

Silver Rudder

August 2011

It can't be done without your help

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to help move boats, coach, organise the programme, set up the course and numerous other jobs to 'T' up a fabulous two days of racing. An equal and heartfelt thank you to all those who despite aching, creaking limbs turned up to clear the field and hump and scrub boats the day after the Regatta. Without you the Regatta would not be possible.

If you weren't involved in clearing the field, or scrubbing boats please come down and get involved. It's a great way of signing off and swapping Regatta stories before heading for the hills.

Mum's and Dad's - a special plea to you. Please can we encourage you to get your junior competitors involved. If the children see how much work goes into running the Regatta then there might not be quite so much litter to pick up in future years. Likewise if our kids help clean down and pack away our boats then in years to come the boats may take less of a bashing at practice and at racing. There's nothing like scrubbing a skiff inside and out to make you realise, if not what a beautiful craft it is, then how easily it could be damaged.

So we'll end with a call to arms.....some amongst you may recognise the original. Sing it Loud, Sing it Proud!

I am a Litter Picker,
I'm a Litter Picker's son!
And I will be picking litter,
'Till all the litter picking's done!

I am a Boat Humper,
I'm a Boat Humper's son!
And I will be humping boats,
'Till all the boat humping's done!

(Last verse dedicated to Mr Mike Stubbs)

I am a Boat Scrubber,
I'm a Boat Scrubber's son!
And I will be Scrubbing boats,
'Till all the boat scrubbing's done!



Hip Hip Hooray! Congratulations to one and all and see you next year!

2012 Regatta

Just a quick reminder that as we have previously advertised, next year's Regatta will be held on the:

24th & 25th August 2012

this is due to a clash with the rowing events at the Olympics

Aerial image of the field taken on Regatta Saturday by Stephen Hart



If you have any great photos of the Regatta, please send them to silvrudder@wsregatta.co.uk. We'd love to see them and publish

Photographs

The Regatta's resident photographer, Tim Hodges, was snapping away throughout the Regatta. There are over 1800 photos for you to see at:

www.timhodges.co.uk/wsr2011

Tim was also at the Open Water Swim on Saturday morning, those images can be found at:

www.timhodges.co.uk/wsrswimathon2011

Open Water Swim



At 0510 on Saturday morning, registration opened for a trial of the Wargrave & Shiplake Open Water Swim (WASOWS), a 1 Km swim starting at the ferry steps, heading up the river to the bridge and then looping back down stream to the Regatta finish line.

The event was won by Tyler Jenkins, who finished in a fabulous time of 15:38. The first Lady in was Jo Hall.

The committee would like to thank everybody who helped, particularly on the safety side. Also a massive thank you to the swimmers who braved the early start time and who helped to make the event so successful.

Unusual co-incidences at Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta!

In an event like the Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta, it's not unusual for strange family co-incidences to crop up. But this year's final of the Lady's & Gent's Double Punting (Handicap) will take some beating!

In a very close finish, Madeline Pooley and Bruce Maidment beat Robert Pooley and Katie Hall. Put one way, daughter and uncle beat father and aunt. Put another, niece and uncle beat brother and sister. And uncle and aunt are no relation!

Whatever the rivalries, it was definitely Madeline Pooley's year - she won three events in all, including the Pinto Leite Challenge Cup for the Junior Dongola with cousin Matthew Pearson-Miles in Matt's Mates.

Yet even that was eclipsed by Lucie Daman. In an unusual quadruple, she won two double sculling events - the Lady's & Gent's with Jonathan Casey and Sarah Casey (cox) and the Girls' Double Sculling with Rosie Brady and William Denham (cox) - as well as the Dongola Grand Challenge Cup in Wargrave Elite, and the Boy & Girl Canadian Canoe Race with partner Matthew Hunt.

A regatta highlight was the return of the Corke family. Former winners Dave and Belinda Corke emigrated to Australia several years ago, only to find they missed England and the area so much that a return at the end of last year was the only option! Dusting off their paddles, they too were Dongola Grand Challenge Cup winners in Wargrave Elite, and only narrowly missed out on a repeat of their former glories in the Lady's & Gent's Canadian Canoe Race, giving winners Georgia and Karl Yurkwich-Spink a close run in the final.

