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Silver threads among the gold



Seems every man, his wife, and the dog, decided to get in on the act at Lerryn!

The annual Lerryn Seagull Race was held pre-Christmas on the River Lerryn in wintry Cornwall, with a 'silver' theme challenging boat owners ingenuity this year, although Silver Seagull Century's were out in abundance!

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Early on the morning of Saturday 8th December me (Roberta McMillan), my mum, my dad, my brother, my aunt and uncle and my cousin all got our raincoats on and put our life jackets in the car and set off for the slip in Fowey in Cornwall. We were going to take part in the Lerryn Seagull race.

The theme for this fancy dress boat race, this year was 'Silver'. When we got to Lerryn there were lots of people in fancy dress. I wore Sparkly silver hair bands and a silver cape. Daddy had a silver cape and a Thunderbird silver helmet.

Daddy and I were in our little boat, Lawrence (my brother) drove another

little boat with mummy and my cousin Aaron and Uncle Richard and Aunty Suzan were in the bigger boat. It was very cold so we had a hot chocolate.

At the start everyone was warming up their engines and we were doing doughnuts. The horn went for the second time and the race was on.



The author (second from left) and the rest of Team McMillan on the 'very slippery' bank



Daddy and I shot off and everyone else followed behind. Lawrence could not start his engine and so a man on the bank came to help him. Richard and Suzan started the race well but then their engine started playing up and would only run backwards! We were in the lead when another boat came shooting past us and we

knew that we were never going to beat them but we still kept on going and were the second boat to finish. Lawrence had only just started his second lap when I rang the finish bell. He did finish in the end. After the race was over everyone went to the pub. The boat race prizes were given out and there was a raffle and

we won a box of chocolates. Oh, and daddy and I won the Ship Inn trophy again. We could not stay long because we had to get back into the boats and leave for Fowey before the tide went out too far. The day was awesome even though it was tiring.



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