

2016 Miracle/SigneT National Championships

6th August – 13th August 2016

Hosted by The Welsh National Sailing Academy

Plas Heli Cyf

Glandon, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, Wales LL53 5YT.

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The 2016 Joint Miracle and SigneT National Championships will be held at The Welsh National Sailing Academy, Plas Heli, Glandon, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, Wales. The Organising Authority is The Welsh National Sailing Academy.

The following rules, instructions and advice are applicable to both Miracle Dinghy and SigneT Dinghy Fleets. Clauses 11a (scoring) and 12a (prizes) are specific to the Miracle fleet and 11b and 12b specific to the SigneT fleet.

NOTICE OF RACE

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 www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

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, the owner and helmsman shall be current members of the National Miracle Owners 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 6th August 2015. Permission to substitute crew after 6th August will only be granted in cases

of injury, illness or important unforeseen personal circumstances. Prior written confirmation shall be obtained 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 2016 Miracle/Signet National Championships is **£160.00 per boat**
See the Miracle Class Magazine, Website and Face book Pages for details of Early Booking Rewards
- 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 Form
- 4.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 31st July 2016. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances
5. Schedule of Events
Registration will take place at The Welsh National Sailing Academy at the times indicated or as specified on the Regatta Notice Board.

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Comment [1]: Typically we've not concerned ourselves with this process for Signets. However if you have access to weighing facilities we will try to weigh all boats.

Date	Event	Miracle Class Start-Warning Signal	Signet Class Start-Warning Signal
Saturday 6th August	Registration	14:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs	14:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs
Sunday 7th August HW 11.37	Registration Briefing Practice Race 1 st Points Race	09:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs 09:30 hrs 10.55 hrs 13.55 hrs	09:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs 09:30 hrs 11.00 hrs
Monday 8th August HW 12.16	2 nd Points Race 3 rd Points Race 1st Youth Race	10.55 hrs ASAP after 2 nd Points Race ASAP after 3 rd Points Race	11.00 hrs 1 st points race 2 nd points race ASAP after 1 st Points Race
Tuesday 9th August HW 12.57	4 th Points Race 5 th Points Race 2nd Youth Race	10.55 hrs ASAP after 4 th Points Race ASAP after 5 th Points Race	11.00 hrs 3 rd points race Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle youth race
Wednesday 10th August HW 13.46	6 th Points Race 7 th Points Race Single handed/non spinnaker	10.55 hrs ASAP after 6 th Points Race ASAP after 7 th Points Race	No sailing, lay day. Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races on Monday/Tuesday
Thursday 11th August HW 14.47	8 th Points Race 9 th Points Race Crews Race	10.55 hrs ASAP after 8 th Points Race ASAP after 9 th Points Race	11.00 hrs 4 th points race 5 th points race ASAP after 4 th points race

Friday 12th August HW 16.05	10th Points Race 3rd Youth Race	10.55 hrs ASAP after 10th Points Race	11.00hrs 6th points race Single handed race ASAP after 6th points race
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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.

1.1.1 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.

1.1.2 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 The Class Secretary and via the Association's Website.

8 Venue

Racing will take place in Tremadog Bay

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.

11a 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 boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

The Youth and Junior 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.

11b 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.

12a 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 - 7 th Points Race.
Cornwall Trophy	Winning helm & crew – 8 th Points Race.
Miracle Association Cup	Winning helm & crew – 9 th Points Race
Starboard Cup	Winning helm & crew - 10 th 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.
City of Plymouth Cup	The Youngest competing crew.
St Polly Plaque	Highest placed Lady Helm.
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
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Junior Championship Trophy	Winning helm and crew – Junior Championships
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 9th August, 2015. For City of Plymouth and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.

12b 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, 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

14.7 Boats retiring, or not competing, or taking penalty turns (Rule 44) must declare this on the relevant sheet at the Race Office within one hour of the last race

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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;
- f) 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 SUITABILITY OF THE CONDITIONS AND WHETHER TO LAUNCH AND SAIL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY 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

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

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The Welsh National Sailing Academy

Plas Heli Cyf.

Glandon,

Pwllheli.

Gwynedd.

Wales

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Attention Mr Gareth Roberts - Events Manager

Tel.01758 613343

Email gareth.roberts@plasheli.org

Website www.plasheli.org

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: -

Mr. John Tippett

National Miracle Owner's Association,

31 Dyson Close

Rugby

Warwickshire

CV21 4LG

Tel. 01788 572129

Email- tippett.john@tiscali.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

Email- pat@overs.org.uk

18. Accommodation

A limited number of spaces and electrical hooks for Mobile Homes and Caravans is available on site please contact the Welsh National Sailing Academy for details

A local Accommodation List is also available from NWSA

19 .Restrictions

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

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