

Tigers roar in first event of the season



■ Daisy Cooil of Tees Tigers Canoeing Club, who is also a Tees Active Sports Academy member

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TEES Tigers Canoeing Club started the 2014 slalom season in style in London last weekend.

The first Division One event of the season, held at Shepperton on the River Thames, was definitely worth the trip for the Teessiders last Saturday and Sunday as the juniors showed the rest of the field how it should be done.

The Tigers and Tees Active members did well to win three of the four K1

category races, with Daisy Cooil finishing fourth in the first event last Saturday, just pipping team mate Erin Turner to fifth.

Not to be outdone, Ben Teasdale, finished seventh in the men's race.

On the second day of the meet, Erin Turner took the honours by finishing seventh, with Daisy finishing in 10th place, and Ben continued his good form to also come



10th.

The Tigers started the season well with Tees Active Sports Academy member Zac Allin being

selected for the Great Britain Junior team to compete at the World Championships, and fellow Academy member Calum Cresser was selected for the reserve list too.

The Tigers, who are based at Tees Barrage International White Water Centre and coached by Darren Cresser, have been taking advantage of the refurbished course at the barrage.

Darren said: "The results at the weekend are reward for all the hard work our paddlers have been putting in over the winter, both on the water and in the gym. We have a young and talented squad at the club and hopefully we can prove ourselves throughout the season."

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