

HYTHE AQUA PRESENTATION EVENING 2017
Held on the 2nd December 2017 at the Tin Tabernacle, Hythe



Hythe Aqua's 41st annual awards evening.

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending our 41st awards evening
 Our first presentation tonight is the Teaching Group Merit awards. We have well over 100 youngsters in our learn to swim programme ranging from the learner pool to pre squad level, with progress based on the National Plan for Teaching. The club teachers have nominated the following for merit awards:

Teaching Group Merit Awards:- Chloe Malcolm, Isabella Eyers, Taylor Russell, Thomas Scott

Competitive Swimming Awards:

This year's Sprint and Main Club Championships produced some excellent results from Hythe Squad & Teaching Group swimmers with lots of PB's and some excellent races with fingertip touches. It was great to see more swimmers entering the 200m events as well and achieving good PB's We had over 28 swimmers gain 1 or more East Invicta qualifying times. Mention must go Ben Walker who became East Invicta Champion in the 200m Breaststroke for the second year in a row. Other finalists included Finn Wood who achieved 2 x 2nd and 2 x 3rd places, Amelia Priestley 2 x 2nd places and a 3rd place, Grace Walker 2nd and 3rd, Leon Santer 2nd place plus Evie Wood, Rico Newman-Morgan making several finals.

Kent Champs saw some of our top swimmers achieve the tough qualifying times and get the opportunity to swim in 50m pools against the best in Kent. The swimmers who went to Kents were Finn Wood, Tristan Calvo, Leon Santer, Rico Newman-Morgan, Ben Walker, Amelia Priestley and Sandra Vroemen so well done to them. Finn Wood was our only swimmer to achieve a SE Region QT time this year so well done to him for coming 19th in the 50m Fly.

Many of our swimmers have been selected this year to represent Shepway Swimming Club in both the National Arena league gala's and the Kent Junior League and thank you to those swimmers who have made themselves available and swam well against some very tough competition. The A team are currently battling to stay in Division 1 in both the competitions whilst the B team is hoping to move up the league table. It is great to see many squad swimmers taking advantage of all the pool training time available at Hythe, training hard in all their sessions and so achieving some excellent times and results. To bring you right up to date 173 kent secondary schools compete in the Kent Schools Championships with 30 schools making the finals. Swimming for the Harvey Grammar School Leon Santer & Tristan Calvo swam in a relay with other school colleagues that came a brilliant 17th, well done to them.

Special Thanks must go to Tim Wiseman our Head Coach, Kim Walker our Team Manager and all our squad coaches and officials who give up many hours of their own time so that your son/daughter can train or compete for the Club.

The swimming age group presentations start with the 8yrs and under. Some of these talented youngsters are from the Teaching Groups and swam excellently during the championships, with some of them competing for the first time.:

8 YEARS & Under

Padma Thevarajah – Silver Medal in 25m Backstroke

Nirja Thevakumar – Bronze Medal in 25m Backstroke

Emily Ling - Champion in 25m Breaststroke, Backstroke and Freestyle

Ashton Platts – Silver in 25m Freestyle and Champion in 25m Backstroke

Sebastian Reid – Champion in 25m Freestyle

9/10YEARS GIRLS

Eva Ling – Silver medal in 50m Breaststroke

Megan Hadaway - Silver Medal in 50m Backstroke & Butterfly

Daisy Cooke – Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle

Eleanor Cameron -Brookbank, Silver Medal in 50m Freestyle, Bronze Medal in 50m Backstroke & Butterfly. Champion in 50m Breaststroke

Katie Oliver – Bronze Medal in 50m Breaststroke, Champion in 50m Backstroke & Butterfly, Freestyle & 100m IM

9/10 YEARS BOYS

Isaac Jones- Silver Medal in 50m Backstroke, Champion in 50m Breaststroke

Thomas Gower - Bronze Medal in 50m Freestyle, Silver Medal in 50m Breaststroke & Champion in 100m IM)

Adam Fox - Silver Medal in 50m Freestyle and Champion in 50m Backstroke

Max Eyers - Champion in 50m Butterfly & Freestyle

11/12 YEARS

Sandra Vroemen, Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Silver medal in 100m Breaststroke, Butterfly & Freestyle

Ena Calvo – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly & Freestyle, Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke, Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Amelia Priestley – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke , Champion in 100m Backstroke , Butterfly, Freestyle

Samuel Thorpe – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Herbie Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Jacob Hadaway – Bronze Medal in 100m Freestyle, Silver Medal in Backstroke & Butterfly

William Fuller – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly, Silver Medal in Freestyle

