

Kent Junior League competition 2023

Last Saturday, 25th March, Hythe Aqua took part in the first round of the Kent Junior League competition 2023. Up against seven other teams from around the county, we were faced with clubs who had hundreds of members and who trained morning and evening up to 15 hours a week.

We were not be scared off! Our youngest and brave squad swimmers took to the water like true athletes, out to perform their best in overwhelming surroundings. Never before had we swum in an 8-lane pool with electronic touch boards, digital time displays and an army of officials all clad in white. That said, the heat and noise were at times unbearable, not helped by the fire alarm going off every few minutes!



We got some excellent performances in individual races considering the pool of swimmers able and available to compete in the age groups was so limited. Some of our swimmers did 6 or more races each especially in the U10 age groups where I had 3 regular squad girls and no boys!!

I won't labour on the final result - suffice it to say I was immensely proud of their performance against some extremely tough opposition.

I would like to thank my volunteer assistants who helped make the event run so smoothly and to my junior swimmers who all gave 110% even when feeling overpowered by the opposition.

The next round is on 24th June and I urge all squad swimmers age 13 and under (as at 31 December 2023) to declare their availability as early as possible so that we can allocate the races among more people. Getting some more strong swimmers in the team on the day will help relieve the burden put on a small group.

I wish you all a great Easter break and look forward to seeing you later in April.