



President: Glen Isaacs – Medway Maritime Swimming Club

KCASA Annual Report 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Chairman's Report

The last year saw KCASA continue on its transition to a volunteer-led organisation, supported by two part-time members of staff with Nathan Friend continuing in his role as Events Manager and the role of Administration Manager now sitting with Lisa Booth. The aim of both roles is to alleviate the burden on our volunteer management team enabling them to focus on leading rather than 'doing'. This transition has worked well, with those fully engaged in the process benefiting hugely from the time and experience that Nathan and Lisa have to give.

The primary purpose of KCASA is to manage the aquatic disciplines and activities that take place within its boundaries, and we are very reliant on the engagement and support of member clubs that operate in these sports. As has been the case for several years, we are very active in the worlds of Competitive Swimming, Masters Swimming and Artistic Swimming, and we have welcomed Jim Evans to the role of Open Water Swimming Lead which has certainly helped us further support the Open Water swimming community.

We have some connection with the Water Polo and Diving communities in the past and have recently welcomed Andrew Kinch as the lead for the county. We still find ourselves less engaged with the Disability/Para Swimming but now welcome Fern Sneddon to lead in this area. As always, I encourage clubs that take part in these lesser represented activities to come on board and get involved. The KCASA team are here to support activities that promote development so please don't miss out on opportunities that may be available to you.

Our Management Team continue to meet four times per year and all discipline leads are invited to attend. Contribution and engagement at these meetings are excellent and we have been able to support a number of new initiatives as a result. We continue to hold our meetings at professional venues with refreshments provided for all.

Regretfully, aquatic facilities in the County continue to fall well below the standard - even the most basic of standards we deserve and expect, leaving us in the precarious and hugely expensive position of using out of county pools to run our main Swimming Championships, Artistic Swimming Championships and Inter County Masters competition. Of course, KCASA has no influence on where and how new pools are built but we are keen to support any activity that is taking place.

Our financial reserves remain in a healthy position and we continue to believe in the ethos that the activities of our organisation must be funded by its current active membership and, whilst it's OK to fall back on reserve funds for planned activity, we will not do so on an unplanned basis. We are keen to offer financial support towards events, equipment and activity that will help promote and develop aquatic disciplines so, should you have ideas on how we can support you, please let us know.

Over the last year or so, we have been fully engaged in Swim England's Governance Review and have attended all presentations and meetings to which we have been invited. What the future holds for County swimming we wait to learn but as always, we will deal with what is sent our way in a professional manner.

There have been a huge number of successes from KCASA members throughout the 12-month period but I think our personal highlight was our continued dominance at the Swim England Intercounty Swimming Championships with a back-to-back victory and our third win in four years certainly reinforcing our reputation as one of the most resilient and talented squads in the country. Well done to everyone involved!

One thing I would like to pick up on is something that was highlighted in an official's meeting that I recently attended. We live in a troubled world where demands are relentless and time is precious. I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to be kind. Kindness costs nothing, is a proven stress-reliever and a powerful community builder. We can all be kinder in our daily lives and I encourage you all to give people the benefit of the doubt; to actively listen to others; to check in with others and to celebrate others.

Kindness is contagious, and those who witness or receive a kind gesture are more likely to perform good deeds of their own. Your decision to act kindly today may spark a chain reaction that transforms our community!

Finally, and as always, I would like to say a huge thank-you to every one of you involved in the day-to-day running of aquatic sports in the county. Well done! The work you undertake can often be difficult, but it is amazing, and thousands of athletes of all ages and abilities can only do what they do with your support. Keep up the great work and as always, if I or any of my colleagues at KCASA can assist you, please get in touch.

John Burdett

President's Report

It was an incredible honour to be appointed Kent County President in September 2025. Taking on this role has been a deeply humbling experience, and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing our fantastic association and witnessing the incredible talent across our disciplines.

Although the year began with a significant personal setback due to a serious health scare, I have been deeply moved by the support of the community and overjoyed to get back out to our events as soon as I was able.

Celebrating Our Disciplines

Once back in action, it was an absolute thrill to attend a variety of events and days across our sport. I was delighted to support our athletes and see firsthand the dedication, passion, and sportsmanship in:

- Swimming
- Artistic Swimming
- Masters Swimming
- Open Water Swimming

Seeing the sheer talent and hard work of our competitors across these diverse disciplines has been one of the absolute highlights of my presidency.

Investing in Our Future: The KCASA President's Fund

I am absolutely thrilled to share a milestone moment for our association—the official launch of the KCASA President's Fund. We believe this initiative is truly groundbreaking, standing as the very first of its kind within aquatic sports across the entire UK. Our mission is simple: to remove financial barriers and empower our affiliated clubs to dream bigger, upgrade faster, and thrive.

What this means for your club: We are offering financial support in the form of interest-free loans of **up to £5,000** to help your club invest in those vital, costly purchases that can otherwise feel just out of reach. Whether you need to replace worn-out lane ropes, upgrade to state-of-the-art starting blocks, or invest in modern timing equipment, this fund is designed to turn your facility goals into an immediate reality.

