

## ***1Sailing Secretary Report 2014***

The year started very wet; 400mm of water over the bank caused social events to be cancelled. I didn't expect us to be able to start sailing at the end of March but we were lucky that by the start of season the current had reduced to 1knt and with a SE force 1 to 2 wind we were able to sail.

There were some interesting Newcomer events lunch time on the first Sunday of the month; especially resuscitation and basic first aid by Darren Best.

It was hot and fine for the open days which had a record number of visitors and a good number joining; there wasn't much wind for sailing but the canoes were very useful.

The visit to Bewl scheduled for the late May Bank Holiday didn't take place because the weather forecast was so bad.

Four Boats went to the Mid-Thames Trophy at Staines SC but it was cancelled because there was high current and little wind. It was rescheduled to 13 September at Desborough SC; AQSC came 3rd.

The SigneT open meeting with AQSC regatta was challenging for the visitors with the light fluky wind and some current. The regatta Sunday was OK until the wind switched off towards the end of the first race.

There was a fine evening for 23 members on the Midsummer Madness cruise through Sunbury Lock to the Weir Hotel for a meal.

There was a 3 day camping visit to Bewl over the August bank holiday; Richard did very well to win the Sunday last Regatta race and was 2nd overall. There was no sailing on Monday because it was too cold and wet.

The Cundy long distance race was held on 9 September racing up to Rivermead Island at Sunbury; a good choice of day because it was the best sail of the year.

Unfortunately this has been one of the worst years I have known for sailing.

We have been using a Personal Handicap system for 22 years and it was used at Hawkers for another 17 years; the RYA are thinking of including a Personal Handicap System.

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/>. 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.**

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 which are very popular.

Richard Cannon, Sailing Secretary

## 2014 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.

If helm capsizes or have any other incident, event 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. 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 has been very dominant again and of the five main series won four on boat handicap and three on Personal Handicap. He entered an incredible 86 races out of the 99 races held; the next highest is Bryan with 60 races. David Tregear has done extremely well in his first sailing season and came first on Personal Handicap in the Summer series to win the Laser Cup. William and Alice Lea have both done very well; William receives the Young Helmsman Cup.

## 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	3	3	1	2	2		2	3	17	13	30	1
R Cannon		3					2	2	3	3	1	1	3		7	6	13	2
M Baker	2				3	3	1	1	2						7	4	11	3
B Clements			3	2	2	2						3		2	3	7	10	4
C Dennis			2	3									1	1	5	4	9	5
N Knowles	3	2									3	2			2	4	6	6
D Tregear										1						1	1	7

## Trophies

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SERIES	TROPHY	MEMBER	Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew
Autumn PH	Cruiser Cup	Graham Thompson	86 races, 81H, 5C, rank 1
Spa PH	Saturday Trophy	Graham Thompson	
Spring PH	Handicap Class	Graham Thompson	
Boat Handicap Result	Broken Boom	Graham Thompson	
Long Distance	Cundy Trophy	Richard Cannon	45 races, 43H, 2C, rank 2
Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	Mike Baker	43 races, 43H, 1C, rank 3
Event	Water Rat	Mike Baker	3 capsizes
3 place or better in a series	Glass	Bryan Clements	60 races, 55H, 5C, rank 4
3 place or better in a series	Glass	Charles Dennis	37 races, 36H, 1C, rank 5
3 place or better in a series	Glass	Nigel Knowles	45 races, 44H, 1C, rank 6
Summer PH	Laser Cup	David Tregear	30 races, 26H, 4C, rank 7
Most improved helm	Tumbling Waters	David Tregear	
Young Helm		William Lea	12 races, 8H, 4C
		Alice	15 6 9

### Received No Other Prize

Most Races	Wheeler	Summer Afternoon	47 races, 45H, 2C
Most Crewed	Water Main	Mike Hendra	19 races, 1H, 18C