2017 Miracle/SigneT National Championships

6th August – 11th August 2017

Hosted by Netley Sailing Club

Royal Victoria Country Park

http://www.netleysc.co.uk/

**The 2017 Joint Miracle and SigneT National Championships will be held at Netley Sailing Club. The Organising Authority is Netley Sailing Club.**

***The following rules, instructions and advice are applicable to both Miracle Dinghy and SigneT Dinghy Fleets. Clauses 11.1 (scoring) and 12.1 (prizes) are specific to the Miracle fleet and 11.2 and 12.2 specific to the SigneT fleet.***

**Notice of Race**

6th edition – 24th Jan 17

# 1 Rules

#  This regatta will be governed by the” Rules”' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

##  Competitors should note that The Miracle Association and The Signet Class Owners Association implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book, or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/RACING/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>

## 2. Advertising

## 2.1 Advertisements and anything advertised shall meet generally accepted and ethical standards and meet the requirements of the Class Rules

##  Advertisements on sails shall be clearly separated from national letters and sail numbers on the mainsail and jib

## 3 Eligibility and Entry

## 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Miracle Class and the SigneT Class, the owner or helmsman shall be current members of the relevant class association.

## 3.2 Entries are now invited by completing the Championships Entry Form and sending it to the appropriate Class Secretary or Sailing Secretary, contact details are shown under Clause 17.

##  Payment can either be made by accompanying Cheque made payable to the appropriate Association or by Bank Transfer (also see Entry Form for details of electronic payments)

## 3.3 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration included on the Entry Form.

## 3.4 Subject to the prior written approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta. Such a boat shall display the same declared identification number on all mainsails and spinnakers used in the regatta. (Alters rule G3)

## 3.5 There shall be not less than two persons on board when racing (save for the single handed race) and the names of the helmsman and crew shall be declared at the time of entry.

## 3.6 Changes may be made to the helmsman or crew by notifying the Entries Secretary on or before the 6thAugust 2017. Permission to substitute crew after 6th August will only be granted in cases of injury, illness or important unforeseen personal circumstances. Prior writtenconfirmation shallbeobtained from the Race Committee following a written application for a crew change.

## 3.7 Scrutinizing will take place at the dinghy park. Each boat, together with her sails and equipment shall be scrutinised prior to launching. Boats shall be presented in a dry condition and may be weighed. Only previously measured sails shall be presented at this time

# 4. Fees

# 4.1 The Entry Fee for 2017 Miracle/SigneT National Championships is

 £160.00 if entered before the end of April

 £190.00 if entered before the end of June

 £210.00 if enter in July and August

4.2 The above prices include for the Helm and Crew and their guests to attend the Commodores Reception and for two Complimentary Meals for Helm and Crew attending the Prize Giving.

 Extra Tickets for additional meals at the Prize Giving can be purchased - see Entry Forms

## 4.3 The class associations reserve the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 31st July 2017. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances

# 5. Schedule of Events

##  Registration will take place at Netley Sailing Club at the times indicated or as specified on the Regatta Notice Board.

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| **Date** | **Miracle Class** | **SigneT Class** |
| **Event** | **Time**  | **Event** | **Time** |
| Sat 5th Aug | Registration | 14:00 - 18:00 | Registration | 14:00 - 18:00 |
| Sun 6th Aug | Registration | 09:00 - 12:00 | Registration | 09:00 - 12:00 |
| Briefing | 09:00 | Briefing | 09:00 |
|  | **Warning Signal** |  | **Warning Signal** |
| Sun 6th Aug1st HW 10:472nd HW 13:32 | Practice Race | 10.25 | Practice Race | 10.30 |
| 1st Points Race | 12.55 | - | - |
| Mon 7th Aug1st HW 11:312nd HW 14:11 | 2nd Points Race | 10.55 | 1st Points Race | 11.00 |
| 3rd Points Race | ASAP after 2nd Points Race | 2nd points race | ASAP after 1st Points Race |
| 1st Youth Race | ASAP after 3rd Points Race | - | - |
| Tues 8th Aug1st HW 12.042nd HW 14:49 | 4th Points Race | 10:55 | 3rd points race | 11.00 |
| 5th Points Race  | ASAP after 4th Points Race | - | - |
| 2nd Youth Race | ASAP after 4th Points Race | Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race | ASAP after Miracle Class 4th Points Race |
| Wed 9th Aug1st HW 12:482nd HW 15:01 | 6th Points Race  | 10:55 | No sailing, lay day.Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races on Monday/Tuesday |
| 7th Points Race | ASAP after 6th Points Race |
| Single handed/non-spinnaker Race | ASAP after 7th Points Race |
| Thurs 10th Aug1st HW 13:332nd HW 15:27 | 8th Points Race | 10:55 | 4th points race | 11.00 |
| 9th Points Race  | ASAP after 8th Points Race | 5th points race | ASAP after 4th points race |
| Crew’s Race | ASAP after 9th Points Race | - | - |
| Fri 11th Aug1st HW 14:072nd HW 16:17 | 10th Points Race | 11:25 | 6th points race | 11:30 |
| 3rd Youth Race | ASAP after 10th Points Race | Singlehanded Race | ASAP after 6th points race |