This isn't just a fund; it is a direct investment in our athletes' daily training environment and the long-term future of our disciplines. If you have a project that could elevate your swimmers' experience, we want to help you fund it.

How to Apply: We have streamlined the process to make it as accessible as possible. The application is made via a straightforward online form completed by your club Chairman, accompanied by a project outline and quote. Each application is given dedicated, individual focus by our President's Fund Working Group.

I strongly encourage **every single club** in our community to explore how this fund can transform your training sessions. Opportunities like this don't come around often—let's work together to build the ultimate foundation for Kent's aquatic future

Looking Forward

Though my time as your President has come with unexpected personal challenges, it has been a deeply rewarding journey. I remain incredibly excited for the future of Kent Swimming and want to thank every official, coach, volunteer, and athlete who makes this community so vibrant and successful. Thank you for this unforgettable honour

I know Kent will be in good hands with the next president, Mark Leman. I've known Mark for years and can honestly say what a pleasure it is to hand a title over to a true believer in the sport. Good luck and all the best, Mark!

Glen Isaacs

Financial Report for the year to 31 March 2026

Funds

The funds held in the bank have increased from 31 March 2025 (£95,650) to 31 March 2026 (£116,958) by £21,308. We are therefore in an even more healthy position than in the previous year.

Overall Picture

As advised in last year's report the Swim England Levy has, as intended, continued to allow us to fund all areas of the County's activities without having to add pressure onto our elite swimmers.

We also in the year, after much discussion amongst the committee, decided to appoint two paid subcontractors to assist in the day to day running. To that end, we appointed an administration manager and an events manager.

These roles were costed out to ensure that it would not put pressure on the individual disciplines, and this has proven to be the case.

Nathan Friend as Events Manager has proven to be an enthusiastic and very capable Events Manager, and coming in with a new pair of eyes has brought about many new initiatives and ideas to make our events even better guided by the experienced teams around him.

In terms of the Administration Manager, Lisa Booth has brought with her many years' experience and understanding of the swimming world and is also proving a valuable asset to all of us involved with the admin functions

I spoke last year of some exciting new initiatives and the President's Fund, which allows clubs to apply for funding to assist capital projects has had its first application and payout. I would encourage any and all clubs who are looking to invest in their future to speak to us to see if we are able to help in any of their capital projects.

Kent Swimming Championships

The 2026 year, as with 2025, saw the Championships return a healthy surplus, having budgeted for a smaller one than we actually achieved. This was due to the increase in the number of athletes accepted into the 50m events, which had the knock-on effect of bringing in more spectators once again.

As we livestream the event, we can never be certain as to the number of spectators that will attend the event, so we tend to be prudent and budget on the low side for spectator entries. This has, as a result, brought about healthy returns in terms of the finances, and the extra spectators has also added to an already fabulous event.

As a result, we do not anticipate any further increase in the entry fees

Ian Howes
Treasurer & Trustee

Safeguarding and Welfare Report

It's been another busy year for welfare and safeguarding within Kent County, and support needed by local clubs has ranged from a one-off email response, to providing long term support with ongoing issues.

This year, I worked with the Kent Championships team to update and increase the safeguarding provisions in place to protect swimmers at our event. The outcome as a whole was positive, with no major incidents being reported at either weekend at the London Aquatic Centre, or our distance events taking place at the K2 in Crawley. However, there were two main issues that were noted.

Firstly, there was uncertainty surrounding who is responsible for ensuring swimmers are following the safeguarding rules. Secondly, what we should do about swimmers who were seen persistently choosing to ignore the rules that had been put in place for the protection of themselves and others.

In relation to the first issue, the decision was made that coaches and team managers are responsible for ensuring swimmers within their own club are aware of and following the rules. If they see a rule breach by a member of another club, they must report it to a member of the event staff but should not approach the swimmer themselves.

With the second issue, a zero-tolerance policy has been agreed on. The rules are clearly communicated each year, via email and on our county website. Our ultimate responsibility is to safeguard and protect the welfare of every swimmer at the event. If swimmers do not follow the rules and therefore put themselves and others at risk, they will be removed from the event and will not be permitted to race. To support this, we are looking at additional ways to communicate the rules to the swimmers, including looking into whether

we can give swimmers passes on the way into the building that have the key rules printed on the back. More information will follow once everything has been finalised.

Alongside what has been taking place within the county, there has been a significant amount of work going on Nationally to improve safeguarding and welfare provisions within swimming. I have had multiple meetings with various members of both the safeguarding and governance teams to discuss some of the key issues that clubs are facing on a regular basis. These include being unable to get hold of someone from the National team quickly enough, completing referral forms and then not hearing back, and being expected to follow the correct safeguarding procedures with insufficient guidance as to how they do so. The lack of support clubs often receive has been noted, and work is now being done to try and improve this moving forward.

Overall, I believe that this year has been a positive year for safeguarding within the county, and I remain hopeful that by the time I sit down to write my 2026-2027 report, safeguarding within swimming nationally will be in a much better place than it is at present.

