

Sailing Secretary Report

I have provided a wireless weather station for the club; it is mounted on a pole behind the club house when we are sailing and the display is on the notice board in the club house. For us the important display is wind speed, in mph, and direction; it can also display the maximum wind speed since being reset. In reports and notes I now use mph for wind speeds obtained from the weather station and Force for the estimated wind at sailing level; they can be very different. The race results on the website has graphs of the wind speed on sailing days.

I use knots for the speed of the current; as a knot is about 100 feet per minute and the distance from the upstream end of the club to the start line is about 100 feet it is very easy to check the current speed by timing some thing drifting down the river. Normally people think the current is much more than it is.

By the end of last season the current had made it difficult to sail upstream and we were very lucky that we were able to sail on the last Sunday; boats were towed up to the channel marker. There was no sailing beyond the last Sunday. From the new year the current was over two knots until the work party the week before sailing started. The first races were for Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday; very early this year. I didn't expect it would be possible to sail but the current had dropped to 1 knot and the variable force 1 to 3 East wind gave an excellent sail for the few who braved the bitterly cold day.

There continued to be a 0.5 to 1.5 knot current until the end of May but we were able to sail every Sunday. We were lucky that the weather was kind to us for the Open days; we had 55 visitors. There was still 0.7 knot current and it was cold but for a change the 10 to 15 mph West wind was fairly steady and visitors had a good sail.

On the late Spring Bank Holiday Monday we had our usual day visit to Bewl with family sailing; a glorious, but cold day, and the 12 to 25mph SW wind gave super sailing. On the August Bank Holiday we had a 3 day camping visit to Bewl; Saturday was very wet with little wind and we didn't sail but used Mike Hendra's caravan and awning as a club house; the rain stopped for just long enough to put the tents up. Fortunately Sunday and Monday were very different and we had super sailing.

We were lucky to have very good but challenging sailing for the important regatta and SigneT open meeting, without the rain that was forecast. The 12 to 24 mph WSW wind was extremely shifty and gusty and 180 degree tacks were common; there were several capsizes. On Sunday there was a bit less wind that was much less shifty.

It was a fine warm evening for the 'Mid Summer Madness' cruise through the lock for dinner at the Weir Hotel although the West wind was rather light for the four sailors, there was also a row boat, a cruiser, and the patrol boat; 17 members total. The return was very slow because the wind had decreased; we didn't get back to Aquarius until 10:30pm.

Generally sailing has been better than we normally get; fewer days with a bad wind and more days with a good wind.

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 and maintaining a good stock of ice creams.

This year I have combined the Place Order and Helm Order results for a series so the Contents pane on the web site is shorter and there are fewer pages to look at. 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.**

2013 PRIZES

As usual all series racing trophies, except the Broken Boom which is for the overall best Boat Handicap result (decided by the highest Rank Points for Boat Handicap) have been allocated to Personal Handicap results.

The race series match those of last year and the same trophies have been awarded. Everyone who had a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap result in a main series, the Easter Egg or the Regatta have been included in the ranking and receive prizes; the fun series are excluded. The Easter Egg and Regatta are included in Prize Points evaluation; I have tried excluding the and decided they should be retained. Including them can mean more members getting a prize, it can have no effect on the trophies, only has a minor effect on the ranking.

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 include in my result records; needed to allocate the Water Rat Trophy. Also it is important that all boats have sail numbers and a boat always uses the same sail number else the analysis of boat use is wrong.

Graham Thompson has been very dominant and of the five main series won four on boat handicap and three on Personal Handicap. He has entered an incredible 90 races out of the 103 races held.; the next highest is Rodger Wheeler with 62 races.

PRIZE POINTS

The following table lists the points of helms that were in the first three places for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap in any series, except the Fun and Training Fun Cruising 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			
Handicap	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points		Position	
Name	Places														BH	PH	Total	
G Thompson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3					14	12	26	1
R Wheeler	2	2			3		3	3	1	1					7	6	13	2
R Cannon					2	2			3	2			1	3	6	5	11	3
P Halling			2	2			2	1							4	5	9	4
J Panting											2	2	3	1	3	5	8	5
C Dennis											1	1	2		5	3	8	5
N Knowles	3	3				3								2	1	4	5	7
B Clements			3	3							3	3			2	2	4	8

Trophies

SERIES

Autumn PH

Spa PH

Spring PH

Boat Handicap Result

Summer PH

3 place or better in a series

Sprint PH

Most improved helm

Long Distance

Event

3 place or better in a series

3 place or better in a series

3 place or better in a series

TROPHY

Cruiser Cup

Saturday Trophy

Handicap Class

Broken Boom

Laser Cup

Glass

Enterprise Cup

Tumbling Waters

Cundy Trophy

Water Rat

Glass

Glass

Glass

MEMBER

Graham Thompson

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Rodger Wheeler

Richard Cannon

Pat Halling

Not allocated

Not held

J Panting

Charles Dennis

Nigel Knowles

Bryan Clements

Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew

90 races, 89 H, 1 C, rank 1

62 races, 55 H, 7 C, rank 2

36 races, 36 H, 0 C, rank 3

33 races, 33 H, 0 C, rank 4

28 races, 28 H, 0 C, rank 5, 5 capsizes

32 races, 31 H, 1 C, rank 5

49 races, 47 H, 2 C, rank 7

57 races, 49 H, 8 C, rank 8

Received No Other Prize

Most Races

Most Crewed

Summer Afternoon

Water Main

Mike Baker

Liz Archer

22 races, 21 H, 1 C

21 races, 2 H, 19 C

PRIZE SUMMARY IN RANK ORDER

RANK/POINTS 2013

1/26	G Thompson	Charles Broken Boom	1st Boat Handicap Results	14 points	90
	racers, 89 H, 1 C				
		Saturday Trophy	1st Spring/Autumn PH,		
		Handicap Class	1st Spring PH		
		Cruiser Cup	1st Autumn PH		
		Glass			

RANK/POINTS 2013

2/13	Rodger Wheeler		Laser		1st Summer PH
			62 races, 55 H, 7 C		
		Glass			

RANK/POINTS 2013

3/11	Richard Cannon	Glass			36 races, 36 H, 0 C
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RANK/POINTS 2013

4/9	P Halling	Enterprise Cup	1st Sprint PH		33 races, 33 H, 0 C
		Glass			

RANK/POINTS 2013

5/8	John Panting	Water Rat	5 Capsizes		28 races, 28 H, 0 C
	C				

RANK/POINTS 2013

5/8	C Dennis	Glass	1st Easter Egg		32 races, 31 C, 1 C
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RANK/POINTS 2013

7/5	Nigel Knowles	Glass	3rd Autumn BH & PH		49 races, 47 H, 2
			3rd Spring PH		
			2nd Regatta		

RANK/POINTS 2013

8/4	Bryan Clements	Glass	3rd Spa BH & PH		57 races, 49 H, 8 C
			3rd Easter Egg BH & PH		

NO OTHER PRIZE 2013

Mike Baker	Summer Afternoon	Most Helmed		22 races	21, H 1 C
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NO OTHER PRIZE 2013

Liz Archer	Water Main	Most Crewed		21 races,	2 H, 19 C
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