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WINDERMERE SAILING TEAM NEWS

Happy New Year, Windermere Sailing Team Community!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the incredibly warm welcome I received upon my arrival at Windermere School. It has been a true delight to join such a friendly, supportive, and eager community of parents and students. Warm regards, April Whiteley- Director of Sailing Contact me at: awhiteley@windermerschool.co.uk



The **Christmas Extravaganza**, brought together the Windermere Sailing community for a treasure hunt across the lake. The twist? The "treasure" turned out to be a cardboard boat race! Teams embraced the challenge of constructing and racing their creations, with plenty of laughter along the way.

Winners: The Santa Team, led by former student and Dinghy Instructor Zoe Sanderson-Davis.

Runners-up: The Elf Team, led by current student Dinghy Instructor Edie Johnson.

Honourable Mention: The boarding team aka Snowflake Team, whose determination was truly commendable!



Kicking off the new year, members of our Race Team participated in the **RS Feva Northern Winter Championships** on Saturday, 4th January. The conditions were challenging, with 2- degree temperatures, icy boats, and light winds. Yet, the resilience, tenacity, and smiles of our sailors shone brightly. A big congratulations to our top Windermere School boats:

-Jennifer Brooker and Anna Sutcliffe (honorary Windermere member)

-George Allen and Ethan Lewis

-Holly Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson

A special thank-you to Mr. A Monk and Edie Johnson for their invaluable support at the event—your tips, quick fixes, and willingness to jump in when needed made all the difference!

Congratulations, Silas Taylor! As we wrapped up the term, we celebrated Silas Taylor (Year 12), who earned his RYA Dinghy Instructor Award. Congratulations, Silas! We're excited to have you join the team at Hodge Howe this summer.



We're thrilled to have **Exciting Plans for This Half-Term**, continuing Saturday Sailing- with sessions scheduled on the following dates:

- 11th January
- 18th January (Race Team being covered)
- 25th January (Race Team being covered)
- 1st February (Race Team being covered)
- 8th February

The Development Team: Led by Mr. Monk, this group will keep working towards completing their Adventure Logbooks while enjoying plenty of fun on the water.

The Race Team: Mornings will be focused on sharpening sailing skills, while afternoons will feature:

The Windermere School Frostbite Series—a thrilling competition where scores accumulate over the half-term to determine final positions!



Proposed Race Team Events for 2025:

- RS Feva Northern Winter Championships
- Northern Prep Schools Regatta
- North East & Yorkshire Team Racing Championships
- Northern Youth and Junior Championships
- RS Feva UK National Championships
- RS Tera UK National Championships
- National Schools Sailing Association Championships
- Roa Island Regatta
- Coniston Regatta

(Details on these events to follow)

It's not too late to join in!

If you haven't yet enrolled for this half-term but would like to join, please email Miss Whiteley.

Race Team Members: If you'd like to join for a specific week, we're happy to accommodate! The cost is £13 per week, which includes a hot lunch.

Parents: By opening the link, you will have a chance to get enrolled as a helper, perhaps sign up for a power boat or offer your time on a Saturday if possible. <https://forms.office.com/e/XbWEkVzqni>

Windermere Sailing Team Hoodies are now available for everyone to order! A huge thank you to the Clancy's for arranging these.

Price: £20

Customization: Hoodies can be personalized with your initials on the right breast.

How to Order: Email Miss Whiteley with your size and desired initials.

Deadline: Orders must be placed by 3rd February, and payment must be received before the order is placed.



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