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The team show off their medals

Canoe kids paddle to double medal success

BY PETER FAULKNER

A GROUP of Tower Hamlets youngsters pulled off a superb medal double when they competed in the Thames Water London Youth Games regatta at the London Regatta Centre.

Although the borough missed out on gold – and a chance to emulate their success of three years ago – they did win a silver and bronze in the canoeing competitions.

Kensington & Chelsea, defending champions, were the overall winners ahead of

Richmond, winning slalom and sprint respectively with previous slalom champions Tower Hamlets taking silver in that event and bronze in the sprint.

The youngsters who did so well on the water for the borough were:

Honor Dixon, Ross Dixon, Gabriella Leoni, William Walker, Alexandra Tribe, Emma Haskey, Michael Watson, Esteher Graham

Team manager William Tytler said: "It's really inspiring to see the young people trying to achieve here at the London Youth Games.

"It's really good fun and

really great for confidence because being competent on the water after a short spell of training is really good and that inspires them to carry on.

"We're hoping to try and get back to the gold place in the overall slalom which we did three years back.

"We got silver this year so hopefully we'll get gold again next year and we're really happy with the sprints results as well having come third overall this year.

"This is the first time we have done that so we are looking to improve on that for next year."

Manager praises his paddlers

"It's really inspiring to see the young people trying to achieve here at the London Youth Games. Being competent on the water after the training programme inspires them to carry on" Thanks to the whole team including the reserves for all the effort and success!

TEAM MANAGER WILLIAM TYTLER