

# Christmas Ski News 2021

Another year has gone by and with lockdown lifted and staycations more popular, this year has seen an increase in activity on the water.

The Club has welcomed many new ski members who have joined the regulars and the ski school out in the ski area. Those who have ventured out at lower tides will have noticed the continual changing of the channels and emerging sand banks.

A walk along the shore or Camel Trail at low tide together with a view from the Club balcony will give you an idea of where the sandbanks are at that particular point in time.

Observation of the oyster beds at low tide, as marked on the Ski Area map and the yellow buoys, will heighten awareness of what is just below the surface at mid tide and the need to keep out of the identified areas.

The ski equipment in the crew room has been well used and the new layout has made finding the equipment easier. Thank you to those who replace the equipment in the correct numbered slots so they are ready for the next person.

This was the 41<sup>st</sup> year, but the 40<sup>th</sup> running of the Fly Navy event. It took a global pandemic to break our impressive run but we think this year's event made up for missing last year. The weather conditions were as good as we could ever expect for a Fly Navy weekend- which was a pleasant change from some years!

There was good skiing and driving by one and all in both events. It was great to see a lovely group of enthusiastic entrants for the Junior Shield. We would love to see you all, and more, back next year.

Fly Navy competitions 2022 will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August.

As another year comes to a close we would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and 2022.

THE SKI COMMITTEE



Winners of this year's Fly Navy Cup was a team 'put together' at the last minute as other usual team members were not available. It turned out to be a successful combination, although winning meant a team name had to be chosen.



So.. . the winning team  
**BONTEEPED**

L to R

Graeme Statton on pairs,

Richard Mattos on tricks,

Peter Bowden - driver,

Pam Miles on Mono.

Behind , Dave Webb who  
presented the prizes on the  
quay under blue skies!

The Junior Shield had 10 entrants this year and was a well fought but friendly contest . The standard of skiing was impressive with the buoys being negotiated with ease under the calm conditions. The handicap system makes it harder for the older junior skiers to win but this year saw Henry Prudhoe, age 14, not only having the fastest time but also just beating last year's winner Max Pruhoe , age 13. even on adjusted time.

As with all competitions anything can happen so .. junior skiers/ wakeboarders it's always worth entering. The time allowance for younger skiers can make all the difference.

The Junior  
competition entrants  
at prize giving.

As always , thanks  
must go to those  
setting the course,  
time keepers and the  
many parents and  
friends whose help  
and enthusiasm make  
the competition a  
successful, fun event.