# 6 Measurements

## 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

## 6.2 Rule 78.2 will be applied only under exceptional circumstances

## 6.3 Boats are required to use the same suit of sails for all Championship races. The Race Officer may give permission for alternative sails to be used if application is made before use in the event of the first suit being irreparably damaged.

### 6.4 In addition to NOR clause 3.7, measurement checks may be carried out during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 6.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b), the 'authority responsible for interpreting the rule' will be the Royal Yachting Association.

# 7 Sailing Instructions

##  These will be made available to Competitors at Registration and from The Class Secretaries and via the Associations’ Websites.

# 8 Venue

##  Racing will take place in Southampton Water

# 9 The Courses

##  These will be a combination of windward - leeward and triangle.

# 10 Penalty System

##  The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

# 11.1 Scoring (Miracle)

##  The Championship Series shall consist of 10 races.

##  Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

##  When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

##  When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

##  When 9 or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

##  The Youth and Juniors Series shall consist of 3 races.

##  When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

##  When 3 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

# 11.2 Scoring (SigneT)

##  The Championship series shall consist of 6 races.

##  Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series

##  When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

##  When from 3 to 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

# 12.1 Prizes (Miracle)

##  FLEET DIVISION

##  The fleet will be divided into three sub-fleets - gold, silver and bronze. The intention of this division is to encourage competition throughout the fleet. Fleets will start together and will be awarded both overall and sub-fleet places

##  NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED

##  Practice Race Shield Winning helm & crew - Practice Race

##  Bell Woodworking Trophy Winning helm & crew - 1st Points Race.

##  Trimnell Trailer Trophy Winning helm & crew - 2nd Points Race.

##  International Paints Trophy Winning helm & crew - 3rd Points Race.

##  Jack Holt Trophy Winning helm & crew - 4th Points Race.

##  Sovereign Cup Winning helm & crew - 5th Points Race.

##  Charles and Diana Cup Winning helm & crew - 6th Points Race.

##  Bala Challenge Cup Winning helm & crew - 7th Points Race.

##  Cornwall Trophy Winning helm & crew - 8th Points Race.

##  Miracle Association Cup Winning helm & crew - 9th Points Race

##  Starboard Cup Winning helm & crew - 10th Points Race

##  Daily Mirror Cup Winning helm & crew - Overall National Champions.

##  John Bray Trophy Winning helm & crew - Silver Fleet.

##  Bob Ferguson Plaque Winning helm & crew - Bronze Fleet.

##  West Wales Observer Trophy Highest placed helm under 16 years.

##  Ullswater Cup Highest placed helm over 15 and under 18 years.

##  Michael Robinson Trophy The Youngest competing crew.

##  St Polly Plaque Highest placed Lady Helm

##  New Trophy Highest placed helm 18 to 29 years not having won a . . points race.

##  New Trophy Highest placed helm 30 to 39 years not having won a . . points race.

##  Master's Trophy Highest placed helm 40 to 54 years

##  Senior Master's Trophy Highest placed helm over 55 to 64 years

## . Ancient Mariners Trophy Highest placed Helm 65 to 69 years

## . Woodwind Trophy Highest Placed Helm and Crew both over 70 years

##  Ton Up Trophy Highest placed helm & crew with total age of 100+

##  Endeavour Trophy Helm and /or crew Displaying Greatest Endeavour, awarded by the Race Committee.

##  Tom Pearson Trophy The Helm in overall 16th position in Championship.

##  Senior Helm Trophy The Oldest helm

##  Bailey Family Trophy Highest placed helm and crew siblings from the same family.

##  Bay of Colwyn Trophy Highest placed helm of non-spinnaker boat in Championship.

##  G.R.I.D. Spoon Highest non placed Husband and Wife Team outside the top five

##  Club Trophy Club with the highest placed three boats outside the top five.

##  Gracie Trophy Highest placed Helm over 70 years of age, not having

##  collected any other prizes in the Championships

##  OTHER RACES

##  Youth Championship Trophy Winning helm and crew – Youth Championships

##  16 to 21 years old on 6th August 2017

##  Junior Championship Trophy Winning helm and crew – Junior Championships

##  15 years old and under on 6th August 2017

##  Young Junior Championship Trophy Winning helm and crew – Young Junior Championships

##  13 years and under on 6th August 2017

##  Crew's Cup Winning helm - Crews Race.

##  Casper Cup Winner Single Handed Race

##  Newton Crum Trophy Winning helm and crew - Non-Spinnaker Race

##  Where age is a factor the following rules will be used: "Age" is defined as age, in years, on the 6th August, 2017. Michael Robinson Trophy and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.