Chelsey Denney
Welfare Officer

Artistic Swimming Report

Kent Swimming has five registered artistic swimming clubs in Kent in 2025-2026: Aquaoaks ASC (Sevenoaks), Erith and District SC, Faversham SC, Hythe ASC and Medway ASC.

South East Regional Grade Days: We have had a number of swimmers from Kent clubs attending the regional grading days held in Reading and Sevenoaks throughout the years. Swimmers from Aquaoaks, Faversham, Hythe and Medway have all attended these days, and achieved strong passes at all levels – including swimmers therefore qualifying for National Age Groups and National Championships.

London Regional Grade Days: Erith & District have had a number of swimmers attend the London Regional Grade days throughout the year, again achieving high level passes and qualifying for the National Age Groups and National Championships

Swim England National Junior and Senior Championships – April 2025: This event was held in Nottingham, with swimmers from Aquaoaks and Erith competing in their respective routines.

Regional Games – May 2025: A number of Kent swimmers from Aquaoaks, Hythe and EDSC qualified for their respective Regional Squads to compete in the Regional Games in Bristol in May 2026

South East Regional Routine Competition – June 2025: Aquaoaks and Medway both competed in the South East Regional Routine Competition held in Haslemere – with routines from 12/u right up to Masters level! Medallists were:

12&U Division 1: 1st Aquaoaks
15&U Division 1: 2nd Aquaoaks
13-18 Division 1: 3rd Aquaoaks
13-18 Division 2: 1st Aquaoaks

Masters Solo: 3rd Lorraine Hunt (Medway)
Masters Duet: 3rd Aquaoaks (Hook & Hook)
Masters Team: 2nd Medway (Purple Team)

Kent County Artistic Swimming Championships and Invitational – June 2025: This year's County Championships were attended by nearly 200 competitors, from all five Kent Clubs, plus two invitational clubs from outside the county. The routine events were entered solely by Kent Clubs.

Swim England National Combo Cup – July 2025: With over 900 swimmers competing in this year's combo cup, there were over 80 routines entered. All five Kent Clubs had routines entered, with Faversham swimmers competing under Hythe ASC for the first time. Medallists were:

13-18 Division 1: 3rd Medway

13-18 Division 2: 2nd Aquaoaks

Swim England National Masters Championships - July 2025: Masters swimmers from Medway competed at the National Masters Championships held in Sheffield, taking a silver medal for one of their team swims and a bronze medal for one of their soloists.

Scottish National Age Groups – October 2025: Swimmers from London Regional and Hythe ASC both competed at SNAGs in 2025, with swimmers competing in figures, solos, duet and team events.

South East Regional Awards – November 2025: We had a number of Kent individuals:

- Artistic Swimming Club of the Year: Gold - Medway and Bronze - Hythe
- Technical Official of the Year: Gold - Erica Moo

Swim England National Awards – November 2025: Winners from the South East Regional Awards were invited to the National Awards held in Birmingham at the end of November.

- Artistic Swimming Club of the Year: Gold - Medway ASC
- Technical Official of the Year: Silver - Erica Moo

Swim England National Age Groups Championships – March 2026: There were a number of Kent swimmers competing at the National Age Groups Championships held in Gloucester in March, representing Aquaoaks, Erith & District, and Hythe. Several Kent swimmers qualified to swim in solo and duet events.

Artistic Swimming Competitive Season 2026 Recap: As this report runs from April 2025– March 2026, it misses out on a number of competitive events within the Artistic Swimming calendar. Notably, in the 2026 season athletes from Kent have competed nationally in the National Senior and Junior Championships, the Combo Cup and the National Masters Championships, as well as competing for their respective regions at the Regional Games.

We have also had Kent-based athletes training with the regional squads and the England Youth and Development squads, as well as athletes taking part in the DiSE programmes.

Our County Championship grows year on year, with a hugely successful event which is a staple part of Artistic Swimming development in the county. There are plans to roll out a novice level figures event to support further development of our artistic swimmers in the county. A number of male athletes are taking to the competitive stage, and starting their journey within our events, and it is lovely to see them becoming inspired by Team GB's Ranjou Tomblin.

We have also had a number of volunteers training to become judges, scorers and coaches to help further the development of the sport and our athletes – which is truly encouraging to see.

As we are looking ahead to the next season for Artistic Swimming, I wish all the clubs and athletes the best with their preparation stages before the new competitive season kicks off in the New Year.

Erica Moo
Artistic Swimming Manager

Masters Report

In June 2025, the British Masters Championships were held in the South East at the London Aquatics Centre (LAC) for the first time since being built for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. As a result, the competition attracted a huge number of entrants, including a strong contingent of Kent swimmers who brought home an impressive haul of gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Swim England National Championship hosting remains elusive for the South East, with this year's event making its way back up to Aberdeen with a corresponding low level of support from those geographically furthest away.

The Kent team for the Swim England National Masters Inter-County Competition in November back at the LAC was well-organised by Jenny Vick (Erith & District SC) in my absence. The team finished in 6th position in the regional competition – with first-placed swims by Katie Latham (25-35 years 50 Free) and James Sproston (18-24 years 50 Back) – and a final placing of 13th out of 31 counties nationally which was the same as in 2024.

