

Press release for British Championships round # 3 at Watergate Bay Hotel.

Round three of four of the British Longboard Championships was held at Watergate Bay this last weekend under blue skies and in a quality 3-4 ft swell brushed with light offshore. This made for an event that displayed high quality surfing from some of the best surfers in Europe.

With the forecast for the rescheduled event showing a new swell, no-one could quite believe what they saw Saturday and Sunday mornings of the event following the totally flat conditions for the Friday. It being a struggle to get the free surfing competitors back out of the water and checking in for the early heats.

With Ben Haworth, Josh Le Marquand, Ben Bates, Candice O'Donnell and Chantelle Coote going into the third round of their respective divisions needing a win to secure their respective divisions British Championships, it was all to play for. (Competitors drop their lowest score of the four events)

Extremely close scoring in the Open saw Ben Haworth take his third win of the season to secure the British Championship. The battle between Ben Skinner and Ben Haworth in the final was a treat to watch for the growing spectator crowd at the Bay.

In the Ladies, Candice O'Donnell was pushed into second place by Claire Smail on better wave choice and some great surfing showing that her surfing has improved with her exposure to the competition circuit. However on points difference, Candice retained the British Ladies Championship with two wins and a second place from three events.

The U18 Boys also saw a clean sweep for Josh Le Marquand with his third win of the season securing the U18 championship. Well worth the trip from Jersey!! Also from Jersey, with a second win (and a second place) Ben Bates is the new U16 boys British championship. Again from Jersey, Chantelle Coote, another rising star has taken the U18 Ladies championship in this newly developed division from last year. Jersey is producing some great up and coming talent and they are certainly making an impact on the longboard circuit this year.

The Masters, as ever was one of the most competitive divisions with entrants from the age of 40 to 60 yrs old mixed together as always. There were no easy heats here, but newcomer, Alan Read, again topped the leader board with a win over Colin Bright. Still all to play for, this division will not have its Champion decided until the final round at Gwithian in October.

Full results below plus picture of division winners.

Open

Final			
	Final		Position
Red	Josh Le Marquand		3
White	Ben Skinner		2
Green	Zak Lawton		4
Yellow	Ben Haworth	Winner	1

Under 16 Boys

Final			
	Final		Position
Red	Ben Bates	Winner	1
White	Arran Bright		4
Green	Sam Cavin		2
Yellow	Will Whitworth		3

Under 18 Boys

Final			
	Final		Position
Red	Josh Le Marquand	Winner	1
White	Zak Lawton		3
Green	Ben Bates		2
Yellow	Lewis Stritch		4

Under 18 Ladies

	Final			Position
Red	Lucy Howell			3
White	Chantelle Coote		Winner	1
Green	Jenna Richards			2
Yellow	Cloe Powell			4

Ladies

Final				
	Final			Position
Red	Candice O' Donnell			2
White	Claire Smail		Winner	1
Green	Juliet Marlow			4
Yellow	Nicola Bunt			3

Masters

Final				
	Final			Position
Red	Eric Davies			3
White	Alan Reed		Winner	1
Green	Paul (Keeno) Keenan			4
Yellow	Colin Bright			2



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Alan Reed

Ben Haworth

Ben Bates

Chantelle Coote

Clair Smail

Josh Le Marquand.

