

Marathon racing season draws to a close.

Report on Southampton race

The last race in the Southern Region of the 2008/9 season in the Hasler Marathon Racing Series was held on Sunday 9 August at Southampton. River conditions on the estuary of the river Itchen were about as calm as one could get but the racing was as furious as ever, particularly the portaging by the higher classes.

The results for Basingstoke Canal were;

Div 5	Freddy Oliver	2 nd /of 11	Promoted to div 4.
	Richard Somerset	5/11	
	Robin Lees	6/11	
Div 6	Michael Rees-Clark	1/11	
	Michael Truesdale	4/11	
Div 7	Ben Hansell	1/8	
Div 8	Bill Hansell	7/8	
Div 9	Ryan Truesdale	3/17	
	Ian Mattison	7/17	
	Bernie Boyles	Dsq	
Div 5K2	Naomi Smith/George Barnicoat (CKP)	1/4	
	James/Jon Freemantle	rtd	
Div 6K2	Isobel/Ruth Smith	8/8	
Div 7 K2	Samantha Rees-Clark		
	Pete Absolom	3/14	
	Tim Truesdale		
	Liz Murnaghan	5/14	
	Stephen Rees-Clark		
	Jason Ashwell	6/14	
Div 8 K2	Tracy Rees-Clark		
	Sarah Francis	5/10	
	Brian Gandy		
	Lis Coleman	8/10	
Lightning U10 boys	Joe Hansell	1 st of 4	

Well done to everyone. It is a pity that we missed out getting to the Hasler Final by just one point, but we have seen a huge improvement in the standards, particularly amongst juniors, and without that we would not have been so close.

The first race in 2009/10? Henley on Sunday 13 September. See you there.

Brian Gandy