



## RS Tera Start Of Seasons Championships

Three Bartley RS Tera sailors made the trip to Northampton Sailing Club for the first national competition of the year. 70 sailors from as far away as the Isle of Man, Windermere, and Hayling Island took part in the 2 day event. Fleets were split between the Pro fleet (larger sail), Sport fleet, and Regatta fleet (for those just starting to race competitively).

The sailors arrived to a carnival atmosphere with music from DJ Duncan playing out over the rigging area in glorious sunshine but, unfortunately, no wind...

Boats were rigged and the Regatta fleet with Millie and Alex took to the water to start their 6 coached races for the day. Millie took a couple of first places and Alex a 2<sup>nd</sup> showing that the winter training at Bartley had paid off.

The main fleets finally got under way at 2.30pm after a morning of football, sunbathing, and cards... Megan got her best result to date in the Sport fleet of 33 boats achieving a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the first race before a broken tiller extension saw her drop back through the fleet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race and miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> to return to shore for a replacement. Despite the frustration she returned to the fleet and sailed to a mid-fleet position in the final 'drifting' race.

Overnight the wind dropped further with Sunday becoming very challenging. At one point the main fleet were on a run to the windward mark whilst those on the downwind leg on the other side of the race course were also on a run! The Regatta Fleet got 3 more races in with the main fleets drawing the event to a close after a single race that had seen most of the Sport fleet becalmed for 10 minutes on the second lap.

Millie was our best placed sailor overall with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Regatta fleet and a nice pair of Magic Marine Sailing gloves provided by the event sponsors as a prize.

Megan and Alex both achieved one-off personal bests with their individual race 2<sup>nd</sup> places in Sport and Regatta fleets.

For further info on RS Tera events and the Yachts and Yachting write up for the event have a look at the RS Tera Association UK Website or Facebook page and follow the links.

Thanks to the RS Tera Team and Northampton Sailing Club for an enjoyable weekend in difficult conditions.



The Bartley RS Tera Squad skimming stones as they wait to take to the water...



The Regatta fleet and coaches after the lunchtime briefing (and a packet of Haribos...)