

Hythe's Synchronised Swimming Squad had a very successful weekend recently after being named the South East Regional Champions for the 12years & Under South East Recreational event held in Croydon.



Winning Team



Multi Regional Team

Swimming to a medley of American Swing and Jive, the "Lindyhops" team, consisting of Brianne Begley, Sophie Brodie, Lexie Foord, Emily Lennon, Suzannah Turner and Allana Winstanley, wowed the judges with their themed performance and scored 57.280, a clear winner against their nearest rivals Reading Royals for the gold medal position in the 12&Under Category.

This result means that the team are in good standing prior to the National Age Group Championships being held in December this year.

At the event, the 12&U squad were joined by their 19&U counterparts. Despite some technical issues with the music system, and some tough competition from squads across the South East Region, the team consisting of Ana Cassaniga-Simmons, Lucie Challinor, Chanelle Champion, Sadie Foord, Mia Ilic, Meghan Jenkins, Chloe Lennon and Lara Porteous battled valiantly to 6th place, scoring 55.760 with their African themed routine debut.

Hythe Aqua coach and choreographer Hannah Bacon was pleased with the result, stating "the 19&U team were up against a very difficult age group, with teams much older, and to score 55.760 is very encouraging with a brand new routine".

The following day gave no rest for Hythe Aqua Synchro, as several girls travelled to Portsmouth to take their Skill Level exams.

Despite being tired from the day before, Chanelle Champion, Lucie Challinor and Sophie Brodie each managed to pass their Skill Level 2 exam, with particular credit to Lucie for scoring a full 100% on her exam elements.

This pass rate also means that Sophie Brodie has now qualified to compete in the 12&U Competitive Event at the National Age Groups and will join teammate Suzannah Turner in Gloucester in December.