

Snakebite 2016



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Cambridge victorious in final with notorious NOGs

Valentine's Weekend (13-14th February) was celebrated at the University of Nottingham's Snakebite, with much love shown for the perfectly breezy and sunny weather! Well into the university sailing season, the event was well attended and saw some fantastic racing from some of the best teams on the circuit. The event hosted eighteen teams, fifteen of which were university teams from ten different universities and three others: West Kirby Youth Team, a Notts County team and Tonbridge School, to team race in Fireflies at Notts County Sailing Club, which happily hosts the event each year.



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Many of the teams arrived on Friday night to register before being directed to their hosts' houses for the social in the city. This was followed, too soon for some, with an early start on the Saturday morning in order to set up for the day of racing ahead. After a briefing at 09:30 and an abundance of bacon sandwiches racers were ready to go, starting precisely on time at 10:00, thanks to the regimental race officer, Keith Sammons.



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Although the wind was due to build throughout the day, sailors were able to maintain a great standard of racing under full sails and were even able to enjoy a bit of blue sky; all in all, perfect sailing conditions! There were a few minimal breakages to Birmingham's boats that were swiftly dealt with by the bosun, Ollie Thompson to allow for almost undisturbed racing and along with the hard work of the Nottingham helpers, we were able to blast through a massive 78 races, which put us in good stead for splitting into fleets the following day.



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Sunday's racing commenced at the even earlier time of 9:30, leaving sailors to racing out onto the water as well as on the course. After a distinct increase in the wind halfway through the morning, it was decided that we take a brief interlude from racing in order to change to storm sails. This was a wise move as although the conditions were sailable, it allowed the sailors to focus on the team racing.



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We managed the full 45 races in Bronze, Silver and Gold Fleets before going into semis and finals in the afternoon. Cambridge Grey, Edinburgh Blue, NOGs and West Kirby Youth Team made for an exciting afternoon of close races, leaving Cambridge victorious and NOGs to take the silver!



Cambridge take the third race in the Finals from NOGS © David Eberlin



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A huge thanks is in order for the University of Nottingham Vice President, David Jackson with whom the success and smooth running of the event lies, as well as all those from Notts County SC and Notts Uni who were there from sunrise to sunset on both days helping out! Further appreciation for the umpires Ed, Carol, Jon, Steve and Jonny who braved the cold out on the ribs.



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Cambridge seemed delighted with their win and the box of beers that accompanied it, taking time to thank all of those involved. After a fabulous weekend of both sailing and socialising, I think we can safely say that Snakebite was once again a success and enjoyed by all who took part!

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1st Team Captain, UoNSSC



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Overall Results

Final: Cambridge Grey beat NOGs 3-0

Petit Final: Edinburgh Blue beat West Kirby Youth 2-1

Semi-Final

SF 1 - Cambridge Grey beat West Kirby Youth 2-1

SF 2 - NOGS beat Edinburgh Blue 2-1

Gold		Sailed / Wins	Silver		Bronze			
1	Cambridge Grey	5 4	1	West Kirby Youth	5 5	1	Edinburgh White	5 5
2	Edinburgh Blue	5 4	2	Warwick Black	5 4	2	Bristol	5 4
3	NOGS	5 3	3	Loughborough Lions	5 2	3	Kent	5 3
4	Tonbridge	5 3	4	Birmingham White	5 2	4	Birmingham Black	5 2
5	NCSC	5 1	5	Cambridge Pink	5 2	5	Warwick White	5 1
6	Birmingham Green	5 0	6	Reading	5 0	6	Leeds	5 0

Tie Breaks

Gold 1st - Cambridge Grey beat Edinburgh Blue (D4.4 (a))

Gold 3rd - NOGS beat Tonbridge (D4.4 (a))

Silver 3rd - 3 Way Tie; all on one win. Tie Breaks according to (D4.4 (b)) in favour Loughborough Lions(20pts), Birmingham White(21pts), Cambridge Pink (22pts).

Especial thanks to David Eberlin of Notts County SC for all his great photographs.

Some Snakebite emotions!



