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Another “First” for Sailability Hong Kong & HHYC

Saturday 23rd February witnessed the very first ‘Sailability’ Regatta for HHYC and indeed, it is believed for Hong Kong.

All 9 of our ‘Access’ dinghy fleet participated in the event (3 x 303’s & 6 x 2.3’s) in three class races held during the morning. A total of 12 students with disabilities took part.

The overall class winners were:

Access 303’s:

- 1st - Liam & Laura*
- 2nd - Cole & Jeff*
- 3rd - Daniel & Joey*

Access 2.3’s:

- 1st - Josh (Little) & Torwen*
- 2nd - Leo & Katrina*
- 3rd - John & Gaylene*

* Volunteer



Rounding the first Mark

As always, these events rely on the support of many people including our Race Marshall Rex, our safety boat drivers (Ruth; Rex & Lesley) and our regular band of hard working volunteers who rig / de-rig the boats, help and guide the cadets and genuinely continue to be the backbone of ‘Sailability Hong Kong’.

My special thanks to Rob Allen & Alan Reid and all the other staff of HHYC who continue to be so positive and helpful – particularly when things get lost or broken!

Our Regatta puts HHYC & Sailability on the map in Hong Kong. We are already discussing plans for our first international sailability event later this year but more of that later.....

Well done cadets and sailors. See you on the water next week!

Prizes for the Class winners were kindly presented by David Campbell in his capacity of HHYC Commodore and as a Trustee of HHST. I do believe I saw a tear David!



Unfortunately, our 3rd Prize winner – John (Access 2.3) could not be present for the formal prize giving but we will catch up with John on his next visit to HHYC!



At age 7, John is our youngest of our sailability cadets (he is the one on the right!). He started sailing some 8 weeks ago but has already made up his mind that his ambition is to represent Hong Kong in sailing at the Paralympics!

Good luck with that one John. We will help you all we can!