Walton and Weybridge Ladies Regattas

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Walton had a fantastic week-end at the local regattas recently. At Walton & Weybridge regatta many of our novices had their first taste of racing. The two Petes, Oscar and Andy made up a new mens novice four, while Jo, Claire, Petra and Sophie took to the water in the women's event.

Sido Jensma and Sean Hulley also made their sculling racing debuts with very respectable performances. There were some great wins for the club: Sam Knight won the J16 singles, and then teamed up with Matt Wade, Liam Maloney and Alex Jones to power away to an "easily" verdict over Windsor Boys in J16 quads. Windsor Boys got their revenge in J15 quads, but Walton won J13 with Mitchell, Atkinson, Keefe and Ollie Knight, coxed by Ross Jones; and also J12 quads with Ross Jones sculling this time, along with Alexi Buckingham, Luka Kebo, Manu and Honor Lilley coxing. There were also wins for Ollie Tomalin and Nick Clarke in IM3 doubles; Neil West and Andrew Cook in IM2 pairs, James Wedlake, John Davey, Ollie Tomalin and Dom Meyrick-Cole, coxed by Holly Jones in IM3 fours and Laurence Fain and Harry Gaywood in J13 doubles.

Not to be outdone, the girls entered Weybridge Ladies regatta the next day, determined to add to the tally of wins. They achieved it in style, with the girls J16 eight, racing as Novice, taking several lengths out of an experienced Twickenham eight in the final. The crew was Hannah Traylen, Sophie Walker, Naomi Allberry, Alice Correia-Morton, Holly Jones, Joanna Fish, Julia Clarke, Fiona Thiemann and cox, Amy Flavell. Fiona also won J17 singles and Julia teamed up with Sam Ball to win J16 doubles as well. Ollie Knight also entered the open J13 and J14 singles, winning both!

Thirteen wins overall in one of the clubs most successful week-ends with 64 individual club members entering at least one event! Walton's up-and-coming rowing dynasties made significant contributions with the Clarkes winning 3 events, and the Knights literally keeping up with the Jones' with 5 events each!