# 12.2 Prizes (SigneT)

##  NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED

##  Practice Race Trophy Winning helm & crew – Practice Race

##  Race 1 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 1

##  Race 2 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 2

##  Race 3 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 3

##  Race 4 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 4

##  Race 5 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 5

##  Race 6 Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 6

##  Mabel Field Trophy Winning helm & crew – race 1

##  Solo Trophy Winning helm – Single handed race

##  Sunday Times Trophy Overall Championship winning helm

##  City of Plymouth cup Overall Championship winning crew

##  Junior Trophy Highest placed helm under 21 years of age

##  Marlow salver Highest placed home-built boat

##  Signet Rose Bowl Highest place helm not competing in the points series

##  Muddy Jackpot Championship runner-up helm and crew

##  RG-G Trophy Winning helm in the crew invitation race

##  Pegasus Trophy Highest place non-regular helm in the crew invitation

##  Rockall cup Winning helm in the helm invitation (race 4)

##  Team Trophy Winning team, based on selection TBD

##  Pryor Seamanship Trophy Awarded for notable display of seamanship

##  Les Shepherd Memorial Trophy Awarded for services to the fleet during the past year

##  Clown Trophy Awarded for spectator amusement

##  Venus Trophy Highest placed newcomer

##  Helmswoman Trophy Highest placed lady helm

##  Tail End Trophy Last place helm & crew

# 13 Rights to use names and likenesses and Advertising

##  Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event

# 14 Safety Regulations

# 14.1 All competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy. Wet or dry suits will not be considered as constituting the 'adequate personal buoyancy’ referred to in Rule 1.2

# 14.2 A Tally system will be used, details to be advised at the briefing, boats may not go afloat unless tallied on

# 14.3 Tally numbers will be issued at Registration

# 14.4 Launching and Recovery will be under control of the Beachmaster and his safety crew, the International Code Flag D ( Delta) will be flown to release boats . No boat shall go afloat until officially released by the Beachmaster

## 14.5 Anchors are optional. However, all dinghies shall carry a Towing Warp of minimum length 10 Metres

## 14.6 No Race shall be started in less than 5 Knots of wind or more than 25 Knots of wind. Races will be abandoned if the wind drops below 3 Knots across the course or gusts above 30 Knots

# 15. Risk Statement

Competitors attention is called to the following RYA Risk Statement

**RISK STATEMENT\***

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

A DECISION BY THE ORGANISERS TO GIVE COMPETITORS PERMISSION TO LAUNCH THEIR BOATS AND TO SAIL DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE SAILING CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARILY SAFE FOR ALL COMPETITORS TO DO SO.

THE DECISION AS TO THE SUITABILLITY OF THE CONDITIONS AND WHETHER TO LAUNCH AND SAIL IS THE RESPONSIBILLITY OF EACH COMPETITOR IF OVER THE AGE OF 18 OR OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IF THE COMPETITOR UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

(\* Based upon recommendations given in RYA GUIDANCE RISK STATEMENT, June 2013)

# 16 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

# 17 Contact Information

# 17.1 The Championship Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at the following addresses

Netley Sailing Club

Royal Victoria Country Park

Netley

Hampshire

SO31 5GA

Website: http://www.netleysc.co.uk/

Contact: Dave Machin

Tel: 07788 145281

Email: Dave.Machin@NetleySC.co.uk

The National Authority may be contacted at:

Royal Yachting Association,

RYA House, Ensign Way,

Hamble,

Southampton,

SO31 4YA

Tel: 0845 345 0400; Fax: 0845 345 0329

Email: admin@rya.org.uk

The Miracle Class Association may be contacted at: -

Mrs Gillan Gibson

Miracle Association,

13 Fenwicks Street

Boldon Colliery

Tyne and Wear

Tel. 0191 537 1712

Email: gillan\_gibson@yahoo.co.uk

The Signet Class Owners’ Association may be contacted at:-

Mr Patrick Overs

Sailing Secretary, SCOA

42 Little Paxton Lane

Little Paxton

Cambs.

PE19 6EP

Tel. 01480 211124; Mobile 07812 124690

Emai: pat@overs.org.uk

18 Accommodation

Camping for tents and motorhomes is available behind the clubhouse (sorry, no caravans allowed because of a local bylaw)

19 Restrictions

19.1 Dogs are not allowed inside the Building, but are allowed on lead elsewhere.

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