

## **GREENBANK FALMOUTH REGATTA**

It was the turn of the Greenbank club Falmouth to host round 6 of the West of England championship season at Stithians Lake on Saturday. Although there were no entries in either the Ladies Senior A or B classes there was a significant entry from most of the West of England clubs which included crews from the recently formed Carrick club in Cornwall.

In the Mens Senior A fours current championship leaders from Bideford Reds held off a strong challenge from the home club and in the process increased their lead by five points ahead of Exeter who did not race on Saturday. The Reds four of Mark Symons, Ross Bennett, Chris Thorne and Luis Wilkins have nine points with Exeter on four and Plymouth with three. Reds however could not maintain their lead in the Senior B class where they were beaten into second place by Dart Totnes but as a result, they still hold a five-point lead ahead of two Dart Totnes crews on four points each.

Dart Totnes also won the Mens Senior C race ahead of Paignton A and Bideford Reds. The South Devon club now have 12 points seven ahead of Paignton and Reds who have five points each. There was an interesting race in the Ladies Senior C event where the home club squeezed home ahead of Dart Totnes with Castle Dore in third. The umpire had to warn both Dart Totnes and Castle Dore for clashing on the course but after careful consideration did not disqualify either crew. The result leaves Totnes in first place in the Championship with six points closely followed by Castledore on five.

In the Junior races Castle Dore secured a vital win ahead of Dart Totnes in the Ladies Junior 18 fours and which cut the championship lead of Dart Totnes to just three points.

No such problems in the corresponding Mens race where runaway leaders Dart Totnes secure another impressive victory ahead of Exeter and they lead this event by seven points. In the Junior 16 quad fours Bideford Reds finished in top spot ahead of Dart Totnes and as a result both clubs are level at the top with six points each.

In the Ladies Junior 16 quads Dart Totnes finished ahead of Exeter which Castle Dore in third. Runaway leaders Paignton continue their unbeaten run with another convincing win in the Mens Junior 14 quads. They now have a significant 10 points lead ahead of their nearest challengers Castle Dore.

In the sculling Championship classes there were no races in any of the Mens Senior classes but in the Ladies Senior A class Dart Totnes sculler Laura Macro finished ahead of Greenbank Falmouth's P Halse. There was also no entry at Ladies Senior B level whilst at Senior C Isobel Burridge had a row over.

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