

Although we were fortunate not to have any current to contend with generally we only had light and very fluky winds. The season started with the Easter Egg Trophy and although the forecast was terrible it was much better than we expected.

The big event was the Mid Thames Trophy traditionally contested between Desborough, Laleham, Littleton, Staines, Hampton and Aquarius sailing clubs. This year Littleton and Laleham didn't send teams and Staines could only manage two dinghies. Even so there was an entry of 19 dinghies starting; the most we have had for a very long time. Probably just as well there was only a light wind although in the afternoon it dropped to almost nothing and there was a bit of current to battle against. AQSC couldn't repeat last years success of winning; Hampton sailing club excelled in all the races helped by their faster boats making better headway against the current. All other aspects of the event were extremely successful.

There was good support for the Open Days with good conditions on Saturday but a rather light wind on Sunday; we had a number of visitors join and learn to sail Wednesdays[ and Sunday mornings

There was poor support for both the May and August visits to Bewl. The weather was terrible for the late May Holiday visit; cold, wet, thunder and no wind. Fortunately the August Bank Holiday had perfect conditions; hot and sunny with a 8-12 knot wind.

The maximum entry in a race was 10 with an average of 5.2 per race; similar to the last 4 years. Excluding the Mid Thames Trophy a total of 28 members helmed in at least one race, 34 crewed and 47 helmed or crewed. But if you exclude all those who sailed in less than 4 races only 12 helmed and 25 took part. Our regulars sailed in an impressive number of races with Graham Thompson doing 81 races.

AQSC members supported all the Signet Meetings and came away with the many of the prizes. Richard Cannon won the Signet National Championships and the Signet Annual Points Trophy with Robert Britton as crew. Richard let Michael Stevens helm his Signet for the last two Signet Open meetings and he did very well to come 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fishers Green and won at Ferry Meadows with Robert Britton as crew.

As usual all trophies, except the Broken Boom which is for the overall best Boat Handicap result, have been allocated to Personal Handicap results. There has been some close racing and there were ties six ties for places.

We need more members to partake in more races to make the distribution of prizes more interesting. I welcome suggestions that might improve support for events. Please let me have suggestions 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 morning following Sunday racing; the race results go back to 2000. Apart from the race results there are notes on the weather conditions for each race day. There is also a list of all the trophies with pictures and winners over the years back to 1952. Other useful pages are general News, Sailing and Social program, Sailing and Bar duty rosters, and the last 20 newsletters (all back to Summer 1999). I hope members are finding it useful. If Members with E-mail 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.***

**2005 PRIZES**

The race series match those of last year and the same trophies have been awarded. Everyone who was 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap result in a main series receives glassware. 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.

There were very few capsizes recorded this year and Charles Dennis receives the Water Rat Trophy with only 4 capsizes.

Graham Thompson has been almost unbeatable and has won nearly all the series on Boat Handicap and Personal Handicap and has won most of the trophies.

There were some very close results and there were six where a tie break had to be used. In evaluating ranking the results before tie breaks have been applied are used; on Boat Handicap Charles Dennis beats Graham by one point to win the 'Broken Boom' for the best Boat Handicap results (if the results after applying tie breaks had been used there would have been yet another tie).

Catherine Bridger and Sarah Herbert only started sailing quite late in the season and have made excellent progress joining in the racing and winning one on Personal Handicap. Catherine has been awarded the Tumbling Waters trophy for the most improved helm.

Junior helm Lucy Godwin also made good progress and has been awarded the Young Helmsman Cup.

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. 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.

<b>SERIES</b>	<b>TROPHY</b>	<b>MEMBER, Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew</b>
Autumn PH	Cruiser Cup	Graham Thompson 81H +0C= 81 races, rank 1
SPA PH	Saturday Trophy	Graham Thompson
Spring PH	Handicap Class	Graham Thompson
Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	Nigel Knowles 62H +0C = 62 races, rank 4
Summer PH	Laser Cup	Graham Thompson
Boat Handicap Result	Broken Boom	Charles Dennis 60H + 1C = 61races, rank 2
Long distance race	Cundy Trophy	Rodger Wheeler 43H+8C = 51 races, rank 6
Most improved helm	Tumbling Waters	Catherine Bridger 8H + 4C = 12 races
Event	Water Rat	Charles Dennis 4 capsizes
Junior Helm	Young Helm Cup	Lucy Godwin
No Other Prize		
Most races	Summer Afternoon	Liz Archer 8H +18C = 26 races
Most Crewed	Glass	John Neale 12H + 9C = 21 races
Newcomer	Glass	Sarah Herbert 1H + 8C = 9 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 Easter Egg, Regatta and Fun series. One point is given for each 3rd, two points for each 2nd and 3 points for each 1st place; changes due to tie breaks are ignored. 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 tie break was used.

Series	Autumn		SPA		Spring		Sprint		Summer		Rank for Prizes			
	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points			Position
Name	Places										BH	PH	Total	
G Thompson	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	12	13	25	1
C Dennis	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		13	5	18	2
R Cannon					<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	4	6	10	3
N Knowles		<b>3</b>						<b>1</b>				4	4	4
M Baker			<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>					1	3	4	4
B Clements										<b>3</b>		2	2	6
R Wheeler.				<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>						2	2	6
P Halling	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>									2		2	6

## PRIZE SUMMARY

## RANK/POINTS

1/25	G Thompson	Cruiser Cup Saturday Trophy Handicap Class Laser Cup Glass	Autumn PH 1 <sup>st</sup> SPA PH 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring PH 1 <sup>st</sup> Summer PH 1 <sup>st</sup> Autumn BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , SPA BH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Spring BH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Sprint BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Sprint BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Summer BH 1 <sup>st</sup> ,
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## RANK/POINTS

2/18	C Dennis	Broken Boom Water Rat Glass	Best by Boat Handicap Most Capsizes, 4 total Autumn BH & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , SPA BH & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Spring BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , Sprint BH 1 <sup>st</sup> , Ph 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Summer BH 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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## RANK/POINTS

3/10	R Cannon	Glass	Spring BH & PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , , Sprint BH 1 <sup>st</sup> & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Summer BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> & PH 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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## RANK/POINTS

4/4	N Knowles Glass	Enterprise Cup	Sprint PH 1 <sup>st</sup> Autumn PH 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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## RANK/POINTS

4/4	M Baker	Glass	Spring PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Wednesday BH 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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## RANK/POINTS

6/2	B Clements	Glass	Summer PH 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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## RANK/POINTS

6/2	R Wheeler	Glass	SPA PH 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Spring PH 4 <sup>th</sup> after tie break
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## RANK/POINTS

6/2	P Halling	Glass	SPA BH 3 <sup>rd</sup> & PH 4 <sup>th</sup> after tie break
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C Bridger	Tumbling Waters	Most improved
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L Godwin	Young Helmans Cup	Junior Helm
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Liz Archer	Glass	Most raced
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John Neale	Glass	Most Crewed
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Sarah Herbert	Glass	Newcomer
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