

Last year was poor and unfortunately this year wasn't any better. We were unable sail for the first five Sundays due to the strong current and light winds; the first time this has happened since I started I joined the Club in 1992. The wind tended to be light during the middle of the season but improved towards the end.

The normal entry was only about 4 to 8 boats per race and the best was 11 boats at the Regatta and 10 boats on the last day of the season. A total of 39 people helmed or crewed in at least one race.

The Club boats were well used with generally 1 to 2 boats in use and on one occasions four club boats were out.

Our first sail was at a new event for us at Littleton SC. This was the Mid-Thames Trophy inter club event that was moved from Desborough SC, due to the current, at the last minute. Other clubs were Littleton, Desborough, Staines, and Laleham. We had 8 boats, the largest number of visitors. There were very good sailing conditions with 10-15knt wind and we did excellent to come 2nd to Littleton. A very enjoyable day.

We were very fortunate to have a good steady 5-10knt easterly wind for the two Open days; the first time we were able to sail on the river and conditions were ideal for taking around 32 visitors out. The safety boat was a joy to use with the new diesel engine.

There were the usual visits to Bewl for the Spring and August Bank Holiday weekends. The Spring Meeting was excellent sailing both days; hot, sunny and 7-15 knt winds. The August visit was one with extremes of conditions from zero to 30knts wind, in the same race. Sunday was much better

AQSC members supported all the SigneT Meetings and came away with the majority of the prizes. At the Signet National Championships Richard Cannon, with Robert Britton as crew won.

Bob Jones has supported many Skipper and Catapult meetings and has travelled away from the Club more than anyone.

As usual all trophies have been allocated to Personal Handicap results and this gives much closer Series results and usually helps spread the Trophies amongst the competitors instead of all going to one helm. Some results were very close with a tie for the Autumn PH result for the Cruiser Trophy that needed four levels of tie breaking.

I would welcome suggestions that might improve support for events. Am I giving members what they want? should racing be different times or days, too much or too little racing, alternative events. Please let me know so I have a chance to incorporate any suggestions in next year's programme.

The AQSC Web site and E-mail continue to be useful communication media. The latest race results are generally available on the web site by the evening following Sunday racing. Other useful pages are general News, Sailing and Social program, Sailing and Bar duty rosters, and the last 6 newsletters. I hope members are finding it useful. If Members with Email are not receiving occasional E-mails from me could they please let me have their E-mail. I would welcome any suggestions on improving the communication, marketing and presentation aspects of the web site.

Richard Cannon.

The race series match those of last year and the same trophies have been awarded. Everyone who were 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap result in a main series receives a glass. Some glasses have also been awarded for amount of sailing.

If helm capsize or have any other incident or breakage would they please make sure it is recorded on the race sheet so it can be include in my result records. Brian Clements has been awarded the Water Rat for 3 capsizes, in particular for being towed back capsized when he was determined to avoid getting wet..

Michael Stevens receives the Young Helm Trophy; he has continued to make very good progress and at one point had the lowest PH and came 2nd on BH in the Summer and Autumn.

A total of 67 races on 25 days, including 14 Fun races, were sailed during the year; Bryan Clements and Graham Thompson were extreme keen to manage to compete in 47 and 43 races respectively.

A printed report of each race entry, series results, summaries and other items are in the Race Result folder that is normally kept in the Club entrance. As the race entry reports are very compact and give virtually all the information (except intermediate lap times) on the original race entry sheets these will not be retained.

PRIZE POINTS

The following table lists the places of helms that were in the first three places for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap in any series, except the Fun series. One point is given for each 3rd, two points for each 2nd and 3 points for each 1st place. Ranking is according to the total number of points obtained; rank gives an indication of overall performance including BH and PH results.

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PRIZE SUMMARY

RANK/POINTS

1/17	G Thompson	Cruiser Trophy Charles Broken Boom Glass	Autumn 1 st BH, 1 st PH by 4 th stage tie break BH result, 1 st SPA, 1 st Spring, 1 st Autumn, 3 rd Summer 3 rd Sprint PH result 2 nd SPA, 3 rd Spring
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RANK/POINTS

2/13	R Cannon	Enterprise Cup Glass, old	Sprint 1 st BH, 1 st PH Spring 2 nd BH Summer 1 st BH, 2 nd PH Autumn 3 rd BH Pursuit 2 nd
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RANK/POINTS

3/12	C Dennis	Saturday Trophy Laser Cup Glass	Spa 1 st BH, 2 nd PH Summer 1 st PH Autumn 2 nd P Sprint 2 nd BH, 3 rd PH
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RANK/POINTS

4/6	M Stevens	Young Helm Cup Glass	Summer 2 nd BH, 3 rd PH Autumn 2 nd BH, 3 rd PH
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RANK/POINTS

5/4	P Halling	Glass	Spa 2 nd BH, 3 rd PH Spring 3 rd BH
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RANK/POINTS

6/3	B Clements	Handicap Class Trophy Glass Water Rat	Spring 1 st Sprint 2 nd PH 3 capsizes including tow on side
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RANK/POINTS

7/2	Rodger Wheeler	Glass, old	Spring 2 nd PH
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K Hatton	Cap	Most races & no other prize, 22 H + 1 C = 23 races
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Fin Gloyn	Cap	Most races Junior 7 H, 2 C = 9 races
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Ian Powell	Glass	Most races Junior 4 H + 3 C = 7 races
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Bob Gloyn	Cap	Most crewed 8 crew races
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