

Open Water report 24.11.2023.

Open Water Championships 2023 was a great Event.

The results have been published on the website.

There were 9 Suffolk clubs represented in the regional event and there were some great Suffolk results with Romilly Marks from Newmarket coming second in the 1K race and three other Suffolk swimmers in the top eight. Thomas Deaton and Noah Mann, also from Newmarket, were placed 2nd and 3rd in the 2K event. Ben Avery from St Felix was 3rd in the 3k race. The 5K race saw Ben Howlett from Team Ipswich the highest placed swimmer for Suffolk in 13th position.

Unfortunately Ian Cotton was unable to attend due to illness so we didn't have anyone to hand out medals and trophies so this was done by the Cambridge representative as I was both competing and officiating.

All the trophies were returned in good condition this year and were engraved with last year's winners and then presented to this year's winners.

The event ran smoothly with all the competitors on the chip timing system this time. This allowed for quick results by comparison to the difficulties experienced last year.

As a county, I feel we need to encourage clubs to support the open water event in the same way as they would for the County Championships with competitors, officials and volunteers from clubs.

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