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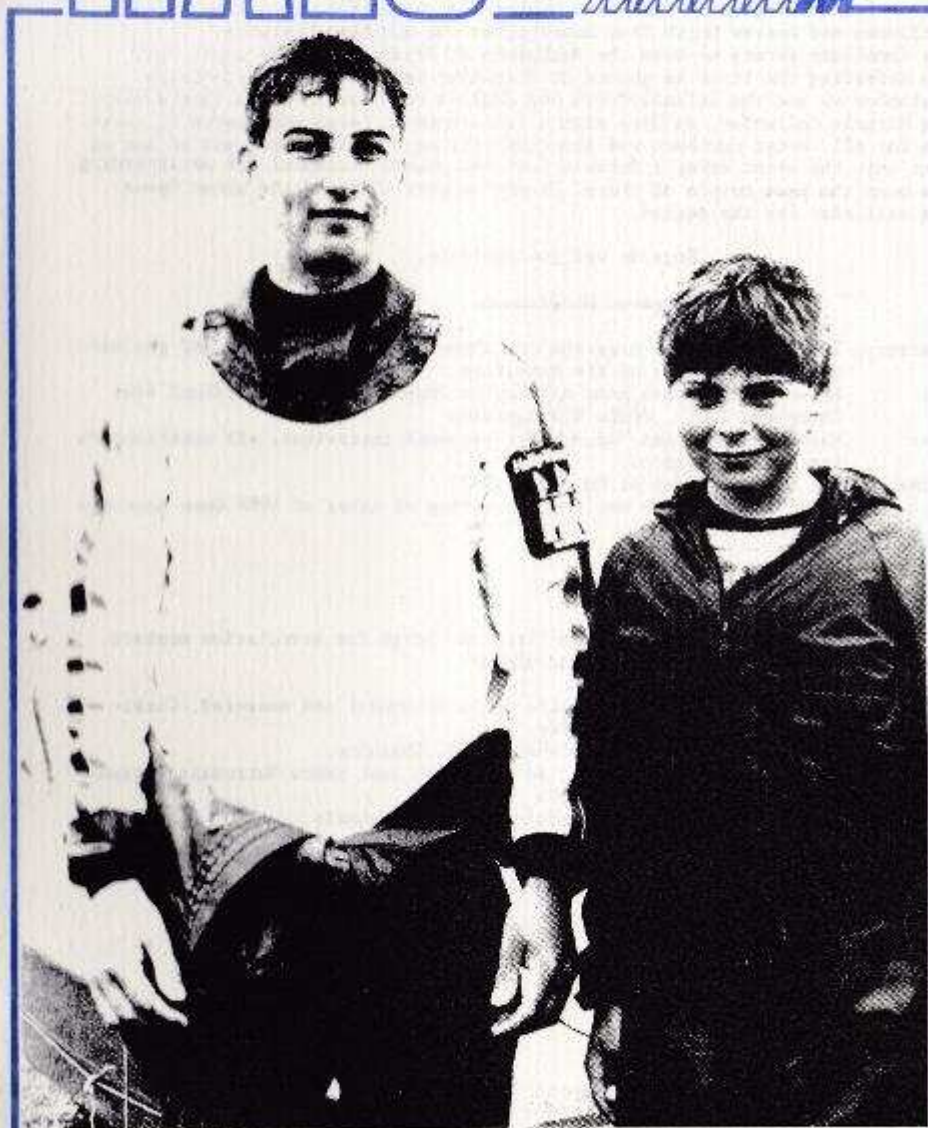
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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIRACLE ASSOCIATION

EDITORIAL

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July 1987

Dear Sailors,

The sailing season is now halfway through, summer has not arrived and we have three new regional champions. Brian Longsen, a former Enterprise helm from Sutton Bingham is the South Western Champion, Mark Lunn from Wigan the Midlands and Andrew Smith from Hoveringham the Northern Champion. In the immediate future we have the Nationals at Brixham, with no doubt Phil Sowden defending the title he gained at Ullswater against strong opposition. In September we see the Inlands/Youth and Juniors at Draycote and a unique event in the Miracle callendar, an Open with a difference at Leigh and Lowton SC, with prizes for all. Peter Cuthbert and the club sailing committee have put at lot of thought into the event using a formula that has proved succesful for sailboarding events over the past couple of years. Please support them and the other Opens on the callendar for the season.

Regards and good sailing,

Margaret Hodgkinson.

Disclaimer: The views in this magazine are those of the contributors and are not necessarily those of the committee.

Photo: Front cover...Mark Lunn and Martin Jones, Wigan SC...Midland Area Champions 1987...Photo W.Hodgkinson

Thanks: Mark Lunn and John Tippett for personal interviews, all contributors for sailing reports.

Deadline: For next copy end of November 1987.
Fleet captains, an early confirmation of dates of 1988 Open meetings please.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PUDDLEDUCK.....Bartley..30th August
INLANDS.....Draycote..12/13 Sept.
Open.....Leigh..19/20 Sept.
Open.....ICI Slough..4 October
Full details in Spring 87 Halo with names on contacts etc.

Chesham Bucks

Dear Editor,

I notice in the Spring 87 newsletter you have listed IPCYC (Iver) amongst the clubs that sail Miracles.

I wrote to both the Mirror and Miracle class associations informing them that the club no longer existed.

Our landlord gave us three months notice in May 1986. After receiving incorrect advice from the RYA, which wasted 6 weeks of the notice period, we employed a solicitor and with his advice consulted a barrister. Both agreed that there were no grounds on which we could dispute being evicted.

