

## **Warrington Dolphins Albert Dock Liverpool Championship 2003**

The Albert Dock Championship for 2003 took place on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003.

In absolute contrast to last year's event, the heat was a potential problem for the swimmers and spectators rather than last year's cold and rain.

A slightly smaller entry than last year resulted in 36 competitors starting the races. Unfortunately, owing to the delayed start, the 4 mile championships were this year run as 3 mile events.

There were several closely fought contests: 5 seconds separating the first and second in the Junior Ladies, Clare Kane and Katie Hyland; 6 seconds between first and second in the Men's 2 mile, last year's winner Eric Millican, being displaced this year by Dave Sandman; and 30 seconds separated the second and third in the Men's 3 mile, Giles Meyer and Tom Wilkinson, last year's Junior winner in his first event here as a Senior. Jemma Dutton, also in her first season as a Senior, took the Ladies 2 mile freestyle.

Graham Padgett retained his Veteran's title from last year, adding the overall Men's 3 mile title, with Andrea Gellan winning the Ladies Veteran's. Dee Llewellyn, fresh from her successful Channel swim, returned to Albert Dock to find her long dominance of the Ladies event broken by an impressive swim from Rebecca Lewis. Another notable swim was by James Sowersby in winning the Junior Men's event.

This year's breaststroke events were well subscribed: Sarah Roberts put in a solid swim to take the Junior Ladies, with Lesley Feakes winning the Senior 3 mile. The Men's 2 mile title was retained by Jeremy Hunter-Coddington, Nick White winning the Men's 3 mile from Lucien Hankart who had travelled from Belgium to compete.

The swim is of course heavily dependent on all the volunteers who helped. Accordingly, many thanks are due on behalf of Warrington Dolphins to the following:

Bill Broadbent, Harbour Manager, and to British Waterways who now own the Dock and allow its use for this event;

Margaret Smith, BLDSA President, referee and starter;

Matthew Thomas and Carl Walker, BLDSA rescue boat.

Andrew Wright, Dolphins support boat, assisted by Maurice Ferguson;

Lyn Lowther, Helen Tristram timekeeping, recording and certificates;

Graham Smith, Pat Llewellyn, Bernard Pendleton, spotters;

Peter Dickinson, Dolphins canoe co-ordinator, and Friends of Allonby Canoe Club, Secretary John Watters, for the excellent level of canoe cover;

Merseyside Red Cross for their first aid expertise;

Golf Bar for an excellent buffet and facilities;

And finally the swimmers themselves for an entertaining competition.

John Lydon,

Hon. Championship Secretary.

**Junior Ladies 2 mile Championship**

				Time	Place	
1	Clare Kane	Westholme		45.10	1	
2	Katie Hyland	Everton SA		45.15	2	
3	Sarah Roberts	Scarborough SC	B	57.14	3	1st B/S
4	Kara Shuttleworth	Blackburn Centurions		57.22	4	
	Jenny Clegg	Halifax SC		DNS		

**Senior Ladies 2 mile Championship**

1	Jemma Dutton	Everton SA		54.40	1	
	Ingrid Hunter-Coddington	Serpentine SC	B	DNS		

**Senior Ladies 3 mile Championship**

1	Rebecca Lewis	Barrow LDSC		1.02.24	1	
2	Dee Llewellyn	Halifax SC		1.07.46	2	
3	Michaela Richard	Warrington Dolphins		1.10.00	3	
4	Andrea Gellan	Carnegie SC	V	1.16.20	4	1st Vet
5	Lesley Feakes	Warrington Dolphins	B	1.40.42	5	1st B/S
	Jo Weeden	Manchester Tri Club		DNS		

**Junior Gents 2 mile Championship**

1	James Sowersby	Scarborough SC		43.43	1	
2	Robbie Cook	Brockworth ASC/Cheltenham SWPC		47.48	2	
	Alex Phillips	Trident SC		DNS		

**Senior Gents 2 mile Championship**

1	David Sandman	Liverpool		53.05	1	
2	Eric Millican	Rotherham Metro		55.11	2	
3	Jonathan Till	Meltham		56.20	3	
4	Robin Baynes	Liverpool		57.08	4	
5	Alan Pomfret	Warrington Dolphins		57.37	5	
6	John Glynn	Warrington Dolphins		58.00	6	
7	Mike Smith	Solent		1.01.44	7	
8	Steve Bullen	Liverpool		1.05.40	8	
9	Dev Gurung	Rotherham		1.15.47	9	
10	Jeremy Hunter-Coddington	Serpentine SC	B	1.16.22	10	1st B/S
	Gordon Thompson	Rotherham Metro	B	RET		
	Gary Ridgeway	Rotherham Metro		DNS		

**Senior Gents 3 mile Championship**

1	Graham Fadgett	Warrington Dolphins	V	1.08.55	1	1st Vet
2	Giles Meyer	Spencer SC		1.12.58	2	
3	Tom Wilkinson	Scarborough Kingfishers		1.13.28	3	
4	David Feakes	Warrington Dolphins		1.15.58	4	
5	Phil Taylor	Howe Bridge/Leigh	V	1.16.28	5	
6	Kevin Saunders	Warrington Dolphins		1.25.34	6	
7	Kevin Wendt	Wellington		1.27.05	7	
8	Henry Lowther	Warrington Dolphins		1.33.16	8	
9	Nick White	Blackpool SC	B	1.33.58	9	1st B/S
10	Adam Hipkin	Unattached		1.34.14	10	
11	Stuart Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins	V	1.41.58	11	
12	Joseph Coy	St Helens		1.43.03	12	
13	Tom Towey	Warrington Dolphins	V	1.43.40	13	
14	Lucien Hankari	Ninove, Belgium	B V	2.17.10	14	2nd B/S
	Philip Salts	Withington		DNS		
	Keith Bosson	Warrington Dolphins	V	DNS		