

Sailing Secretary Report

The year started very well with good sailing on New Years Day; there was very little current and the SW force 2-3 wind gave 4 boats a good sail. Fortunately the rain held off until lunch. 21 members came to the club. Good sailing continued every Sunday until near the end of April.

BUT by the Mid-Thames Trophy event at Desborough SC on 28 April there was too much current to tow boats up river to Desborough and they had to go by road. At Desborough it was just possible to make way against the current. There was no sailing for the next 3 Sundays because of the strong current; the first time we haven't been able to sail in May for over 20 years.

Unfortunately this set the patten for the year with it being the wettest on record. The Environment Agency have a system of red or yellow boards at locks to warn of dangerous conditions. Last year none were put out and the year before about 100, this year there have been about 1700.

We had a very big publicity drive for the Open day and had 59 visitors; near the most we have had. But on Saturday there was current, little wind and boats were towed upstream to drift back. Sunday was a little better. Six new members joined but generally for the rest of the year sailing has been terrible for them.

There was excellent sailing the next weekend. A visit to Bewl was scheduled for Monday the 4 July but the extremely wet and cold weather forecast put people off and no one went; there were only 6 Bewl boats out.

The Fun on the Water day didn't happen because of the current.

We were extremely lucky to have ideal conditions for the evening cruise to the Weir Hotel for a meal; there were 20 members in 4 dinghies, 3 cruisers, and a row boat.

We were fortunate that there was plenty of wind and not much current for the important Regatta and SigneT Open Meeting. It was very gusty/shifty and during the Sunday Novelty race the novelty was a squall with torrential rain and gusts up to 28 knots.

Other Bewl activities prevented us going on our usual date of the August Bank Holiday Monday and they invited us to go the following Saturday with camping over to Sunday. It was a super visit; very sociable and excellent sailing in 8 to 12 knots of wind.

We had a few glorious days sailing but races were cancelled on 7 Sundays; by far the worst we have had..

I thank all our duty officers for their reliable support; without them we couldn't race. In particular I would like to thank Pat Irving for preparing a super BBQ lunch every Sunday.

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 book case and they are on the website <http://www.sailaquarius.org.uk/>. As the race entries report gives virtually all the information on the original race entry sheets (except intermediate lap times) these will not be retained.; the Entries All Races report (Entries All Races, raceentries.pdf on the website) **includes actual times and corrected times per lap, in seconds, for Boat and Personal Handicap.**

Series	Autumn		SPA		Spring		Sprint		Summer		Easter		Regatta		Rank			
Handicap	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points		Position	
Name	Places														BH	PH	Tot al	
G Thompson	2	2	1	1	2		1		3	3	1	2	1	2	17	10	27	1
C Dennis	1	1	2	2	3				1						9	5	14	2
R Cannon					1	2	2	2			2		2		9	4	13	3
J Panting						1								1	0	6	6	4
R Wheeler							3	1					3	3	2	4	6	4
P Halling			3	3					2	1					3	4	7	6
F Goodall	3	3									3	3			2	2	4	7
B Clements						3				2					0	3	3	8
K Poncia												1			0	3	3	8
N Knowles								3							0	1	1	10

PRIZE SUMMARY IN RANK ORDER

RANK/POINTS 2012

1/27	G Thompson	Charles Broken Boom Saturday Trophy Glass	Boat Handicap Results 17 points Spring Autumn PH	44 races, 43 H, 1 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

2/14	C Dennis	Cruiser Cup Glass	Autumn PH	44 races, 44 H, 0 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

3/13	Richard Cannon	Glass		38 races, 37 H, 1 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

4/6	John Panting	Handicap Class Tumbling Waters	Spring PH Most improved helm	44 races, 43 H, 1 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

4/6	Rodger Wheeler	Cundy Enterprise Cup Glass	Long Distance 23 September Sprint PH	47 races, 46 H, 1 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

6/7	P Halling	Laser Cup Glass	Summer PH	23 races, 23 H, 0 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

7/4	F Goodall	Water Rat Glass	7 capsizes	30 races, 30 H, 0 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

8/3	Bryan Clements	Glass		63 Races, 60 H, 3
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RANK/POINTS 2012

8/3	Keith Poncia	Glass		21 races, 21 H, 0 C
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RANK/POINTS 2012

10/1	Nigel Knowles	Glass		28 races, 28 H, 0 C
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NO OTHER PRIZE 2012

Julian Snell	Summer Afternoon Glass	Most Races	16 Races, 15 H, 1 C
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NO OTHER PRIZE 2012

Liz Archer	Water Main	Most Crewed	13 Races, 1 H, 12 C
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