Comparing Kent's regional and national placings shows that holding the regional competition at the LAC is a mixed blessing, giving more people the region the opportunity to swim in the iconic centre, but also boosting the overall quality of competition.

The South East Region Masters Competition at K2 in January this year showed that Kent's dominance is firmly taking shape at the regional level as the county's presence continues to grow. Club performances were exceptional across the board, with Dover Lifeguard, Medway Maritime and RTW Masters among the many teams claiming podium finishes.

This year's Kent Masters County Championships and its flagship county event ran successfully over two days, with the 200m+ distance events at Crook Log organised by Erith & District SC as part of their Masters competition and 50-100m sprint events at Tunbridge Wells hosted by RTW Masters SC, giving swimmers the chance to compete across a full schedule of events.

Something to note: over the year of this report, 61 long course and 49 short course Kent Masters records were set or broken, a testament to the quality and enthusiasm of Masters swimming in the county.

While athlete participation is booming, running the championships remains a challenge despite the valuable support provided by our Events Manager, Nathan Friend. For the third consecutive year, filling the necessary official and volunteer roles proved difficult.

Finally, I have recently announced my retirement from the role of Masters Manager after 10 years, although I will be only too happy to stay in the background to support the person and/or team who would like to continue to push the profile of Masters swimming upwards and onwards in the County. For anyone who would like more information, please get in touch with a member of the Management team.

Glen Isaacs
Masters Manager

Swimming Report

We will look back on 2025/26 as another halcyon year for Kent Swimming. A third National County Team Championships win in the last four years by a convincing margin was an exceptional achievement.



Congratulations to all the team who swam, their Coaches led by Karen Bradbury supported by Sam Minster and Helena Richardson and team managers Marie Atkinson-Brian, Jo Wilson and Charlotte Butler.

This main period of this report is for the year to the end of March 2026, so it is important to remind ourselves of the success at World and European Junior events in the Summer of 2025. First Josie Lawn of Bromley won silver in the 100m Breaststroke at the European Youth Olympics. This was followed by gold medal success in the 200m IM and 400m IM for Amalie Smith of RTW Monson at the European Junior Championships capped by silver medals in the same events at the World Junior Championships.

Outside that period there was further golden success in the 2026 European Junior Championships for Amalie in the 400m IM and for Imogen Myles of RTW Monson in the 200m Breaststroke. Amalie and Imogen were joined by Aran Bissett of RTW Monson in the European Junior team. August saw more success at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Amalie not only took silver in the 400m IM and bronze in the 200m IM but in doing so broke the European Junior Records for both events.

In the Para events, Iona Winniffrith of Tonbridge took bronze in the 100m Breaststroke. I also counted at least six existing or former Kent swimmers competing. More positive evidence of the ability of the County and its coaches to produce international talent. Finally, Amalie has been selected to swim the European Championships in Paris in August.

The County Championships at LAC went really well again this year. Unfortunately, we have not had great luck at K2 with the 1500m freestyle event being abandoned prematurely. Entries reached around 5,500 which is probably the maximum we can accept. In particular, I would like to thank Lynn Gates, David Harker, Mark Leman, Nathan Friend, Jean Scott, Geoff Leberl, Claire Cooley, and Jan Annan - as well as all the other technical officials, non-technical officials and other helpers from a number of clubs for all their help on this year's championships. The professional commentary and streaming again added to their quality. We are working on enhancing the event production even further and hopefully this will be evident at the 2027 Championships.

Rather than rehash the comments from past years about the lack of facilities in the County and the cost of hire, on a more positive note we are working hard on a longer term arrangement with LAC for the main part of the Championships and the Relays with the intention of giving us certainty as to both the booking and timing of events in the hope that Crystal Palace does reopen by the start of the next decade.

The quality of competitive swimming in the County remains exceptional, resulting in some of the most difficult county qualifying times in the country. This is a testament to the work of all the county's swimmers and coaches.

The County relays took place successfully at Dover Leisure Centre on 14 September. The problem with any 25m pool is the lack of swimmer space on poolside and spectator space. We have therefore decided to hold the 2026 relays at LAC on 12 September.

The two-day Junior Meet was once more a great success. I am very grateful to those who helped out – in particular Lynn Gates, Nathan Friend and Mark Leman who took care of all the technical aspects before during and after the event. This took place at St Johns Pool Tunbridge Wells which we felt gave a better swimmer experience, so we are back there at the end of October this year.

The Swim England 12-year old Talent Pathway again comprised two face-to-face camps in September 2025 and June 2026. Places were offered to 42 12-year-old swimmers. Thanks go to Gary Inch of Greenwich Royals who acts as Head Coach for the 12-Year-Old Pathway for 2025/26 and 2025/26. Another 42 swimmers have been selected for the 2026/27 Camps to be run in October 2026 and June 2027

Once more I would again like to put on record my thanks to Marie Atkinson-Brian who has acted as our Lead Team Manager for several years at both the Pathway and the National County Team Championships and has taken on a lot of the organising responsibilities/work.