Rico Newman-Morgan – Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

13/14 YEARS

Libby Macarthur – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Silver in Breaststroke

Ellis Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Silver in Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle

Freya Ling – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly

Isabel Goldsmith – Bronze Medal in 100m Freestyle, Champion in 100m Butterfly

Evie Wood – Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle

Leon Santer – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly, Silver in Breaststroke, Freestyle

Georgie Dedman – Bronze Medal in 100 M Breaststroke and Freestyle , Silver in Backstroke, Butterfly

William Dixon – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke

Tristan Calvo – Champion in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

15/16 YEARS

Jack Nash – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke & Backstroke, Butterfly

Nat Parmenter – Bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Champion in 100m Backstroke & Butterfly & Freestyle

Toby Masray – Champion in 100m Breaststroke

OPEN AGE GROUP AWARDS 100m Events

Ema Calvo – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke)

Libby Macarthur – bronze Medal in 100m Breaststroke

Amelia Priestley – Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke

Phoebe Barrett – Silver Medal in 100m Butterfly

Isabel Goldsmith - Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly

Ellis Stewart – Bronze Medal in 100m Freestyle and IM

Evie Wood – Bronze Medal in 100m Backstroke, Silver in Freestyle & IM, Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Grace Walker – Champion in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle & IM

Tristan Calvo – Bronze medal in 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Silver in Butterfly, Freestyle & IM

Nat Parmenter – Bronze Medal in IM, Silver Medal in 100m Backstroke

Georgie Dedman – Bronze Medal in 100m Butterfly

Leon Santer – Bronze Medal in 100m Freestyle)

Ben Walker - Champion in 100m Breaststroke

Finn Wood – Silver Medal in 100m Breaststroke, Champion in 100m Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle & IM

200m IM Events

11/12 years

Ema Calvo – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Sandra Vroemen – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Amelia Priestley – Champion in 200 IM

Herbie Stewart – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Luke Baigent – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Rico Newman-Morgan – Champion in 200 IM

13/14 Years

Libby Macarthur – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Isabel Goldsmith – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Evie Wood – Champion in 200 IM

Georgie Dedman – Silver Medal in 200 IM

William Dixon – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Tristan Calvo – Champion in 200 IM

15/16 Years

Jack Nash – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Nat Parmenter – Champion in 200 IM

OPEN 200IM EVENTS

Phoebe Barrett – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Evie Wood – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Grace Walker – Champion in 200 IM

Tristan Calvo – Silver Medal in 200 IM

Nat Parmenter – Bronze Medal in 200 IM

Finn Wood - Champion in 200 IM

OPEN 200M EVENTS

Amelia Priestley – Bronze Medal in 200 m Freestyle, Silver Medal in 200m Backstroke

Ema Calvo – Silver Medal in 200m Breaststroke

Libby Macarthur – Bronze Medal in 200m Breaststroke

Isabel Goldsmith – Silver Medal in 200m Butterfly

Libby Macarthur – Bronze Medal in 200m Butterfly

Ellis Stewart – Silver Medal in 200m Freestyle)

Phoebe Barrett – Champion in 200m Butterfly (cup 57)

Grace Walker – Champion in 200m Backstroke (cup 58)

Evie Wood – Bronze Medal in 200 m Backstroke , Champion in 200m Breaststroke & Freestyle

Nat Parmenter – Bronze in 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke

Leon Santer – Silver medal in 200m Breaststroke

Rico Newman-Morgan – Silver Medal in 200 Butterfly

Matthew Holman – Bronze Medal in 200 Butterfly

Ben Walker – Silver in 200m Backstroke, Freestyle

Tristan Calvo – Bronze Medal in 200m Freestyle , Champion in 200m Breaststroke

Finn Wood – Champion in 200m Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle

WATER POLO AWARDS

Moving onto the Water Polo Awards the Senior Team have won the Kent League title first time in the 3 years. Hythe Seniors now compete under the Shepway umbrella with Folkestone seniors. This success has come from the additional hours of training that has provided a more cohesive team representing Shepway.

Junior polo continues to thrive with numbers now up to 30. In the last year they have had success in at both county and regional level plus also at GB. Toby Masray has been invited to attend another GB selection trial for his age group in December, so fingers crossed he gains selection this time. Leon Santer, Tom Broadbridge, James Croud, William Cavanagh and Toby Masray were all in the SE region 15/U team July. All our players, with the exception of Toby, were all a year young in the age group and gained valuable experience ready for their own age group later this month. All of the boys scored and Toby was voted the SE Most Valuable Player by the other coaches.

