Race 1 Report Thursday 7 August 18:30 St Catherines

In glorious but cold sunshine the first races of the Ana Leaf August Aquathlon Series 2014 took place. The juniors started just after six pm with a good turnout (details of their results can be found on the junior’s website.

Apologies to the seniors for the delayed start, this was due to the traffic in town delaying some of the water cover and the buoys which were running their own race. With Glyn, Lawrence and Megan on the case the buoys were soon back in place and the 16 swimmers started on Dan Halksworth’s instructions.

All but one of the swimmers opted for the 750m option and Demri took an early lead. Though new comers Sam Mason and Rob Taylor also put in strong swims. Jo Gorrod and Arlene Lewis were into transition one at the same time as the leading ladies, closely followed by Louise Woodland. Decio Ferreira and Colin Hidrio put in strong efforts on the run gaining three and two places respectively. Congratulations to Colin’s son (Remy) too, who completed his first race amongst the seniors.

Thanks to Lawrence, Glyn and Megan for kayaking, Richard Whitewood and Sarah Corcoran for overseeing, Brad Rose and Marc Burton for marshalling and all of the other parents who helped in the water or with time keeping.

Race of the day for me goes to Jemma Jelley who describes herself as a non-swimmer but completed the ‘short’ 400m swim course in a respectable time of under 8 minutes.

For those who couldn’t make it to the first race, the league scores your best two races and there are three left. Can anyone catch Demri?

Good luck to all those going to Guernsey...