REPORT from Georgina Leavold : Lovely day out for team Vectis for the FOTH Eventers Challenge.

After an alarm showing 3am and the 6.25 boat we all met in Dorset ready for the FOTH.

Phobs and Maddie-Jayne Oakes rode the 80cm individual Juniors first.

Phobs having some unlucky poles SJ and an amazing clear XC was spot on the time bringing home 6th.

Maddie had her first ever 80cm competition. A confidence building SJ round followed by another confidence building XC round and both making it home safely...although we are going to attach a sat Nav to Maddie next time having forgotten one of the jumps on course.

Gina Stevens, Sam Cranshaw, Penelope Edwards and Charlie Dunn made up the Senior 80cm team. After an hour delay in the ice-cold wind due to a rider fall on the strong built course and an ambulance called Charlie set off first.

Charlie and Jack did a super clear SJ and headed out to the XC looking strong. Although another sat nav needed for Charlie as she missed out a fence too! 🙈 Charlie’s not living this one down as Jack was on form and jumped double clear apart from pilot error!

Penny set of next with an uncharacteristic 4 fault SJ for Tonto and then hit the XC with serious rider determination for a clear XC.

Gina next into the ring with an unlucky role of a poll coming out the double and then stormed her first 80cm XC with a clear.

Last to go was Sam. She did a super Clear SJ and set off looking really good XC. Sadly, Secret lost her footing on the course after a fence and unseating Sam which was disappointing for Sam as they were looking so strong, but both horse and rider are safe.

There will be no team placing but waiting to hear possible individual placings for Gina and Penny lots of other riders failing to go clear XC.

Last to go was Penny on her second ride Rabbit and myself on Carrera as individuals in the 90cm.

Penny was first with Rabbit rolling an unlucky pole on the last fence SJ and went onto the XC course doing an amazing clear on a very strong built 90 course.

Last to go I set off with Carrera rolling 2 unlucky poles SJ and then set off for our first 90cm XC of the season. Carrera gave me an amazing ride coming home clear XC.

Penny and I were beaming ear to ear XC as both horses felt amazing, and we were convinced we had just ridden round a novice BE course. We are yet to hear of any placings as, again, the 90cm course caught a lot of riders out today.

A great day with lots of members doing their first team event and stepping up a level. All doing brilliantly well and everyone supporting each other and was wonderful to watch everyone smiling crossing the XC finish line.

Well done all you should be very proud.