Rico Newman-Morgan has recently played in the 14/U Kent Inter-counties team where they came 4th and is also playing for the 14/U SE Inter-regional team competition on the 9/10th December. Harris Lindsay was being considered as goalie for the Kent 14/U team but unfortunately broke his fingers before the trials.

On the girl's side Lucy -Mai Helliwell and Millie McAlister both have been selected for the 14/U SE Inter-regional team competition on the 2/3 December. The Kent Water Polo Festival in June saw over 20 players from Hythe take part with some playing their first ever competitive matches. Our 12/U mini-polo team came 3rd whilst our 16/U team were 2nd an excellent achievement as all our team were several years younger than the winning team. The Hythe 14/U team were the Champions easily winning all their matches so well done to them. At the Kent Development sessions in Swanley Hythe Players outnumber the other clubs attending plus we have a large number of players also attending the SE Region training sessions in Worthing. Lastly, thank you to the Coaches for their commitment and hard work

JUNIOR WATER POLO MERIT AWARDS:-

Tristan Avery, Laura Harding, William Fuller, Tom Broadbridge

- Most Improved Junior – **Matthew Holman**)
- Junior Player – **Lindsey Harris and Rico Newman-Morgan**
- The next award - **Ladies Player – Libby Macarthur**
- Most Deserving Player – **William Cavanagh (**
- Senior Player of the Year – **James Croud**
- The final polo award - Senior Men's Player's Player – **Toby Masray**

SYNCHRO AWARDS

2017 has been a successful year for the synchro section – from competition results, medals and trophies, to grade exam results, to successes for officials and coaches as well.

We've had grade exam passes from a number of swimmers; Grade 1 (Eleanor Cameron Brookbank, Mary Nunn, & Madelyn Praman) Grade 2 (Amy Bondzio, Imogen Clark, Isabelle Clark, Ellie Sturgess), Grade 3 (Jessica Ellis, Lexie Foord), Grade 4 (Brienne Begley, Olivia Ellis, Bethany Hook) and Grade 5 (Allana Winstanley), with Amy, Jessica, Lexie, Brienne, Olivia, Bethany, Allana and Suzannah Turner all qualifying for the National Age Groups last weekend.

Synchro have also achieved individual figure medals at both Novice events entered in March and May. The Competition season in 2017 has been busy, with events spread out across the year. Notable achievements include top 50 results at the National Championships in April for Suzannah and Allana, Figure medals in almost every section entered at the Kent Champs in November, including Gold medals for our 12&U combo team, our 13-18 combo team and our 15-18 free team, a 4th place finish at the Scottish Nationals for the 15-18 free team, and an 8th place finish for the 15-18 free team at the National Age Groups last weekend. A special mention for outstanding competition results this year must go to Amy Bondzio, for her 22nd place finish out of 130 swimmers in the 12&U age group figures at NAGS last weekend. 2017 was also our 25th anniversary, and we celebrated with a reunion party in October, and a successful taster day was held in November, with several swimmers returning in the new year to start learning synchro.

One of our club founders, Maria Ramos is now the chair for the Synchro National Leadership Team, and we have had recent passes for Judge 1 courses for Lara Porteous, Olivia Ellis, Allana Winstanley, Alison Cameron, Julie Winstanley & Kevin Sturgess. Erica Moo has

recently been appointed as an International FINA judge, and has recently been invited to be Team Manager for the England National Development Squad.

As always, synchro couldn't exist without the continued support from all of the volunteer coaches, officials and the Hythe Aqua committee, so thank you to all those that have contributed to our successes in 2017.

Merit Awards:

Eleanor Cameron Brookbank, Olivia Ellis, Daisy Cooke, Ellie Sturgess

Newcomer of the Year – **Abbie Brooker**

Attendance – **Suzannah Turner, Ellie Sturgess, Alana Winstanley**

Laura B Trophy – **Brianne Begley**

Performer of the Year – **Amy Bondzio**

Swimmer of the Year – **Allana Winstanley**

Most Improved. – **Olivia Baker**

Contribution to the Club Award – **Kevin Sturgess**

Club Special Awards

It is recognised that many squad swimmers do not win medals and sometimes do not receive the success that their hard work deserves. They train hard and deserve recognition for their efforts. The Club Coach has therefore awarded Merit Awards to the following:

Junior Squad Merit Awards:

Emma Howes-Lawrence, Buddy Wiseman, Samuel Thorpe, Katie Oliver

Now the East Invicta Swimming Championships Winners Trophies for 2017. Club swimmers enjoyed great success at this year's championships

Highest point scorer at the recent East Invicta Championships – **Finn Wood** Highest point scorer of the opposite sex was – **Amelia Priestley**)

