## AQSC SAILING SECRETARY REPORT 2002

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The season started with some reasonable sailing conditions and we didn't lose any Sundays at the start due to excessive current. The second Sunday, 7 April, was particularly good with a 10 to 12 knot East wind.so we took the opportunity to hold the Long Distance Race for the Cundy Trophy; there was an excellent sail using Wilsons' ferry, just below Sunbury weir, as the turning line. This was probably as far upstream we have ever raced.

There was an excellent 3 days sailing at the Spring Holiday visit to Bewl with 10 to 12knt winds, although fewer members attended than usual; probably due to the bad weather forecast and the Jubilee celebrations. We also had good conditions for the Hampton Regatta and our own Regatta.

The Mid-Thames Trophy gave us another new experience sailing at Desborough Sailing Club a few miles upstream. Unfortunately the very light East wind was their worst direction and it was very difficult to get round the short course. Of the visitors we had the largest number of boats and came 2<sup>nd</sup> to the host club.

Another new venture for us was hosting a Signet Open Meeting at the Club. The weather was great for the sunbathing spectators but not so good for sailing with very light wind until the last race. In spite of this our visitors enjoyed themselves and thought highly of the club.

The weather was far from ideal for the Open days and we had fewer visitors than usual but the land sailing, with the Pico, at the Jubilee 'Picnic in the Park' (Busy Park) was much more successful. We held another open day for those who expressed an interest and it was much more productive than the first one.

From August there were very few good sailing days. Even the Signet events on large open water like Rutland Water had no wind nor did the August visit to Bewl. We were unable to sail for three of the last four Sundays; one due to gale force winds (over 40 knots) and two due to excessive current after prolonged rain.

A group of our youngsters have reached 18 with exams, work or college giving a life style change; this has reduced their sailing activity and had a big impact on the number of boats racing. The normal race entry was only about 4 to 6 boats per race, and the best was 10 boats at the Regatta. A total of 28 members helmed in at least one race.

Normally not more than one club boat has been out in a race and it is disappointing how little the Pico is used. 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 were 1st. Also Richard with Robert as crew won 11 of the 12 Signet races they entered over the year.

As usual all trophies, except the Broken Boom which is for the overall best Boat Handicap result, 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 and a tie was need on one 1<sup>st</sup> and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place results. On ranking for prizes there was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> was only 3 points behind. Rodger was the only helm, apart form those in the result's table, who did enough races to qualify for any series.

There was a change to the format of the racing this year; the fun race was moved from being the last race to being the first race of the day. I don't know if it has been an improvement. We intend to try the format for another year unless the general feeling is to change back to having the fun race at the end.

We need more members to partake in more races to make the distribution prizes more interesting. I 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. We now have our own domain name www.sailaquarius.org.uk and all committee posts have an E-mail address like sailing@sailaquarius.org.uk. Our previous address will remain active for the foreseeable future.

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 11 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 address. I would welcome any suggestions on improving the communication, marketing and presentation aspects of the web site.

### **RICHARD CANNON.**

# 2002 PRIZES

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. Charles Dennis has been awarded the Water Rat for 6 capsizes, no one else had more than 2 capsizes which indicates our lack of wind this year.

Michael Stevens receives the Young Helm Trophy; he has had one of the lowest Personal Handicaps though out the year.

A total of 81 races on 27 days, including 22 Fun races, were sailed during the year. Even though Graham Thompson was unfit for sailing for 4 Sundays with 63 races he still did more races than anyone else, and only missed 2 other Sundays. Bryan Clements was next highest with 48 races.

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.

SERIES	<b>TROPHY</b>	<b>MEMBER, Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew</b>
Autumn PH	Cruiser Cup	Bryan Clements, $33H + 15C = 48$ races, rank 5
Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	Charles Dennis, $34H + 0C = 34$ races, rank 1
SPA PH	Saturday Trophy	Charles Dennis
Young Helm	Young Helmsman	Michael Stevens, $28H + 4C = 32$ races
Spring PH	Handicap Class	Graham Thompson, $63H + 0C = 63$ races, rank 1
Summer PH	Laser Cup	Pat Halling, $22H + 0C = 22$ races, rank 4
Boat Handicap Result	Broken Boom	Graham Thompson
Long distance race	Cundy Trophy	Richard Cannon, $41H + 1C = 42$ races, rank 3
Event	Water Rat	Charles Dennis 6 capsizes
<b>No Other Prize</b> Most races Most races Junior Most Crewed	Summer Afternoon Glass Glass	Roger Wheeler, $31H + 9C = 40$ races Robert Britton, $9H + 5C = 14$ races Barbara Allen, $0H$ , $13 = 13$ crew races

### **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  $3^{rd}$ , two points for each  $2^{nd}$  and 3 points for each  $1^{st}$  place. Ranking is according to the total number of points obtained; rank gives an indication of overall performance including BH and PH results. **Bold** figures are used to indicate that a tiebreak was used.

Series	Auti	umn	S	PA	Spi	ring	Sp	rint	Sum	nmer		Rank	for Pri	zes
Handicap	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points			
Name	Places BH						PH	Total	Position					
C Dennis	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	8	10	18	1
G Thompson	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	2			10	8	18	1
R Cannon	3		3	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	9	6	15	3
P Halling									1	1		3	3	4
B Clements		1											3	5

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### PRIZE SUMMARY

RANK/POINTS 1/18 C Dennis	Enterprise Cup Saturday Trophy Water Rat Glass	Sprint PH 1st Spa PH 1st 6 capsizes Autumn BH & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Spa BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , Spring BH & PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Sprint BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Summer BH & PH 3rd
RANK/POINTS 1/18 G Thompson	Handicap Class Trophy Charles Broken Boom Glass	Spring PH 1 <sup>st</sup> BH result, Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> , SPA 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Spring1 <sup>st</sup> , Sprint 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH result Autumn 3 <sup>rd</sup> , SPA 2nd, Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> , Sprint 2 <sup>nd</sup>
RANK/POINTS 3/15 R Cannon	Cundy Trophy Glass	Long distance race 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2002 BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , PH 1st Autumn BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Spa BH & PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Spring BH & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Sprint BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Summer BH & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup>
RANK/POINTS 5/4 P Halling	Laser Cup Glass	Summer BH & PH 1 <sup>st</sup> ,
RANK/POINTS 6/3 B Clements	Cruiser Cup Glass	Autumn PH 1 <sup>st</sup>
M Stevens	Young Helm Cup Glass	28 helm, 4 crew
R Wheeler	Summer Afternoon Glass	Most Races, 31 helm, 9 crew, 40 total, no other prize
R Britton	Glass	Most races Junior, 9 Helm + 5 Crew = 14 total, no other prize