

Peterborough Regatta Sunday 7th June 2009

Fourteen club members attended day two of Peterborough's Spring Regatta, the 500m Sprint Day.

All of the nine crews performed well in some rainy and windy conditions, with some of them getting their first taste of multi lane racing. The Ladies eight comprising of L. Cozens, A. West, H. Champion, Z. Hudson, E. Gall, C. Grayson, A. Linnell, V. Summerfield and coxed by N. Stow were closely beaten into 3rd place by only 2 seconds in the closing few metres in the final of WNov 8+ after holding 2nd place for about 90% of the race.

Jeff Elms and Adam Berry qualified for the final of the IM3 2X after an impressive 1st place in their heat and a 2nd place in their Semi Final. They sculled well throughout the final, but were unfortunately beaten into 2nd place by a 1 second.

In the J15 singles sculls Ben Thomas swept all competition aside in his heat in a time of 2mins 01secs, but was unable to find the same adrenalin levels in the final and came 4th. In the same event Will Champion demonstrated good progress with a 3rd place 2mins 17secs row in his heat.

There were some very satisfying improvements from other Boston crews in their heats, and if the luck of the draw had been slightly different, it would have seen more Boston crews in the Semi Finals due to achieving faster times than crews in other heats.

Adam Berry in IM3 1X recorded a time of 01:50 in his heat and Will Champion & Ben Thomas in J15 2X achieved 01:49 for their heat, but although faster than other crews from other heats, were unfortunately not proceeding to the next round.

Fuchsia Summerfield likewise rowed faster than everyone from other heats in 2mins 11secs for a very controlled race in WJ15 1X, however came home 4th in a tight race only 2seconds behind the 2nd and 3rd placed boats.

In the WJ14 1X Nicole Hendy improved once again for her second regatta in a matter of two weeks with a 3rd place in her heat, and the Women's Quad of Emily Gall, Hannah Champion, Ailsa Linnell, & Catherine Grayson, who were racing above their status in IM3 4X were unlucky to just miss out on a place in the final.