

Report 2023

As sailing secretary I watch the sailing activities and wish to remind you of what is my personal selection of highlights.

Luca Scholes finally getting down to some racing. Don't worry Luca, the more successful you get the more your personal handicap will make it tougher.

Luca again, demonstrating multiple capsizes and recoveries with a Laser.

Michael Gatehouse, now retired, progressing in his racing.

Erica consolidating her position as most frequent crew. Target for next year, helming a una rig.

Rob Britton returning to sailing, with eager children packed into AQSC Bosun Big Boy.

I think it was this year, a perfect belly flop from a Laser by Meyer and his total lack of concern.

Katie bringing down her two boys and getting them out on the water.

John Botterill's many excursions in Big Boy with a wide range of members and visitors as crew.

Steve Pischke getting to grips with my race result system, I thank him for his help.

Former members at the AQSC 75th Anniversary Event showing us how to sail.

Work by Peter Carpenter, Gordon Courtney, Nigel Knowles and Bryan Clements keeping the patrol boats running.

Dutyman continues to work 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 very important members do this; it saves the Sailing Secretary having to make multiple phone calls to check duties will be done. It is not limited to sailing duties but can be used for any duties.

This year there have been a large number of ties. Two members tied for the Sprint Enterprise Cup, 3 for the Summer Series BH, 2 for the Sunrise Trophy

A balletic overhead display of beating to the first mark shot by Rob Britton in the midst of OOD duties.

Many thanks to Graham Thompson who creates alternative results using a spread sheet which ensures my errors, mainly involving PH, are detected and corrected. Graham also helped in the preparation and checking of the end of season results for prize giving.

I thank all our duty officers for their reliable support; without them we couldn't race. In particular I would like to thank Di Howley and others for helping with the tea and cakes.

Graham Thompson Vice Commodore Administration and Richard Cannon, Sailing Secretary

Results

A report of each race entry, series results, summaries and other items are on the website (<http://www.sailaquarius.org.uk/homenew/raceresults.html>) Race Results page and in the Race Results folder that is normally kept in the book case. The Entries All Races report (raceentries.pdf) includes actual and corrected times per lap for Boat and Personal Handicap for all races. Archived race results back to year 2000 are on the website. Graham initiated adding scans of the race sheets to DropBox; AQSCraceofficer/2023 Race Sheets, it makes it very easy to look at race sheets.

I aim to produce accurate race results; this needs the helm, crew and sail number of the boats 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 several rigs can be used, the handicaps differ; the race sheet usually doesn't indicate what it is, Standard, Radial, 4.7, or Rooster. 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 PH handicap will be worse.

Ranking

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 2022 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; the fun series are excluded, 27 members helmed and 19 crewed; 15 only did 1 or 2 races. 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 help allocate the Water Rat Trophy.

Ranking Points

The following table lists the places of helms who were in the first three places for Boat Handicap or Personal Handicap in any of the 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 is broken using the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 rule A8](#). **Bold large font** indicates that a tie break was used.

Steve Pischke has the highest points total of 25 so Steve Ranks 1.

Series	Autumn		EarlyBird		SpA		Spring		Sprint		Summer		SunRise		Positions			
	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	BH	PH	Points		Rank	
Name	Places														BH	PH	Total	
S Pischke	1	1	1	1	3	3		3		3	1	3	2	1	12	13	25	1
R Wheeler	3	2			1	1	1	1	2	2	3	1			10	13	23	2
J Watson-Evans	2		2	3					1	1			3	3	8	5	13	3
N Knowles							3				2	2	1	2	6	4	10	4
G Thompson					2	2	2	2	3						5	4	9	5
Gatehouse M		3	3	2											1	3	4	6

Member's Rank and Trophy Winners 2023

Eight members receive trophies and 1 has a rank without a Trophy.
This list is grouped by Member in rank order.

Cundy Trophy Race

Normally the Cundy Trophy long distance race is held when there are good conditions with an East wind concurrent with the 15:30 race.

On 6 August although not an East wind there were good sailing conditions with an 8 to 12 mph fairly steady NW wind, the Cundy Trophy race was allocated to the 14:00 event in place of the TFC event. The upstream mark was dropped ahead of the lead boat 20 minutes into the race near the Channel Marker at Sunbury. Steve Pische was 1st on BH and PH so won the Cundy Trophy.

Ranking

RANK	MEMBER	SERIES	TROPHY	Number of races H = Helm, C = Crew
1	Steve Pischke	Autumn PH Long Distance PH Early Bird PH Sun Rise PH Boat Handicap Laser	Cruiser Trophy Cundy Trophy Early Bird Trophy Sunrise Trophy Broken Boom Laser Cup	43 races, 43 H, 0 C
2	Rodger Wheeler	Spa PH Spring PH Summer PH	Saturday Trophy Main Handicap Class Main 12 ft Trophy	41 races, 37 H, 4 C
3	Josh Watson-Evans	Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup	36 races, 36 H, 0 C
4	Nigel Knowles	Bosun	Bosun Trophy	42 races, 41 H, 1 C
5	Graham Thompson	Glass	None Several PH & BH better than 4th, no PH 1st	33 races, 32 H, 1 C
6	Mike Gatehouse	Improved helm PH change -8 (4 to -4)	Tumbling Waters	24 races, 20 H, 4 C
	Luca Scholes	Young Helm Capsizes	Young Helmsman Cup Water Rat demonstration of Capsizing and Recovery	17 races, 15 H, 2 C For giving a faultless

No Other Trophy

Charles Dennis	Most Races	Summer Afternoon	31 races, 30 H, 1 C
Erica Mason	Most Crewed	Main GP Trophy	31 races, 0 H, 31 C

2023 Prize /Giving

This page is for labels to go with the glasses and trophies.

RANK	MEMBER	SERIES	TROPHY
1	Steve Pischke	Autumn PH	Cruiser Trophy
	Steve Pischke	Boat Handicap	Broken Boom
	Steve Pischke	Long Distance	Cundy Trophy
	Steve Pischke	Early Bird PH	Early Bird Trophy
	Steve Pischke	Sun Rise PH	Sunrise Trophy
	Steve Pischke	Laser PH	Laser Cup
2	Rodger Wheeler	Spring PH	Main Handicap Class
	Rodger Wheeler	Spa PH	Saturday Trophy
	Rodger Wheeler	Summer PH	Main 12 ft Trophy
3	Josh Watson-Evans	Sprint PH	Enterprise Cup
4	Nigel Knowles	Bosun	Bosun Trophy
5	Graham Thompson	Glass	None
6	Mike Gatehouse	Improved Helm	Tumbling Waters
	Luca Scholes	Young Helm	Young Helm Cup
	Luca Scholes	Capsize event	Water Rat
	Charles Dennis	Most Races	Summer Afternoon
	Erica Mason	Most Crewed	Main GP Trophy

Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024**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.