



Mounts Bay win UK Schools Surf Championship Event 2 Nerf Clash of the Groms Series

Over 140 young people from 37 schools across the UK battled for the title of top school in the UK Schools Surf Championships presented by Treviglas College.

Fistral Beach in Newquay is the setting of one of the country's largest surfing competitions as school pupils abandon the classrooms and take to the waves in their bid to become UK Schools Surf Champions. The event is a UKPSA ranking event for surfers on the tour, yet also part of the Nerf Clash of the Groms Series. Which celebrates and encourages all standards of surfers from across the UK. Everyone gets a chance to experience the thrill of top class, professional standard competition, held in the UK's premier surf arena, the legendary Fistral Beach.

Mounts Bay School took the honours with a very strong all-round team, taking three of the individual titles in the process. Second place went to Kingsbridge Community College and third Tretherras School.

In The individual categories the Fistral Beach Under 18 Boys division was won by Budehavens Barnaby Cox winning his first ever UKPSA title. Second went to Kingsbridge Noah Capps, who did not loose a heat on the way to the final. Third Patrick Langdon Dark from Gorsienan College who now takes the ratings lead and fourth Woody New from Mounts Bay.

In the Under 18 Girls Amy Dyer from Piltdown Community College took the title. Runner up was Ilfracombe's Lily Mandeville, third new ratings leader Mischa Maguire from Tretherras and fourth Alys Barton from Bishopston

The Under 16 Boys division saw a brilliant display of surfing in the final, with Seth Morris having the highest score of the event to take the title. Second went to Mount Bays Woody New, third and fourth went to Kingsbridge surfers Noah Capps and Louie Harrow.

Under 16 Girls taking her first of two titles at the event was Mounts Bays Bonita Whitelock. Second went to 2016 UKPSA Under 14 Girls Champion Ffion Hughes from Cowbridge. Third Tegan Blackford from Truro and fourth Bideford's Francesca Sayer.



The U14 Boys was extremely close, Mount Bays Thomas Reeves took the title, followed by Kieran Smith of Coombe Dean. Third went to current ratings leader Sam Hearn of St Peters COE and fourth Truro's Joe Ellery.

Under 14 Girls gave Bonita Whitelock her second title. Runner up was Alys Barton, making her second final. Third was Truro's Tegan Blackford and fourth Bo Niblett from Kingsbridge.

The U12 Open had the biggest field of competitors ever seen in that division on the UK Pro Surf Tour. However performances were dominated by two surfers Gabe Llewellyn and Nine year old Lukas Skinner (son of Ben Skinner). In the final Tour leader Gabe Llewellyn from Newquay Juniors came out on top. With Lucas from Perranporth second, third Caen Community Schools Fynn Gillespie and fourth St Agnes Arthur Randell.

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