In terms of thanks I would also like to put on record my thanks to our Administration Manager (Lisa Booth) and Events Manager (Nathan Friend) for taking on board a lot of the work in the above events and Camp and team selection.

Congratulations to those Clubs that reached the National Arena League finals in March 2026 - Bromley and RTW Monson finishing 1st and 3rd respectively in the Plate Final.

Finally, I am grateful to all my colleagues on the Swimming Committee for their support and assistance, and to the many people who helped in many ways to run the County Swimming events in the past year.

John Handley
Swimming Manager

Para Swimming

It has been another amazing year for Iona Winniffrith of Tonbridge SC. Aged just 13 years and 148 days, she claimed a silver medal in the SB7 100m breaststroke at the Paris Paralympics in 2024 as the youngest member of Paralympics GB.

Now 15 years old, she has a Commonwealth Games bronze medal to her name from the SB8 100m breaststroke at Glasgow 2026. That came on the back of her record-breaking form at the Dutch Open Championships earlier in July and her two medals at the World Championships in 2025.

All our para athletes have been clocking up Kent records over the year:

- Ashton Platts (Dover Life Guard Club) 52 set/broken
- Iona Winniffrith (Tonbridge SC) 10 set/broken
- Tom Rust (City of Canterbury) 1 set/broken
- Ivy Glover (Maidstone SC) 4 set/broken



The final piece of good news is that Fern Sneddon of RTW Monson SC has agreed to take up the role of Disability/Para swimming representative on the Kent Management Committee, and we welcome the personal experience she brings with her.

Diving

As during last year, we have been working to be able to run a Kent Diving Championship. With only three pools with suitable facilities, it has been a difficult process. Kay Burford of Maidstone SC has kept us up to date with diving in the county, and it is hoped that 2027 will be the year when we can run a Kent Championship as part of Medway ASA annual diving competition. Watch this space!

In the meantime, as last year, we are still looking forward to having a Diving Manager who can push things forward.

Open Water

This year was the first in several where a Kent Open Water championships were held within the South East Regional (Kent Rural Championships) and in the London Championships (Kent London Championships). From these events, 14 Kent swimmers qualified for the National Championships. Of these there were six medal winners: A bronze in the 3km race (Kai Ingarfield, Tonbridge), a gold in the 5km Race (Romeo Ball, Maidstone) as well as 1 silver and 2 Bronzes (Ellie Lewis, Eddie Evans and Thomas Love all Beckenham) In the 7.5km race.

Kent Rural Championships

The Kent Rural swimming championships was held on Sunday 28 June at Mercers Lake. Of the 440 entries, 57 were from Kent. Kent swimmers' performances were outstanding winning 4 of the 6 trophies, and 9 qualified for the national championships. In all there were 24 golds, 11 silvers and 8 Bronzes awarded.

Notable Performances (South East trophy winners):

- Kai Ingarfield (Tonbridge) was the overall winner of boys 2km race in a time of 22m 28s.
- Elise Butler(Maidstone) was the overall winner of the girls 3km race in a time of 34m 5s
- Romeo Ball(Maidstone) was the overall winner of the boys 3km race in a time of 32m 46s
- Charley King (Thanet) was the overall winner of the boys 5km race in a time of 53m 13s

Other National Qualifiers:

- Aanya Agrawal (Medway Maritime) 2km girls (13 AG)
- Tyla-Jade Thomas (RTW Monson) 3km Girls (14 AG)
- Maddison Notley (Medway Maritime) 5km Girls (17/18 AG)
- Reese Huckle(RTW Monson) 5km Girls (17/18 AG)
- Zachary Freear (Maidstone SC) 5km Boys (16 AG)

Kent London Championships

The Kent London Championships were held on Sunday 5 July in the Docklands Water sport centre. Of the 267 swimmers 31 were from Kent who performed well, winning two of the six races outright, and five qualifying for the national championships. In all there were 14 golds, 6 silvers and 2 bronzes awarded.

Notable Performances (Overall Race Winners):

- Eddie Evans(Beckenham) was the overall winner of the boys 5km race in a time of 59m 48s
- Ellie Lewis (Beckenham) was the overall winner of the girls 5km race in a time of 1 hr 6 mins and 39s

Other National Qualifiers:

- Isla-Mae Senel (Beckenham) qualified in the 3km race (14 AG)
- Thomas Love (Beckenham) qualified in the 5km race (16 AG)
- Flora Sanmiguel Wickens (Saxon Crown) qualified in the 2km race (13 AG)

National Championships

The national age group championships were held on 25 July in Rother Valley Country Park near Sheffield. Fourteen swimmers qualified, ten of whom competed, with five winning medals:

7.5Km race

- Ellie Lewis(Beckenham) won silver in the female 17/18 year race and was 7th overall.
- Edward Evans(Beckenham) won bronze in the open 17/18 year race and was 3rd overall
- Thomas Love(Beckenham) won bronze in the open 16 year race and was 22nd overall
- Charley King (Thanet) was 10th in the 17/18 race and 14th overall
- Zacary Frear (Maidstone) was 25th in the 16 year category

5km race

- Romeo Ball (Maidstone) won gold 14 year race and was 6th overall
- Elise Butler (Maidstone) was 7th in the 14 year category and was 22nd overall
- Isla Mae Senel was 27th in the 14 year category

3km Races

- Kai Ingarfield Won Bronze in the 13 year boys category
- Flora Sanmiguel Wickens was 28th in the 13 year girls category

Overall, this was an excellent result and something positive to build on over the next year.

