

## Hythe Aqua SC – Water Polo Success 2017 Water Polo Festival



Thanks to the outstanding efforts of its instructors, who are volunteers across all disciplines, the club continues to punch well above its weight at local, regional and national levels. In particular, the club's water polo wing has risen, phoenix-like, from the verge of extinction to become a buoyant, thriving factory of young talent.

Played 'around the rules', water polo is a physical game that is rife with tricks. Developing the necessary skills, match awareness and vital fitness takes a lot of time and commitment. This was evident at June's Water Polo Festival, which saw Hythe's players claim top 3 positions in all age groups (Hythe's Under 14s came away Kent Champions!). Some of the lads have been invited to train with the club's senior players and, thanks to the tremendous support and encouragement offered, their progress has been impressive. For the second year running, Tom Broadbridge, James Croud, William Cavanagh and Leon Santer are representing the South-East region at national competition (2002 year group). Toby Masray, who is a year older, has been spotted by the national squad's selectors.

With growing numbers of younger players rising rapidly through the ranks, surely it's only a matter of time before Hythe's water polo goes really big?