Well done to all our competitors that qualified for and swam in the East Invicta championships

SE Region Trophy is another step up the competitive ladder and club swimmers from East Kent compete as part of the East Invicta Excel Team and the clubs highest points scorer this years is : Finn Wood

Next we have the Senior Squad trophy. This is awarded by the Head Club Swimming Coach and is about contribution and support to the swimming programme. Hard work in training, setting an example and commitment to hard work. The Senior Squad trophy this year goes jointly to swimmers who have improved enormously during the season. The 2017 Most Improved Senior squad trophy this year has been awarded to: **Leon Santer/ Tristan Calvo**

Next we have the Junior Squad Shields. The Junior Squad Coaches make this award after reviewing performances throughout the year. This year we have two winners who have worked hard whilst in the Junior Development Squad and have shown great commitment to training. The winners this year are: **William Fuller (Boys Megan Hadaway (Girls)**

Moving now onto the Masters Section

The Masters Section consists of competitive swimmers, open water swimmers, triathletes and keep fit swim trainers, along with some squad swimmers who want to do more training. Once again Hythe Aqua Masters were East Kent Champions, although the results were much closer this year showing how Masters swimming is growing across the county. The section also competed at Kents, S E Region and National level and also at European level. Hannah Trott competed in the Great Britain Swim in London Dockland and Loch Lomond. Maureen Fakley swam excellently at the Nationals, she competed in the female 100 metres and 50 metres backstroke Championships, finishing in gold and silver medal positions, respectively. In both races she clocked new Kent County records for her age group. Graham Ling competed in the European Open Water Masters Championships in Hungary coming 13th in his age group. The other star performer of the year was David Staveley who apart from his Gold Medal S E Region success also starred at the National Masters Championships in the male 75 to 79 years age band, winning 5 of his 7 events and finishing third in the other 2.

He proved to be unbeatable in all 3 of the backstroke events - 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres - not only winning but setting new Kent County age group records in the process.

For good measure, he added golds in the 100 metres individual medley and the 200 metres individual medley, racing to a further Kent County record in the 200 metres race. His bronze medals came in the 50 metres breaststroke and the 50 metres butterfly. His bronze medal butterfly swim was good enough to clock his fifth Kent County record of the Championships.

Therefore the **Masters Swimmer of the Year is – David Staveley**

Lastly, we have the National Trophy.

The winner of the National Trophy this year has added more credentials to Hythe Aqua's long standing multi discipline success. After a hard year competing in many multi discipline events the winner of this trophy was selected to represent GB at the World Age Group Triathlon Championships back in the summer. She competed in the under 20yrs Female Sprint Age Group Category. The race was held in the heart of Rotterdam. The race began with a 750m swim in Rotterdam docks, followed by a 20 km flat but "technical" bike course that took the riders around Rotterdam sometimes on long sections of paved Cobblestones and tight corners. The race finished with a 5 km run in the picturesque "Het Park" next to Rotterdam waterfront.

There were 50 athletes competing in the under 20 female category representing 12 countries from around the world, including teams from USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Europe. Our winner was representing Great Britain in a team of eleven athletes.

The race started at 14:40 in the afternoon. Our winner had a great swim and was well placed after the first transition. She rode extremely hard in the bike leg and was tucked "wheel to wheel" in a small group of four riders. With just over 1 kilometer to go she was forced to take avoiding action when the leading rider in front made a mistake on a cobblestone section and crashed heavily. In avoiding the fallen rider; she hit a raised curb with her front wheel which instantly burst her front tyre. However, she maintained control and determinedly finished the final kilometer on a flat! She ran strongly in the final leg and regained the lost positions to finish the race in a fantastic 18th place.

Overall it was a fantastic experience, and a very encouraging result. Next year will see this winner competing over longer Olympic distances. Our National Trophy winner for 2017 is – **Emily Chambers**

That is the end of the formal presentations and well done to everyone that won an award, also a big well done to all those that competed to the best of their ability and helped to raise the standard of competition. A very big thank you to the Club Social Committee Sonya and friends for all their hard work organising tonight.

I would like to congratulate all our members on their performances throughout the year, their commitment to training and the club and wish you every success in the future. I don't need to remind you that Hythe Aqua is a voluntary organisation that is run and administered by 40+ teachers, coaches, officials and administrators. Many of these individuals give up many hours of their time to teach, coach, manage accounts, carry out admin tasks etc, some of them have done this for many years. Quite simply without all the work of these people there would be no club – can you please show your support for these individuals who turn up week after week for you in the normal way.

Thanks for your attention enjoy the evening

Jim Parris

Chairman

Hythe Aqua Swimming Club
