

European title for local skier

Photo by Keith Slater



Local water skier Steve Benny from Worle has just won the European Masters water ski racing championships in Plymouth.

Steve was picked to represent Great Britain after winning the British National series in racing and the Diamond race in Belgium earlier this year.

Steve, who has been skiing for 20 years, said his training in Weston Bay has paid off this time as he narrowly lost the gold medal by 1.5 seconds in the European championships two years ago.

This time in order to win, he had to take on and beat the best racers from Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.

The racing was held over 10 days from the Hoe at Plymouth with the skiers being towed behind 21-ft power boats at speeds up to 95 mph in some rough water conditions.

His driver was Paul Douglas and navigating was Kevin Clark, both from Bristol.