

Report from Ladies Captain: October 2011

Wow, well what a Scillies , still in the previous captains reign, didn't we do well. Thanks to Madie , Pennie and John's encouragement for fitness and training over the winter months the Ladies results were the best in a long time. Ladies As came 17th, Ladies Bs came 41st and Ladies Cs came 59th. At the start of the season it seemed all the Tribute races would be rained off, however the ladies did manage to attend 2 out of the 5 Tributes. 28th May we went to Looe on a wet and windy day. Ladies Bs came 13th and Ladies As came 12th overall. Then the weather began, Salcombe event 12 th June cancelled, Mevagissey 18th June cancelled. We took a team of Ladies to Ilfracombe and Justin very kindly stayed on to tow the boat to Rock the next day. We had a fun weekend rowing with a Caradon stroke rower at Ilfracombe, along with two rowers from Appledore.

> We joined the Vets Ladies section for the mixed and Vets Champs at Caradon. The mixed on Saturday got through to the 1/4 finals. On Sunday the Supervets Ladies came 3rd and the mixed Supervets came 1st. Lundy was cancelled, so a crew of ladies went to Paignton to join the men although due to availability we could not enter A or B crews. Rame, the only other Tribute we attended was held on a lovely day . The A crew came 12th overall with the B crew coming 10th. The ladies also intended Cadgwith, Cattewater and Clovelly Regattas. Ladies A crew beating Ilfracombe As to come in first and the Ladies B crew coming 2nd.

> Tamar Tavy 6 mile race we were the first ladies crew over the line winning a bottle of wine , which incidentally was empty by the time We drove up the hill!!

> Well what a Newquay, we were very pleased to be able to take three crews. The mistake at the beginning of the day having to restart heat 1 meant we lost about an hour. So by the time the B crew rowed, the tide had dropped so much the breakers were coming in at the harbour wall. Before the heat we were warned to beware and at the end of the race the RNLI men were in the entrance to the harbour to see us in safely, thanks to our leader Justin we arrived safely back on firm ground. the C crew rowed valiantly but unfortunately didn't go through to the second round. The B crew winning their first heat, did not go any further after the second heat. The A crew rowed brilliantly to go through to the 1/4 finals. An emotional time as it was Jo Gullifords last race, coming 15th overall. the C crew came 83rd and the B crew came 38th overall.

> London River Race saw three teams, two mixed and 1 ladies team represent the club. All three sections of the club were well represented and everyone mixed in together to help with the boats . The weather was awful but the row was great. Our teams all did very well coming third, fourth and sixth.

> The Dart river race 25th September took place on a lovely day. The ladies put out our strong girls from the C team with added bonus of a B and A team rower also. They narrowly lost into 2nd place from Paignton.

> The Devon Cup 22nd October, with a superbly decorated gig shed the Devon cup proved a huge success. We had a lot of help from the local boatmen ferrying spectators to and from Kingsbridge. The men rowed to Kingsbridge. The return trip saw our Ladies As winning and our B team just coming in behind Ilfracombe to make them 3rd.

> Two teams are travelling to the Netherlands in November to represent the club at Muiden.