

IN OTTER NEWS

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WE'RE REGATTA READY!



Once again, **TS Otter** is delighted to host the **Severn District Regatta** at **Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club**. We want to thank all the volunteers, cadets and parents from the **Severn District** Units attending this weekend.

Severn District Regatta at **Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club** takes place on
Friday May 30th from 1800: Paddlesports
Saturday May 31st all day: Fixed seat rowing, sliding seat rowing, boat handling and sailing.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

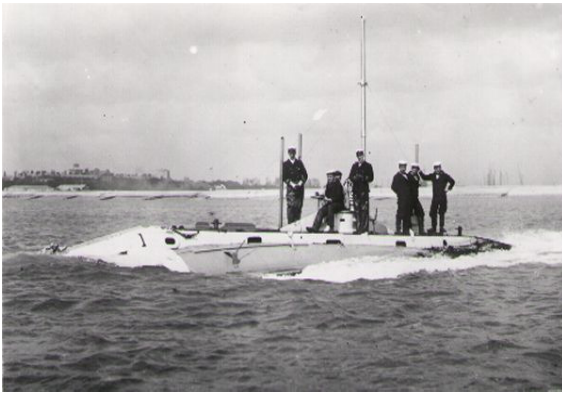
For those that don't know, the Regatta is a waterborne competition, where all cadets can compete against the other ten Units that make up **Severn District**. Regattas are always great fun, with cadets mingling with other Units and gaining confidence through teamwork and competition.

The winners of each category and activity will be able to represent **Severn District** at the **South West** Area Regattas later this summer. The winners at the **South West** Area Regattas will then compete at the **National Regattas**, which will be held at the **Excel Centre, London**, in August, and the **National Sailing Regatta, Southport**, in September.

In recent years, Tewkesbury Sea Cadets (**TS Otter**), for a unit of our size, has had spectacular success at both National Regattas

We hope that everyone will support the cadets at all the regattas.

The Sea Cadet Units that are part of **Severn District** are **Gloucester, Worcester, Hereford, Stroud, Cheltenham, Malvern, Evesham, Pershore, Forest of Dean, Ross & Monmouth** and our own **Tewkesbury**.



Random Navy Fact:

The first ever Royal Navy Submarine was *Holland 1*, which was laid down in 1900 and commissioned in 1901. She had a crew of 9 and a top speed of 7 knots when submerged to her test depth of 30m. Her range was 20 nautical miles. In comparison, the current Royal Navy *Astute*-class submarines have an unlimited range, with a crew of 98, a top speed of 30 knots when submerged and a test depth of over 300m.

Holland 1 sank while under tow on her way to being scrapped in 1913. The wreck was raised in 1982 and is now on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport.

UNIT NEWS!

There was another hectic Divisions on April 30th 2025, which saw lots of awards given out:

Water safety test: JC Alex

Intermediate Seamanship: CFC Samson

Basic Peer Educator: AC Jack

Supervised Cox: CFC Samson

Coxswain: CFC Betty OC Issy

Kayaking Explore: AC Lily

Offshore Sail Hand 1: CFC Esme

Offshore Sail Hand 2 + RYA Competent Crew: OC Keira

Offshore Sail Watch Leader: CFC Luke K

Power Hand 1: Cadet Louie, Sophie OC Emily, Emilia

Power Hand 2: Cadet Ella

Power Watch Leader: AC Fin

And Promotions from Cadet First Class to Ordinary Cadet: Luke O, Samson, Betty

BZ TO ALL!!!

A Word from Claire the Chair.

I want to thank all the cadets, volunteers and parents for all their efforts in recent months and now for the regatta. All your hard work is appreciated. Like any unit, we rely on the efforts of our volunteers both for instructing and behind the scenes to keep the unit running.

Let's talk about **volunteers**. We couldn't function without our volunteers, and we are always looking for more people who are both willing and want to make a difference to our unit and our cadets. If you would like to get involved, please drop me an email at chair@tsotter.org



Event Dates Ahead!

We have 2 **compulsory** parade nights coming up:

18th June - This is our Unit Review: All Cadets including Juniors (both Monday and Wednesday groups) are **expected** to attend.

16th July - This is our RNP (Royal Navy Parade): All Cadets including Juniors (both Monday and Wednesday groups) are **expected** to attend.

In preparation for these evenings, there will be additional parades held prior at the Unit. Dates to be announced.