

## Swansea Spartan 2014

On the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of March Swansea held the very first Swansea Spartan competition, at Tata Steel Sailing Club, Port Talbot.

Teams from Bath, Uwe and Cardiff as well as an Alumni team came down to make up a 10 strong competition.

But the weekend's antics did not start on the Saturday. In traditional sailing event style the teams hit JC's followed by tooters on the Friday night! Teams then managed to find their way back to their host teams' houses where they



tried to find the comfiest place to sleep.

It goes without saying that there were a few sore heads and late arrivals on the Saturday morning but the windy conditions helped wake everyone up and racing was fully underway at 10:30.

Averaging a force 5 and gusting much higher the conditions were borderline for most of the day but despite several broken boats and several fixes needing to be made steady progress through the round robin schedule.

There was some good tough racing despite the windy conditions and all the teams enjoyed a competitive days sailing although at times we seemed to be fighting the wind more than the other teams!



Eventually as the wind picked up even more it was decided at 16:30 to come back off the water and call it a day. Most teams managed 8/9 races that were scheduled so it was a productive day given the conditions.

Coming off the water slightly early gave everyone slightly longer to pack up and get ready for a trip to wind street! Everyone dressed under the 'Toga' theme enjoyed the delights of Revs, Jack Murphy's, Idols and many more!

Sunday morning saw even more hung-over bodies crawl and then collapse into the clubhouse but unfortunately the decision was made to postpone and then cancel the racing for the day due to the strong winds. But well done to Swansea Alumni for winning the first Swansea Spartan! (full results below!)



Results After Day One..(provisional)

Position	Team	Races	Won	Lost	Win %	Total Points	Average Points
1	Swansea Alumni	8	8	0	100.00%	55	6.88
2	Swansea Green	8	7	1	87.50%	61	7.63
3	Cardiff 1	7	5	2	71.43%	61	8.71
4	Swansea Black	8	4	4	50.00%	90	11.25
5	Bath Blue	7	3	4	42.86%	71	10.14
6	Swansea White	7	3	4	42.86%	72	10.29
7	Bath Black	7	3	4	42.86%	82	11.71
8	Cardiff 2	8	2	6	25.00%	98	12.25
9	UWE Red	8	2	6	25.00%	105	13.13
10	UWE Black	8	1	7	12.50%	106	13.25

All in all it was a brilliant weekend and a wonderful first Swansea Spartan! Well done to everyone who came, organised, helped out and of course the umpires!

