

Wessex Sailing Club

## Wessex Winter Warmer 2016



### **Birdham Bandits take the Warmer from BYOB, with Exeter the first all-uni team**

The 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 saw the return of Wessex Sailing Club's (Southampton University) Wessex Winter Warmer. 18 of the UK's top teams, including 13 university teams, headed to Spinnaker Sailing Club for some high level racing.



Day one saw 108 races completed, after a prompt start, and very few stoppages thanks to four flights of boats enabling rolling starts. Each team managed to complete 12 races of the round robin with the Birdham Bandits leading the way (12/12) closely followed by Society and BYOB

(11/12). Exeter Black were leading the way out of the university teams in 5<sup>th</sup> place (9/12). Despite the day starting rather damp, it eventually dried out and with 15-18kts of wind all day, we flew through the races.



Sunday saw the sun come out and glamorous conditions of 12-15kts. We split the teams into 2 flights of Gold and Silver, allowing teams to race other teams of more similar ability. By 13:30, we had completed all races of the leagues (8 per team), there was then a first-to-2 repechage between the first placed team in the silver league, SSCM, and the 4<sup>th</sup> placed team in the gold league, Exeter Black, which Exeter Black won.



This gave us our two semi-final line ups of the Birdham Bandits against Exeter Black, and Society versus BYOB. Both the Birdham Bandits and BYOB won the first two of the races allowing them to progress to the final.



The first-to-2 petit final went the distance, with Society taking the first race 234, but Exeter Black came back in the second race with a 235. The final race was closely fought, with Exeter 126 around mark 4, but a great final beat from Society saw them take the race 145 giving them 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.



The best of five Final showed the class of competition over the weekend, but the dominance of the Birdham Bandits came through with them taking the first 3 races 124 and the title of Wessex Winter Warmer 2016 Champions, and only losing 1 race all weekend.



Birdham Bandits: Tim Saxton, Holly Scott, Sophie Ormsby, Sam LJ, George Yeoman and Kate Devereux

We also managed to get some awesome drone footage of the weekend thanks to Jamie Diamond along with hundreds of photos – please see our Facebook page: .



Exeter: Meia Harnett, Ellie Gadd, Scott Wallis, Charlotte Hooper, Tarra Gill-Taylor and Ollie Grogono

Congratulations to the Birdham Bandits on their victory (Tim Saxton, Holly Scott, George Yeoman, Sophie Ormsby, Sam Littlejohn and Kate Devereux). They said this about the event: *“The Warmer this year was run spectacularly. For every team to get at least 20 races each really made this event stand out only second to the Wilson. The Soton team worked tirelessly to*

make sure it all ran smoothly, and with the help of the umpires it was a really enjoyable weekend with great racing on both days.” It was great to get so many races in, with every team sailing 20 races, and some as many as 27 in just two days!



Jamie Diamond provided some great drone footage of the weekend

For Jamie Diamond’s drone footage - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hY6\\_mZYiqI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hY6_mZYiqI) - and many photographs from the weekend, see the Wessex SC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sotonsailing/>.

Massive thank you to all the teams who took part, the officials, Spinnaker Sailing Club for hosting the event, all of our Sponsors and all members of Wessex Sailing Club who ran the event!

Jamie Barker, WSC Team Racing Captain

**Results:**

**Round 1 - HLS results:**

Team	Races Sailed	Race Wins	Total Points	% wins
Birdham Bandits	12	12	83	100.0%
Society (Q)	12	11	93	91.7%
BYOB (M)	12	11	96	91.7%
Itchenor SC (R)	12	10	107	83.3%
Exeter Black (D)	12	9	118	75.0%
Bristol (P)	12	8	112	66.7%
Southampton Pink (L)	12	7	122	58.3%
Cambridge Black (A)	12	7	119	58.3%
Oxford Blue (K)	12	6	131	50.0%
Cardiff Black (N)	12	6	123	50.0%
SSCM (E)	12	6	124	50.0%
Exeter Blue (G)	12	4	140	33.3%
Bath Black (J)	12	3	141	25.0%
Cardiff Red (B)	12	3	139	25.0%
Swansea (I)	12	3	134	25.0%
Plymouth Blue (F)	12	1	157	8.3%
Oxford Green (H)	12	1	162	8.3%
Plymouth Red (S)	12	0	167	0.0%

**Round 2 – League Results:**

Team	Races Sailed	Race Wins	Total Points	% wins	Average points
Birdham Bandits (C)	8	7	69	87.5%	8.63
BYOB (M)	8	7	70	87.5%	8.75
Society (Q)	8	6	76	75.0%	9.50
Exeter Black (D)	8	4	82	50.0%	10.25
Bristol (P)	8	4	81	50.0%	10.13
Oxford Blue (K)	8	4	88	50.0%	11.00
Southampton Pink (L)	8	2	96	25.0%	12.00
Itchenor SC (R)	8	1	100	12.5%	12.50
Cambridge Black (A)	8	1	94	12.5%	11.75
SSCM (E)	8	7	59	87.5%	7.38
Cardiff Black (N)	8	7	64	87.5%	8.00
Cardiff Red (B)	8	5	76	62.5%	9.50
Swansea (I)	8	5	78	62.5%	9.75
Exeter Blue (G)	8	4	84	50.0%	10.50
Bath Black (J)	8	4	80	50.0%	10.00
Oxford Green (H)	8	2	99	25.0%	12.38
Plymouth Red (S)	8	1	121	12.5%	15.13
Plymouth Blue (F)	7	0	144	0.0%	20.57

**Round 3 – Knock Out Results:**

1st – Birdham Bandits; 2nd – BYOB; 3rd – Society; 4<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> University) – Exeter Black