



JERSEY TRIATHLON CLUB

Jersey Triathlon Club Aquasplash Aquathlon

11th May 2014

Despite numbers being a little depleted by the conflicts of either racing in Rennes or needing to be in position 3 hours early to catch a glimpse of Tom Daly (you know who you are), the Aquasplash Aquathlon provided some good racing over a short and blustery course.

Combining seniors and juniors into the same event created a neat family club environment and the short races being run sequentially allowed competitors in the various waves to heartily support each other.

First off were the +8 age group. Freddie Lucas came out of the pool with a three second lead over Thomas Atkinson. The run went out into a vicious headwind to the Freedom Tree and after turning for home Thomas overhauled Freddie and came in a comfortable winner with the fastest run by 17 seconds. Elizabeth Atkinson was third and first girl in the wave followed by Harry Worth, who sprinted past sister Hannah at the final metres and is going to have to learn some manners!

Distances were doubled for the 10+ wave, where Lily Scott held a 7 second lead coming out of the pool. During a run which added a loop along the marina wall, Lily held her lead to take the tape (or at least the imaginary tape) by a similar margin. Well done to Caoimhe Dunphy in third.

An impressive swim by newcomer Ian Burns in the Senior race allowed him to enter transition with a commanding lead of more than a minute despite strong swims from Pippa Worth and newcomers Claire Kybett and Jocelyn Mitchell. The run took in loops along both sides of the Marina, and Pippa started to hunt Ian down. Ian pushed on but, despite Pippa gaining ground, Ian's lead proved unassailable over the short course and a maiden victory was secured. Vaughan Robinson posted the best run time of the day, but left himself too much to do from the pool and finished in third. For an all-round performance of a solid swim and good run, race of the day goes to Pippa.

It was great to see so many new faces, and we look forward to seeing Ian, Claire, Jocelyn and Suzanne "I need a cup of tea" de ste Croix at future races.

Many thanks to Vaughan, the race committee, all the marshals, the AquaSpash life guards and Sarah and Amelia for their excellent timekeeping. Everybody can now keep training for the St Caths triathlons on 1st June.