



HISC YOUTH HIT TOP TEN

2022 RS TERA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HISC youths took to the waters of Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy this summer to represent their club at the 2022 RS Tera World Championship. Part of the RS Games, which attracted over 1500 competitors, the UK based World Championship included the RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport fleets.



Organisation was seamless with Lucy Jameson providing relaxed registration and parent friendly communication. Kicking off with an opening ceremony parade everyone smiled throughout the event and RS were incredible with gear assistance ashore as well introducing the sailors to new Marksetbot buoy technology afloat.

HISC already has a strong history on the Tera racing circuit with an RS Tera Sport National Champion and a silver placed RS Tera Pro sailor who have since moved into the RS Feva class together and this year's HISC Team did not disappoint!

Making a splash in the RS Tera Sport fleet competing in 12 races over 5 days.

Ethan Hill hit the top 10 for HISC finishing 10th overall in the 63 boat strong fleet. The 14 year old really did HISC proud picking up two podium positions during the event with a 3rd and 1st. Ethan said, "The best thing about sailing the RS Tera for me has been making good friends from across the country and coming together in well run, competitive and friendly events. I'm looking forward to more of the same in the Pro rig this season and hopefully seeing more HISC sailors at the national events".

10 year old Caedon Faulkner-Leask also hit a top ten result in the last race of the World Championship with his 9th place securing him with 22nd overall. Caedon enjoyed meeting new people, "it's been fun racing against sailors from different nationalities this summer".



First HISC girl was awarded to Jasmine Pillon-Simpson, the 13 year old making waves on the Tera circuit this year, she enjoyed a cracking 11th and 10th place in races 8 and 9 taking her to 24th overall in the world.



As well as excellent results afloat, the HISC youths should be noted for their team spirit at the legendary Mark Covell disco and their unique crowd surfing display. The youngest HISC members aged 5 and 3 let of steam in the centre of the action.

Isabelle Tonks, also 13 really built on her racing confidence during the regatta, she bounced back from gear failure on the final day to take a top 40 result overall for the club. With a female 2022 RS Tera Sport World Champion, Ruta from Lithuania, smashing 5 firsts there is plenty of inspiration for the female sailors to move up the rankings next year.

Thanks has to go to Ian Aldridge who was committed to Tera winter training and getting everyone afloat even in strong winds, really making sure the youths enjoyed their time preparing for the World Championship. Jamie Wilson has done an incredible job this sailing season as Tera Class Captain re-energising the HISC Tera fleet and offering a relaxed entry into the world of racing through 'course sailing'.

It was also fantastic to see HISC entries in the RS Tera Sport Regatta Fleet run this year by the Weymouth and Portland Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre. As well as using the standard rig that can be reefed, entrants also used the mini sail, offering time on the water even in the heavier winds. "I had a great time in the Regatta fleet. It was competitive but not too competitive and I made some great new friends from other clubs. I also feel like it was a great steppingstone between club racing and regatta sailing and I can't wait for the nationals next year!" Ben Gardner, age 10.



With a number of the Tera Sport sailors now looking to move up into the Tera Pro fleet next year this class is offering excellent steppingstones to international racing.