Jim Evans
Open Water Manager

Water Polo

To be updated

London Region Annual Report for Kent London Clubs

This report summarises London Region activity with a focus on Kent London affiliated clubs, from April 2025 to March 2026. It highlights club development, Club Affiliation accreditation, athlete and coach development, and achievements across swimming, water polo, artistic swimming, diving, masters swimming and open water swimming. The year saw growth in club engagement, continued volunteer training, and strong performances from Kent clubs and athletes at regional levels.

Club Development and Governance

While Swim England's affiliation review remains ongoing, clubs are currently required to complete Club Affiliation only.

Club	Affiliation
Beckenham	30/04/2026
Bexley	30/04/2026
Bexley Masters	31/01/2026
Bromley	31/07/2026
Chislehurst Millennium	31/01/2026
Eltham Stingrays	31/01/2026

Club	Affiliation
Erith and District	30/04/2026
Greenwich Royals	30/04/2026
Lewisham Water Polo	31/01/2026
Orpington Ojays	30/04/2026
Saxon Crown	30/04/2026
Sharks of Mottingham	31/01/2026

Athlete Development

Swimming: Kent swimmers and athletes have been well-represented in the Regional Development Pathway.

The Regional 13-year-old Development Camps were held in December and June at Harrow School, with more than 36 swimmers selected from the 200m IM rankings. Kent athletes included Thomas Cruz, Martha Rickard, Alice Brooks, Freya Sheard, Lale Bilgin, and Joseph Warman.

Regional Championships: The London Regional Championships were held at the London Aquatics Centre across two weekends in April and May. Kent clubs delivered strong results in the medal table, with Bromley finishing 2nd, Beckenham 21st, Bexley 16th, Erith and District 17th, and Greenwich Royals 14th.

At the Winter Regional Championship, Kent clubs finished prominently in the medal table: Bromley 2nd and Beckenham 3rd

Tony Beckley from Beckenham and Gary Inch from Greenwich Royals sit on the London Coaches Forum.

Water Polo: Kent players featured in the Inter-Regional Competitions for the London Region. Amy Nelson and Madeline Salmon from Beckenham represented the region in the girls' under-16 team.

Artistic Swimming: The Regional Championships were held on 6th May at Tooting Leisure Centre, with Erith and District having a successful event.

Open Water: The Region held its Development Day for open water on 7 June at Luxborough Lakes, with Kent swimmers including Michelle Crack, Hannah Lewis, Claire Bilgin, and Rachel Hetherington.

The Regional Championships took place at Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre. Kent clubs were represented, with Beckenham's Barnaby Sedgwick (2km, 12-year-old), Nick Flower (19 and over, 3km), Eddie Evans (17/18, 5km), and Ellis Lewis (17/18, 5km) winning their respective age groups.

Jim Evans continues to sit on the Region's Open Water Committee

Masters Swimming: The Masters Regional Championships were held at the London Aquatics Centre on 16 May. Greenwich Royals and Bexley Masters attended the championships.

Diving: Regional diving skills events were planned for 7 March 2026, but Kent does not have any diving clubs affiliated to the London Region.

Coach and Volunteer Development

Coach development continues to be a priority. Gary Inch (Greenwich Royals) continued in his roles as National Age Group Programme coach and Head Coach of the Regional 13-Year-Old Development Pathway. Ellie Holden joined the Regional 13-Year-Old Development Pathway this year.

Volunteer training has been strong, with 12 Team Manager 1, four Team Manager 2, and three Welfare 'Time to Listen' course delivered, upskilling over 100 volunteers across the region.

Regional Survey 2025

The Swim England London Region conducted its first annual club survey in 2025 to gather feedback from clubs, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents and committee members. A total of 46 clubs responded across the Region, including three Kent clubs, which provided seven individual responses.

Whilst the Kent response rate was relatively small, the survey provides valuable insight into the challenges, priorities and support needs being experienced across clubs within the London Region.

Several key themes emerged consistently throughout the responses and are likely to be relevant to many clubs operating within Kent.

For full survey results click here <https://www.swimming.org/london/club-development/>

Executive Summary

The strongest messages arising from the survey were:

1. Access to water space and increasing facility costs remain the most significant operational challenge facing clubs.
2. The recruitment, development and retention of high-quality coaches continues to be a key concern.
3. Clubs value support with governance, compliance and safeguarding responsibilities.
4. Regional communications are generally viewed positively, although awareness of the work and role of the Regional Board remains relatively low.
5. There is strong support for the Region to continue advocating for improved aquatic facilities and increased water space.
6. Volunteer recruitment, succession planning and volunteer retention remain ongoing challenges for many clubs

Conclusion

Overall, 2025–2026 has been a positive year for London Region activity involving Kent-affiliated clubs. Clubs and athletes have contributed strongly across multiple disciplines, with notable representation in regional competitions, development pathways, coaching forums, and volunteer training.

