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The West of England championship regatta season reached the half way point on Saturday when the Plymouth club hosted round 5 of the 10-race series.

Conditions on the River Plym were choppy but it still produced some excellent racing over the 1000 metre course. Although there were no races at both the ladies and men's Senior A level the Dart Totnes crew of Ollie Warren, Chris Abel, Harry Thompson and Joe Bowers took advantage of the absence of the Bideford Reds four to reduce the lead of the North Devon crew to 4 points in the Senior B class. The same Totnes crew with Josh Jarvis replacing Bowers were also victorious in the Senior C race where they finished ahead of Paignton and Plymouth to open up a 4-point lead of their nearest rivals from Paignton.

Unfortunately, there was no competition in the Ladies Senior A and B classes, but in the Senior C race it was the Castle Dore crew who secured top spot, edging out rivals from Dart Totnes into second place. As a result, both crews stand level at the top of the table with four points apiece.

In the Junior 18 races the Dart Totnes club took first place in both the men's and ladies' races, and as a result lead the men's table with 6 points, four ahead of Paignton in second place. The ladies four of Grace Hawkins, Maddie Bertie, Ellie Foulds and Ella Piercy also hold a four-point lead ahead of the Castle Dore ladies.

There was no Junior 16 race for the men, but in the ladies race it was the Exeter quad of Izzy Ormesher, Fiona Murphy, Louise Murphy and Abi Adams who moved to within one point of Totnes who head the table. Exeter also won the ladies Junior 14 race, and it was the Paignton four of Marcus Green, Joshua Bradley, Hugo Dossett and Oliver Chalk who won the corresponding men's race to open up a sizeable 5 point ahead of their nearest rivals from Totnes.

The Dart Totnes club are the dominant force in the championship single sculls classes where they currently head 7 of the 14 classes. Laura Macro retained her unbeaten record at Senior A, whilst club mate Louise Manning was successful in the Senior B class and Ellie Foulds took the honours at Senior C,

Bideford Blues sculler Harry Fanson took first place in the men's Junior 18 race to cement his position at the top of the standings where he leads clubmate Barney Evans by 5 points.

In the overall points tables, it is the Dart Totnes club that are well clear in both the fours and single sculls. In the fours they have accumulated 66 points, with Paignton in second placed on 42.75 points, whilst in the single scull they have a commanding lead ahead of Bideford Blues and Castle Dore who both have 7 wins, 10 behind Totnes.

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