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## London Region Junior Report 2021

It has been a rebuilding year for several clubs in the region after a difficult time during various lockdowns, pool closures, etc however there are signs that most have now turned a corner. It was good for the Juniors to be back racing again in 2021 and although there was no Junior Series League, several races were still held in the London region (e.g. Thames Turbo Aquathlon, Windrush Aquathlon, Crystal Palace Duathlon) which was enjoyed by many.

We also managed to hold an open water assessment race at Thames Young Mariners in Ham for athletes wanting to compete in the Inter Regional Championships, so we were able to pick a fair and strong team for this event. As a team we managed to come 10th place at the Championships with some strong individual performances.

What this event and other performances in the Super Series highlighted is the need to try and increase standards across the region for our high performing junior athletes. This must come through greater club collaboration and for everyone to work together to help raise the bar of coaching and performance levels in London. Along with getting the Junior Series League back up and running in 2022 and encouraging participation levels, we have much to look forward to.