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BCU National Canoe/Kayak Flatwater Sprint Racing Championships

A fistful of medals for the BCCC

The championships were held at the National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham on 5th and 6th July. Isobel and Naomi Smith regularly attend Sprint Regattas. For Jason Dyer, James Taylor and Michael and Ryan Truesdale it was their first visit to Nottingham, as it was also for James Freemantle and Richard Somerset.

They all acquitted themselves well. Regattas are held over two full days and at this regatta there were 277 races, heats and finals. The full results can be seen on the Wey Kayak Club website at:

<http://www.weykayak.co.uk/Sprint/National%20Regattas%20Results/Results%20July%202008.pdf>

Our medal haul was three gold, three silver and five bronze.

The gold medals by Isobel and Naomi in the 500m and 1000m K2 races and they also gained one in the Under 14 Girls 500m K4 where Naomi and Isobel crewed with Paula Henderson and Rhonwen Smith from the Scottish Development Squad. The same crew also won silver in the 1000m U14 K4, and Naomi won silver medals in both the 500m and 1,000m U14 Girls K1 events.

Proud bronze medal winners were Isobel in both the 500m and 1000m U14 Girls K1 races; Jason Dyer and James Taylor in the U14 Boys 500m K2 race; James Freemantle got his medal in the Men's C 1000m event and not to be outdone, Richard Somerset stormed home for a bronze in the Masters B 200m event. Blink and you would have missed him!

Sorry – no pictures but if you want a good idea of the intensity of sprint racing, go to <http://antonye.smugmug.com/>

Well done BAS (our team abbreviation for all racing).

Ed.
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