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Regional Aquatics Development Officer for London Region

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Young Volunteering programme January 2025–2026 to date

The programme started in September 2025 and is running until August 2026. This programme overlapped with the previous programme, due to the region wanting to align with the aquatics seasons to support clubs

better, and so that any moves to college or university did not impact volunteers being able to complete the programme.

There are currently five clubs from Kent actively engaged the programme – Gravesend and Northfleet (7 volunteers), White Cliffs (5 volunteers), RTW Monson (2 volunteers), Dover Lifeguard (1 volunteer), and Thanet (1 volunteer).

Young volunteers have been supporting their clubs regularly over the course of the programme and are awarded with a certificate from the region in recognition of the contribution that they have made to their club once they have achieved 25 hours recorded on the programme. Youngsters are required to attend safeguarding courses, as well as a training course for their chosen volunteering route – this could be as an official in their discipline, or poolside helper for the coaching or teaching team.

Swim Mark Update and Club Affiliation

All of the Kent rural clubs successfully completed their Swim England club affiliation over the last 12 months. This assessment process demonstrates that clubs are achieving safe operating standards. We understand that there will not be a replacement for the full SwimMark accreditation, but clubs have a number of toolkits available to use and the club health tracker should they wish to complete a self-assessment. Support is available through the regional team to analyse the results of the health tracker and to build a club development plan.

April 2025	Aquaoaks Artistic Swimming Club (Sevenoaks), City of Canterbury SC, Hythe Artistic, Ivicta WPC, Medway ASC, Medway Maritime SC, Faversham SC, Herne Bay SC, Sheerness SC, Thanet SC
July 2025	Bexley WPC, Dover Lifeguards, Broadstairs Lifeguard & SC, Shepway SC, Black Lion SC, Gravesend and Northfleet SC, RTW Monson, Sittingbourne & Milton SC, Tonbridge SC
October 2025	Beachfield Swimming Squad, Hythe Aqua SC, Kent Weald Swim Squad, White Cliffs SC, Ramsgate SC, Dartford District SC, Maidstone SC
January 2026	Ashford Town SC, Deal Tri Masters Swim Club, East Invicta eXcel, Edenbridge Piranhas SC, Folkestone SC, Highgate DC (Kent), Larkfield SC, RTW Masters SC, White Oak SC, Tunbridge Wells DC, Sevenoaks SC

Funding/Bursary Applications

As a reminder, the South East Region continues to offer a range of Bursaries for coaching and safeguarding courses. Full details here: <https://www.southeastswimming.org/clubs/grants-and-bursaries/>

Artistic Swimming:

The region has continued to support athletes through the grade days that are hosted at Sevenoaks and Reading throughout the year. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who allow us to run a number of artistic events, and through this past season, we have seen clubs from Kent compete in the Combo Cup, Masters and age group events, and Figures.

Congratulations to the following athletes from Kent that were selected for the 2026 regional squad.

Evelyn Brown	Hythe ASC	Charlotte Ryan	Aquaoaks ASC
Fiona Mickias	Hythe ASC	Annabelle Denny	Aquaoaks ASC



President: Glen Isaacs – Medway Maritime Swimming Club

Diving:

The region hosted the diving age groups competition in Southampton, as well as the regional skills event in Tunbridge Wells in May 2025.

This season, our regional management team for diving have reintroduced development days for our young divers and coaches, running the camps for the first time in a number of years, starting in late 2025. The camps are two-fold, with a training and development day aimed at dive coaches, and then working with these coaches to deliver a day of fun and development to the athletes.

The South East Region was selected this year to host the National Skills Final for 2026 and 2027, and we look forward to welcoming our Kent club qualifiers to the event!

Masters Swimming:

The region hosted both the short course championships in September and the long course championships in January. The main challenge for both these events remains the recruitment of officials. The Masters Inter County competition ran in November with seven teams competing. Kent finished in 6th place in the region, and 13th nationally out of 31 counties.

Open Water Swimming:

In 2025 we expanded the open water camp to include 60 athletes between 13-15 years. Support coaches included Claire White (Maidstone) and Maisie Macartney (Thanet). The following Kent swimmers were selected to participate in a pool/ lake day open water camp based in Egham, Surrey in June:

Elise Butler	Maidstone SC	Olivia Norley	Maidstone SC
Erin Davie	Sevenoaks SC	Romeo Ball	Maidstone SC
George Beardsmore	Black Lion SC	Toby Simmons	Gravesend & N'fleet NSC
Georgia Norley	Maidstone SC	Tyla-Jade Thomas	Medway Maritime SC
Ho-Ching (Jasper) Yau	RTW Monson SC	William West	Thanet Swim Club

Para Swimming:

The South East and South West joint para meet was hosted in Reading, with two classification panels to support our athletes looking to complete their classification. One Kent swimmer completed the process and have been classified.

