

Although we didn't think we would be able to sail at the start of the season the first 2 race days were great with strong E winds giving very good and exiting racing; there were 7 of the seasons 15 capsizes. Unfortunately by the 3rd week there was current and a light westerly wind for the Easter Egg race and it was very difficult to make way upstream. We couldn't race the next weekend due to little wind and a lot of current; this rather set the pattern for the year.

The Mid-Thames inter club event was hosted by Desborough SC this year; 4 Aquarius boats entered and came 3rd in extremely patchy and fluky conditions.

It didn't get any better for the Open Days when it was very wet and windy; not what we needed to attract new members. Unfortunately conditions were poor for the rest of May and June, including the Aquarius Regatta, There was a much better sail at the Hampton Regatta although it was a bit wet.

We didn't fair any better with the Late Spring Bank Holiday visit to Bewl Water. When we arrived we were told there wouldn't be any racing; there had been an organisational mix up but we could sail. We were glad we weren't racing because although the 15kt gust 30knt wind gave very exciting and demanding sailing it was raining and bitterly cold; 4°C with wind chill. After an hour we were frozen and glad to come off the water. It was much better for the August visit to Bewl and although again we were told there was no racing we were made extremely welcome, it was warm and sunny, and we had super sailing in a 10-15knt North wind and preferred not to race.

The best sail for a long time was on Wednesday 18 July when 8 boats had a super Wednesday afternoon sail. Unfortunately it didn't last with very heavy rain giving a current I have never seen before during the summer. For two weeks from 22 July the Environment Agency advised that no craft should navigate on the Thames; even the major Molesey Rowing Regatta was cancelled. The strong current and light wind made sailing very difficult through to the end of August.

Fortunately all of September was good starting with our major event the SigneT Open Meeting on 2 September which couldn't have had better conditions and was very successful.

October was back to very light winds and some current but November was better and racing continued beyond the published End of Season; there was a reasonable sail on 25 November.

The maximum entry in a race this year 2007 (2006 in brackets) was 9 (11) with an average of 5.5 (5.8) per race. 29 (35) members and visitors helmed in at least one race, 38 (50) crewed and 48 (64) helmed or crewed; this was similar to recent years, excluding last year which was particularly good. There are around 48 dinghies on the moorings; the most popular is 10 Lasers (6 used) then 6 each of Bosuns (5 used), Graduates (4 used) and Signets (4 used). 30 dinghies were used at least once during the year; 60% of the fleet used is probably not bad compared to some of the large clubs but we could do with more boats being used regularly.

Weather wise this will go down as one of the worst sailing seasons we have had so I think we have been lucky to get as many boats out.

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

Liz Archer has been acting as a backup to me to evaluate race results. The entering and evaluation of results is done using a program I wrote for a Psion PDA; Charles Dennis has loaned one to Liz and I have set it up so it can be used to produce the race results. She has successfully evaluated the results when I was away.

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 are some PDF files of the race results and analysis, like the race entry sheets for every race and all the Personal Handicaps used on every 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 26 newsletters (all back to Summer 1999; the last 9 are also in PDF format). 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

2007 PRIZES

As usual all trophies, except the Broken Boom which is for the overall best Boat Handicap result (decided by the highest Rank Points for Boat Handicap) and the Crews Trophy, have been allocated to Personal Handicap results. There has been some very close racing and there were five ties for places. For a change no one dominated the trophies and no one has one more than one race series trophy.

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, the Easter Egg or the Regatta (these 2 have been added this year) receives glassware and has been included in the ranking. Also some glasses have been awarded for amount of sailing.

If helm capsizes or have any other incident or breakage would they please make sure it is recorded on the race sheet so it can be included in my result records; needed to allocate the Water Rat Trophy.

There were some very close results; there were five where a tie break had to be used. There was only one point between each of the first 7 helm in the ranking and a tie break was used for the first place ranking. No one has won more than one series trophy.

Bryan Clement sailed the most at 61 times but Rodger Wheeler, Nigel Knowles, and Tony Hopkins weren't far behind with over 50 times.

