

## **Salcombe Ladies Tame the Tamar!**

Salcombe Estuary Rowing Club's motto 'Rowing For All' came to the fore on Bank Holiday Saturday when three generations of ladies from the club headed to Tamar & Tavy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Regatta.

They entered a Ladies crew for the long 6 mile handicap race, several of whom are long-distance specialists. Maddie Steer, Sharon Jarvis, Carolyn Martin, Kimberley Pollard, Sarah Mimpriss and Katherine Money, coxed by Chris Spencer-Chapman. They led for almost the entire race only being overtaken on the final quarter by a strong men's crew from newly-formed club Cotehele, coming home less than 5 minutes behind.

Next the Juniors, who did so brilliantly at Hayle recently: Mara Roberto, Emily Read, Eleanor Wadey, Lolly Heckstall and Tilly Felstead, with the 6<sup>th</sup> rower, Anya, borrowed from Tamar and Tavy and coxed and trained by Sue Hutchinson. They had a difficult start in challenging conditions and were then impeded by another crew and came in fourth behind older crews, looking very polished as they crossed the line.

The Lady Vets, Sue Hutchinson, Susannah Churcher, Karen Arscott, Jenny Ross, Nikki Wadey & Emma Gray, then took to the water for a 3 mile race. Aided by some very deft coxing from Chris Spencer-Chapman, the ladies had a flying start taking the lead, which they held throughout the race. Although they were challenged well by a crew from Tamar & Tavy, they never gave an inch, rowing strongly to the finish at least a boat length from their rivals and also beating two men's crews.

Thanks must go to Tamar & Tavy Gig Club for a fantastic day of racing and for all their hard work making only their second regatta such a success.

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