, Tom regained his winning form, coming under heavy pressure from the Bewl team sailors, and looked the most composed sailor on the water, Alex continued his devastating run of results and is making some great leaps forward with his racing, not far behind is Jamie whose enthusiasm and determination is paying off with some great results for the team, a race win is not far away! and lastly the fab 3, Dani, Zara and Catriona adding the glamour to the 3.5 fleet and showing amazing tenacity and guts to complete the somewhat "baffling" courses. Well Done!!.....

We are now all set up for the grand finale at Hythe on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and have a six point overall lead to defend! We will be looking to boost the team numbers at this event with some of our super keen beginners. Lets put on a great show!!

# NEWSLETTER



## Junior Training

*We are now well underway with our Thursday night training, thanks to help from instructors Marc Carney, Boyd Garrard, and Simon Clarke, and have 14 juniors well on the way to windsurfing stardom!! The enthusiasm levels are very high and everyone seems to be having lots of fun, not to mention getting very wet! The training will end up with a fun race evening and BBQ when everyone`s newly found skills will be tested!! We will also have some fun prizes on offer!*

# NEWSLETTER



All trainees and their parents are reminded to keep Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July free to come and support or even participate in our home Team 15 event at HSSC, and see what the racing is all about.

*That`s all for now! Phil*

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### Some useful contacts

<http://www.boardseeker.com/search.php>

<http://www.rya.org.uk/>

<http://www.team15.org.uk/>

<http://ukwindsurfing.com/>

<http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php>

<http://www.activfolkestone.com/index.html>