The region held two development days for our para athletes. These days support swimmers that are looking to pursue classification, with our coaching team completing the first stage of this process during the camp, which is the observation set. Those athletes already classified are welcome to attend as well. From Kent clubs we had two swimmers join us at the June development day, from Black Lion and Larkfield swim clubs and five swimmers from Black Lion, Larkfield, Maidstone, Sheerness and City of Canterbury swim clubs, at the one that was held in October.

Regional Swimming Development Programme 2025/2026

The region delivered the development programme for 13-year-olds supported by the Swim England talent team, and included two face-to-face camps incorporating land-based workshops and an online education day. Tom Jaques (Sevenoaks) was appointed as a skills coach. Selected athletes from Kent included:

Dane Rawkins	Sevenoaks SC	Lucinda Spallek-Puttacharoen	Maidstone SC
Elise Butler	Maidstone SC	Romeo Ball	Maidstone SC
Gabriel Marsh	RTW Monson SC	Tyla-Jade Thomas	Medway Maritime SC

Regional Off-Shore Camp 2026

The regional winter champs 2025 was again the selection event for the 2026 regional off-shore camp. A team of 24 swimmers were selected to travel to Geneva to compete for the region in January. The team did themselves proud with many making A and B finals throughout the weekend, achieving best times and gaining huge experience along the way.

Jordan Honour (Thanet) was selected to be the Head coach on the camp. Selected Kent swimmers included:

Chengze Duan	RTW Monson SC	Aran Bissett	RTW Monson SC
Harry Cocks	Thanet SC	Ivy Haggerty	Thanet SC
Madeleine Hind	RTW Monson SC		

Regional swimming coaching and development group

The region has now renamed the coaches forum to reflect the direction and drive from the group on regional development activities. Meetings take place online every other month. Kent has had three representatives this season: Jordan Honour (Thanet), Karen Bradbury (RTW Monson) and Sacha Djerfi (Sevenoaks).

Coach Mentoring

Swim England and the region continued to jointly fund a coach mentoring programme in the 2025/2026 season. No applications were received from coaches in the county.

Team manager workshops

The South East Region continues to run both Team Manager 1 and 2 workshops online at no cost to members. The TM 1 course for one-day supervision takes place at least once a month, and the TM2 course which is required for overnight supervision takes place six times per year, with scheduling planned to meet the demand for individuals to complete these in time for regular school holiday dates, and the usual dates for club camps.

In these 12 months, the region has run workshops that have seen 90 members from Kent complete the TM1 course, and 17 members complete their TM2 training.

The region has courses for the new season already available to book for any clubs looking to get ahead for the autumn term.

Kate Hutchinson
Aquatics Development Officer – South East

2026 Awards



Kent County Amateur Swimming Association

President: Glen Isaacs – Medway Maritime Swimming Club

Keighley Memorial Trophies (Swimming Championship Points Winners) 2026

Ladies/Girls: RTW Monson SC

Men/Boys: Bromley SC

Kent Schools Swimming Association Trophies (Runners-up) 2026

Ladies/Girls: Bromley SC

Men/Boys: RTW Monson SC

John and Pat Carrie Trophies (3rd Place) 2026

Ladies/Girls: Sevenoaks SC

Men/Boys: Thanet SC

KASA Swimming Championship Most Improved Club Trophy 2026

Ladies/Girls: Erith & District SC

Men/Boys: Sittingbourne & Milton SC

Lionel Parker Memorial Trophy for Senior Swimmer of the Year 2026

Amalie Smith (RTW Monson SC)

Junior Swimmer of the Year 2026

Hayden Sanders (Bromley SC)

KCASA Artistic Swimmer of the Year 2026

Evelyn Brown (Hythe ASC)

KCASA Artistic Swimming Newcomer Trophy 2026

Matilda Jones (Hythe ASC)

KCASA Artistic Swimming Progression Trophy 2026

Elaana Hurren (Medway ASC)

KCASA Artistic Swimming Team of the Year 2025

Hythe ASC

KCASA Masters Swimmer of the Year 2026

Matthew Rogers (Bromley SC)

John & Pat Carrie Masters' Swimming Club Points Trophy (Team of the Year) 2026

Erith & District SC

Robinson Mens Masters Swimmer of the Year Trophy 2025

James Vick (Erith & District SC)

Upton Ladies Masters Swimmer of the Year Trophy 2025

Suzanne Wilding (Erith & District SC)

KCASA Open Water Swimmer of the Year 2025

Ellie Lewis (Beckenham SC)

KCASA Junior Open Water Swimmer of the Year 2026

Romeo Ball (Maidstone SC)

KCASA Para Swimmer of the Year 2026

Iona Winniffrith (Tonbridge SC)

KCASA Junior Para Swimmer of the Year 2026

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KCASA Para Swimming Team of the Year 202

Dover Life Guard Club

Bill Dickie Water Polo Player of the Year Trophy 2026

TBA

KCASA Junior Water Polo Player of the Year Trophy 2026

TBA

Keighley/Mayes Trophy 2026

Rebecca Langford (Medway Maritime SC)

Edward G Maples Memorial Trophy 2026

Jane Lonsdale (Medway ASC)

President's Cup 2026

Medway ASA