A printed report of each race entry, series results, summaries and other items will be in the Race Result folder that is normally kept in the book case and will be on the website. 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	TROPHY	MEMBER	Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew
Autumn PH	Cruiser Cup	Rodger Wheeler	57 races, H=55, C=2, rank 5
SPA PH	Saturday Trophy	Charles Dennis	28 races, 28H, rank 4
Spring PH	Handicap Class	Pat Halling	37 races, 37H, rank 2
Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	Nigel Knowles	54 races, 49 H, 5C, rank 7
Summer PH	Laser Cup	Bryan Clements	61 races, 57H, 4C, rank 1
Boat Handicap Result	Broken Boom	Graham Thompson	45 races, 43H, 2C, rank 3
Most improved helm	Tumbling Waters	Bryan Clements	Rank improved from 7th to 1st
Event	Water Rat	Tony Hopkins	Many capsizes
Junior Helm	Young Helm Cup	Hanna Lunniss	23 races, 20H, 3C,
3 place or better in a series	Glass	Richard Cannon	31 races, 28H, 3C, rank 6
3 place or better in series	Glass	Simon Lunniss	22 races, 18H, 4C, rank 8
3 place or better in series	Glass	Tony Hopkins	53 races, 42H, 11C, rank 9
3 place or better in series	Glass	Peter Carpenter	33 races, 30H, 3C, rank 10
No Other Prize			
Most races	Summer Afternoon	Jeremy Baverstock	29 races, 29H
Most Crewed	Water Main	Liz Archer	14 races, 1H, 13C

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.

Big Bold numbers indicate that a tie break was used.

Series	Autumn		SPA		Spring		Sprint		Summer		Easter		Regatta		Rank			
	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points			Position
Name	Places														BH	PH	Total	Position
B Clements					2	3			2	1			1	2	7	6	13	1
P Halling		3	2	2	1	1						3	3		6	7	13	2
G Thompson	2		3				1					1	1		9	3	12	3
C Dennis	1	2	1	1											6	5	11	4
R Wheeler	3	1						3	3	2			3	3	3	7	10	5
R Cannon							3		1	3	2	2			6	3	9	6
N Knowles					3	2	2	1							3	5	8	7
S Lunniss													2	1	2	3	5	8
T Hopkins								2								2	2	9
P Carpenter				3												1	1	10

PRIZE SUMMARY

RANK/POINTS 2007

1/13 Bryan Clements Laser Cup Summer BH **2nd**, PH 1st
 Glass Spring BH 2nd, **PH 3rd**; Regatta BH 1st, PH 2nd
 Tumbling Waters, glass Most improved helm, rank 7th 2006, 1st 2007

RANK/POINTS 2007

2/13 Pat Halling Handicap Class Spring BH 1st, PH 1st,
 Glass Autumn PH 3rd; SPA BH 2nd, PH 2nd, Easter BH 3rd, PH 3rd

RANK/POINTS 2007

3/12 Graham Thompson Broken Boom Best overall by Boat Handicap
 Glass Autumn PH 2nd; SPA BH 3rd; Sprint BH 1st
 Easter BH 1st, PH 1st

RANK/POINTS 2007

4/11 Charles Dennis Saturday Trophy SPA BH 1st, PH 1st
 Glass Autumn BH 1st, PH 2nd

RANK/POINTS 2007

5/10 Rodger Wheeler Enterprise Cup Autumn **BH 3rd** tie break, PH 1st
 Glass Sprint **PH 3rd**; Summer **BH 3rd** tie break, PH 2nd
 Regatta BH 3rd, PH 3rd

RANK/POINTS 2007

6/9 Richard Cannon Glass Sprint **BH 3rd** tie break; Summer BH 1st, PH 3rd
 Easter BH 2nd, PH 2nd

RANK/POINTS 2007

7/8 Nigel Knowles Enterprise Cup Sprint BH 2nd, PH 1st,
 Glass Spring BH 3rd, **PH 2nd**

2007

8/5 Simon Lunniss Glass Regatta BH 2nd, PH 1st

2007

9/2 Tony Hopkins Glass Sprint **PH 2nd** tie break
 Water Rat Many capsizes

2007

10/1 Peter Carpenter Glass SPA PH 3rd

2007 Hanna Lunniss Young Helmans Cup, glass Best Junior Helm

2007 Liz Archer Aquarius Main, glass Most crewed 14 races, 1H, 13C

2007 Jeremy Baverstock Glass Most Races, 29 races, 29H