

Sailing Secretary Report 2018

Generally Dutyman has worked well; it manages the email reminders to those with duties and they can confirm the duty or arrange a swap; it is easy to use and it is important members do this. Much less work for the Sailing Secretary. It is not limited to sailing duties but can be used for any duties.

Fourteen members had a New Year's Day lunch at the club; unfortunately there was too much current to sail. There were members at the club most Sundays for lunch, tea and cakes but the current didn't drop enough for sailing until the start of Season on 25 March when there was still 1 knot of current and sailing was difficult. The Easter Egg Trophy should have been in the 1st April but there was 2 knots current and the whole river had strong current red warning boards at the locks; we weren't able to sail until 22 April.

The 2017 Mid Thames Trophy was held at Hampton SC on 5 May at the fourth attempt to run it. There was a reasonable sail for 16 boats; Hampton SC usually win this event but this year it was Desborough SC and AQSC were 3rd.

On 6 May the Club Graduate was exhibited at the Bushy Park Chestnut Sunday; excellent publicity for our RYA Push The Boat Out Open Weekends the following two weeks. We had over 50 visitors.

Unfortunately the glorious hot summer wasn't good for sailing. Except conditions were perfect for the Mid Summer Cruise for dinner at the Weir Hotel.

There was a E to NE 12 mph wind on 1st July, ideal for the Cundy long distant race; it was an excellent sail.

Generally there were glorious days but not much wind up to the last scheduled sailing day on 4 November when we had an entry of 9 boats; the best of the season.

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/homenew/raceresults.html>. The Entries All Races report (raceentries.pdf) includes actual and corrected times per lap for Boat and Personal Handicap for all races. The Weather station displayed in the club house OK but after July transfer to the PC didn't work so there are no graphs of the wind speed, from the weather station, on the website after July. It is OK now.

I used to enter the race result to a Psion PDA using a program I wrote when I joined the club; they are now entered into a Psion Emulator running on a Windows 10 laptop with the same program. The analysis and printing of the Series result is done on a PC using a Paradox (similar to Access) database. Graham has been producing results in parallel using a spreadsheet he created so my race results are checked. Graham has also been writing the race day notes that are on the website and notice board for me. Many thanks to Graham for the long time he has spent on these tasks.

I aim to produce accurate race results; this needs the helm, crew and sail number of the boat to be accurate for accurate analysis including boat usage; this is impossible when any or sometimes all three are wrong and it wastes a lot of time. With Lasers the handicap for a Radial rig is different; the race sheet usually doesn't indicate it is Radial. It is important for all boats to have a sail number; a single digit will do, there may be a usual number for a boat, the club Bosun is 1 and the club Laser Radial sail without a number is R9. The Officers may not know the crew members or the boat so it is important that members sign on with helm, crew and sail number; last name is important. You may not get a result if you don't sign on and if there is no crew specified when you have one your handicap will be worse.

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

2018 PRIZES

As usual all trophies are for the PH series results, except the Broken Boom which is for the overall best Boat Handicap result (decided by the highest Rank Points for Boat Handicap).

The Laser and Bosun series, which use results from other series, are excluded so a boat doesn't have 2 results for one race. The race series match those of last year and the same trophies have been awarded. All who had a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap result in a main series have been included in the ranking and receive prizes; the fun series are excluded. 26 members helmed and 26 crewed; 8 only did 1 race. 11 members receive prizes. There are 15 Trophies,

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

PRIZE POINTS

The following table lists the places of helms that were in the first three for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap in any series, except the Bosun, Laser, Easter, Regatta, 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. If there is a place tie in a series the tie will be broken using the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#) rule A8. **Bold large font** indicates that a tie break was used.

Series	Autumn		EarlyBird		SPA		Spring		Sprint		Summer		SunRise		Rank			Position	
	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points				
Name	Places															BH	PH	Total	
M Baker	1		1		1	3	1	2			1		1	1	18	6	24	1	
G Thompson	3	1		3	2	1			2	1			3		6	10	16	2	
J Watson-Evans	2	2	2	1					1	2	3				8	7	15	3	
N Knowles		3	3	2		2	3	3				2	2	3	4	9	13	4	
P Halling					3		2	1				3			3	4	7	5	
R Wheeler											2	1			2	3	5	6	
J Larsson													2			2	2	7	
A Gray									3	3					1	1	2	8	

Trophies 2018

10 members receive trophies.

SERIES	TROPHY	MEMBER	Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew
Boat Handicap Result	Broken Boom	Mike Baker	59 races, 58 H, 1 C, rank 1
SunRise PH	Sunrise Trophy	Mike Baker	
Autumn PH	Cruiser Trophy	Graham Thompson	64 races, 63 H, 1 C, rank 2
Spa PH	Saturday Trophy	Graham Thompson	
Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	Graham Thompson	
Laser PH	Laser Cup	Josh Watson-Evans	55 races, 55 H, 0 C, rank 3
Early Bird PH	Early Bird Trophy	Josh Watson-Evans	
Bosun	Bosun Trophy	Nigel Knowles	70 races, 68 H, 2 C, Rank 4
Spring PH	Handicap Class Main	Pat Halling	9 races, 9 H, 0 C, rank 5
Summer PH	Main 12 ft Trophy	Rodger Wheeler	47 races, 47 H, 0 C, rank 6
Capsize Event	Water Rat	Rodger Wheeler	
Most improved helm	Tumbling Waters	John Larsson	29 races, 27 H, 2 C, rank 7 PH change -12 (29 to 17)
3 rd PH in Sprint series	Glass	Alastair Gray	12 races, 12 H, 0 C, rank 8
Long Distance	Cundy Trophy	Peter Carpenter	6 races, 4 H, 2 C
Young Helm	Young Helm	Not awarded	

Received No Other Trophy

Most Races	Summer Afternoon	Bryan Clements	28 races, 26 H, 2 C
Most Crewed	Main GP	Brenda Lavery	10 races, 0 H, 10 C

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RANK	MEMBER	SERIES	TROPHY
1	Mike Baker Mike Baker	Boat Handicap Sunrise PH	Broken Boom Sunrise Trophy
2	Graham Thompson Graham Thompson Graham Thompson	Autumn PH Spa PH Sprint PH	Cruiser Cup Saturday Trophy Enterprise Cup
3	Josh Watson-Evans Josh Watson-Evans	PH Early Bird Laser PH	Early Bird Laser Cup
4	Nigel Knowles	Bosun PH	Bosun Trophy
5	Pat Halling	Spring PH	Main Handicap Class
6	Rodger Wheeler Rodger Wheeler	Summer PH Event (Capsize)	Main 12 ft Trophy Water Rat
7	Jon Larsson	Most improved	Tumbling Waters
8	Alastair Gray	Sprint PH 3 rd	Glass
	Peter Carpenter	Cundy	Cundy Trophy
	Bryan Clements	Most Races (28)	Summer Afternoon
	Brenda Lavery	Most Crewed (10)	Main GP Trophy

Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020

Appendix A8 SERIES TIES

A8.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first points(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

A8.2 If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.