This year, the Regatta awarded a new Challenge Trophy, the Rutter Jackson Trophy. This was presented in recognition of the huge contribution made to the event over the years by the related Rutter and Jackson families, and in particular that of Mike Rutter, for many years a Committee member and judge. Fittingly, it was awarded for the Thames Dongola, an event initiated at Mike's suggestion, and it was presented by this year's President, his wife Sue Rutter (nee Jackson). In another close finish, the event was won by Hot Racing, just beating the family crew themselves, Rutter Jackson Racing.

WINNERS IN 2011

RHYLVA CHALLENGE CUP (Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race)
Chris Howell, William Howell, Charlie Cooper (cox)
LADIES DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF RACE
Elizabeth Blair, Gemma Hall, Carloine Brocklebank (cox)
QUARTERMAINE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Double Sculling Skiff Race)
Lucie Daman, Jonathan Casey, Sarah Casey (cox)
MARDON CHALLENGE CUP (Gentleman's Single Canadian Canoe Race)
Karl Yurkwich
BRIGHTEN CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Canadian Canoe Race)
Georgia Spink, Karl Yurkwich
DONGOLA GRAND CHALLENGE CUP
Wargrave Elite
(Belinda Corke, Lucie Daman, Chris Jennings, Joe Langham, Dave Corke, Hugh Daman)
RUTTER JACKSON TROPHY (Thames Dongola)
Hot Racing
(Katrina Chiltern, Hilary Chew, David Bushnell, David Beadle, James Chiltern, Daniel Andrews)
VENTURE CHALLENGE CUP (Gentleman's Single Punting - Handicap)
Andy Staig
WARGRAVE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's Single Punting - Handicap)
Liz Hillier
LAWRENCE CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's & Gentleman's Double Punting - Handicap)
Madeline Pooley, Bruce Maidment
GENTLEMAN'S SINGLE PUNTING IN CANOES
Bruce Maidment
LADIES' DOUBLE PUNTING IN CANOES
Madeline Pooley, Katie Hall
DOUBLE PUNTING IN CANOES
Cedd Burge, Chad Burge
VICTOR HERMON CHALLENGE CUP (Lady's Dinghy Race)
Sarah Bird
RYALL CHALLENGE CUP (Boy's & Girl's Double Sculling Skiff Race)
Max Hearnden, Georgia-Mae Frye, Felix Hearnden (cox)
VICKERMAN CHALLENGE CUP (Boys' Double Sculling Skiff Race)
Edward Mann, James Mann, Caroline Mann (cox)
GIRLS' DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF TROPHY
Rosie Brady, Lucie Daman, William Denham (cox)
PINTO LEITE CHALLENGE CUP (Junior Dongola Race)
Matts Mates
(Emily Read, Madeline Pooley, Matthew Pearson-Miles, Cameron Sinclair, Arthur Sinclair, Lisa Stotter)
UNDER 12 DONGOLA RACE
Pick 'n' Mix
(Anna Gutierrez, Lottie Orr, Alex Leigh, Ethan Coleman, Henry Atkinson, Martin Pennock)
PETER GOUGH CHALLENGE CUP (Under 15 Dinghy Race)
Henry Blois-Brooke
HERMON SISTERS' SALVER (Under 12 Dinghy Race)
Amy Thomas
SIDE BY SIDE DINGHY RACE
Peter Swift, Henry Atkinson, Grace Atkinson (cox)
BUSHNELL TROPHY (Under 17 Canadian Canoe Race)
Lucie Daman, Matthew Hunt
HARDING SALVER (Veteran Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race)
Chris Howell, Clive Cooper, Charlie Cooper (cox)
VETERAN LADY'S & GENTLEMAN'S DOUBLE SCULLING SKIFF RACE
Lizzie Denham, Jeremy Dobbin, Janice Dobbin (cox)
EASTERLING CHALLENGE CUP (Veterans Dongola Race)
Just Old Enough
(Susanna Hanks, Gill Jennings, Patrick Hancock, Nick Swift, Peter Hanks, Steen Poirrier)
DIANA LONG CHALLENGE CUP (Novice Status Gentleman's Single Punting)
Marcus Chew
NOVICE STATUS LADY'S SINGLE PUNTING
Debbie Brady
SCRATCH DONGOLA
Crew O
(Jill Robinson, Georgina Robinson Ranger, John Rowberry, James Fotherby, Patrick George, Guy van Zwanenberg)
VASSAL ADAMS TROPHY