



RS FEVA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

After the last few years of limited travel opportunities, the current Feva sailors finally got the chance to experience a large event at the RS Games at Weymouth, organised by Lucy Jameson, 12 HISC pairs, competed alongside other UK and international sailors, at the RS Feva World Championships.

The opening ceremony was amazing fun, 372 sailors from 14 different countries, with flags, team kit, face paints, and very large smiles, setting the scene for a fun and friendly, but high calibre, five-day series, with the PRO our very own Mark Woods, using the fully automated remote controlled marks for the first time in a major event.

The qualifiers were over the first six races, in three flights, over two days, with 185 boats competing for positions in the gold, silver and bronze fleets. Once in their fleets, a further eight races were heavily competed, with strong winds for the majority of the races, favouring our HISC sailors, compared to the light winds which prevailed at the Nationals earlier in the year.



The Tuesday night party was huge fun, with all sailors (and later a few parents!) dancing together and making new friendships. While this went on till late, everyone was still up and ready for the last day, with the title up for grabs as there was still no clear winner. The gold fleet leaders went hard on the very last race leaving it all on the water, and unfortunately quite a few black flags were issued. The final positioning changing on the very last leg with Burghfield sailors taking the title of RS Feva Youth World Champion.

The Weymouth Dolphins were also fully part of the event, joining the start line and regularly calling room for the mark, confusing many a boat as to who had right of way! They also gave the mums on the yacht watching on the last day, over an hour and half of excitement, so we may have missed a few mark roundings of our darling children as we gave the dolphins our full attention – sorry kids!

Well done to Alex Sydenham, crewing for Lymington sailor Mark Jenkins, who achieved an amazing 10th place, overall. Huge congratulations to Maya Bergmann-Smith and Emilia Ripley who were 4th Female pairing, 1st GBR Female pairing, coming 22nd overall, and first HISC pairing, with Alec Stanley & Ethan Hill, securing an 8th in silver fleet, and Anna Morris and Anna Elms fighting hard to get 4th place in bronze.



Gold Fleet 22nd Maya Bergman-Smith & Emilia Ripley, 32nd Holly Mitchell & Ella Jones, 33rd Sam Tonks & Sophie Watson, 42nd Hazel Jones & Rachel Elms.

Silver Fleet 8th Alec Stanley & Ethan Hill, 9th Jasmijn Holtus & Emilia Laker, 17th Jemima Day & Will Sawtell, 48th Angus Cockburn & Merry Lewis, 51st Benjamin Ripley & Toby Holmes-Ling

Bronze Fleet 4th Anna Morris & Anna Elms, 5th Florence Ingram & Isabelle Tonks, 34th Charlie Baker & Tom Pringuer

Plus, several others HISC sailors crewing for other club sailors.

Huge Congratulations to all our sailors, and we look forward to going to Italy for next year's World Championships.