The affairs of the club have, it is sad to say, been wound up. The assets have been disposed of in accordance with thw wishes of the membership.

There was over £200 owed to the club after we had disposed of the assets which we received just prior to Sailboat 87 at Crystal Palace. We presented the RNLI with a cheque early Saturday morning to give them a good start for the weekend.

Most of the members have joined Kingsmead SC, some including myself have joined Maidenhead SC. We have settled in well at both clubs being made wilcome and enjoying good competitive racing.

Please publish the above,

Yours sincerely
J S Mansfield
Last Chairman IPCYC

BSC SHOTTON SC

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Geoff Weir Fleet Captain BSC
Shotton

RULE 8b

It was noted and pointed out to the Class Measurer that Rule 8b was being broken yet again. If this persists I hope the offenders will be protested under Rules of Measurement, Rule 8b. This was ammended at the 1986 AGM.

NEW MIRACLE MEASURER

Tom Pearson has asked me to inform you that K.Nicholls has stepped down as a Class Measurer and his place been taken by P.Cuthbert of Leigh and Lowton SC. Peter can be contacted on..061 707 4880

DRAYCOTE WATER INVITATION PURSUIT

This is an annual event held at Draycote for two invited crews and two Draycote crews (if applicable) for all classes holding a PY handicap. This year 55 classes were invited with a total entry of around 180 boats. The Miracle fleet was represented by Phil Sowden, Greame Castle, Peter Stewart and Harry Barlow. Peter and Harry both Draycote sailors.

The weather gave the Miracle a reasonable chance (I don't think any condition really favours us.) The wind was variable..from very little to none at all. Happily we were not swallowed up by the faster boats, as I have depressingly experienced before. We couldn't hold our own, however, with any of the classes we started with (Streaker Graduate and Firefly) and had to rely on their mistakes to keep in touch at all.

However it was a very enjoyable event and the two class representatives who survived the bitter cold and hailstones were Phil Sowden (38th) and Harry Barlow (61st). The event was won by the slower classes, which is not unusual in such events, with all four Mirrors in the top 10, some Toppers and an Otter. I should mention that Andy Pakinson (2nd in the Miracle Championships at Ullswater), represented Draycote in his Enterprise sailed very well to beat both their current national champion and runner up, finishing in about 18th? place.

Phil Sowden ICI Slough

PROTEST! PROTEST!

Winsford Flash is not in Lancs, nor near Wigan, but in Cheshire.
Winsford Flash SC, Stoks Hill, Durnhall, Winsford, Cheshire.

Henning Caesar.....Fleet Captain WFSC

MIRACLE INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS INCORPORATING THE YOUTH AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

AT

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2 races Saturday...1st race 12.30
2 races Sunday.....1st race 10.30

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Contact.....John Tippett
31 Dyson Close Rugby
Tel..0788 72129

TOP DOG

The Top Dog is an annual event for invited class champions to sail Toppers at Walton-on-Thames. This year I was pleased to be able to represent the Miracle fleet. Attendance however was down on 1986 with only 12 class representatives attending.

It was a very windy day, with at least a steady force 5 gusting to 7 in the morning. I chose not to sail the boat loaned by a fellow ICI member and hired a boat from Topper International.

Although the boats were very evenly matched the fleet spread out dramatically in the first of the four races. By sole virtue of the fact that I didn't capsize I managed to finish 2nd, behind the current Topper National and World Champion Andrew Peters.

With positions of 6th, 3rd and 6th again in the remaining races, I finished 5th overall behind:

I Walker (Mirror)
N Marsden (Enterprise...1986 Top Dog Champion)
S Cockerill (Europe)
A Peters (Topper)

I feel it is a pity that this event was so poorly attended, as such events provide the only comparison of the standard of the various class champions, although admittedly the Optimist champion would normally stand a better chance than the Gontender or 505 champion. However, I enjoyed the event very much, and now have to defend the Miracle title to have another shot at it next year.

Phil Sowden ICI Slough SC

ENDEAVOUR TROPHY

The Endeavour trophy was attended by 18 invited helms from various classes. The event is held at the Royal Corinthian YC over 2 days with 3 races being sailed each day. A one Design class of dinghy is nominated for the weekend; on this occasion it was the Enterprise and has in the past been sailed in such classes as the Lark and GP14.

I borrowed E18990 from S Thorpe a fellow ICI member and was crewed by Gordon Jonas. This turned out to be the oldest boat in the fleet which I found quite surprising.

Racing this year was held in variable conditions. In all the 6 races, however, every position was keenly contested, in the last race all 16 boats crossed the line within 2 minutes of the winner. Our best position was a 3rd, which we achieved in the first race on Sunday after an excellent start. Taking into account our other results we came 8th overall. This was a fair result in an extremely competitive fleet. The overall winner was Enterprise National Champion, Allan Gillard.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Miracle Association and particularly Bob Ferguson for their assistance in arranging our entry.

Phil Sowden ICI Slough SC

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE...JOHN TIPPETT...TREASURER

John Tippett...Treasurer
Crew...Matt Scantlebury
Boat 1622 Oracle...New Boat 3461 Tip Top
Club...Draycote Water SC
Age...45 Family...Wife Seilla...Children Ashley 17 and Judith 14.

Although a Cornishman; spending his youth only a few miles from the sea, it wasn't until he came to the Midlands to work that John developed his interest in sailing. It all started when he bought a book for 10p by Sam Proctor at a Jumble Sale and then approached a colleague at work who sailed an Enterprise at Draycote for a crewing job.

The Enterprise sailing lasted from 1977-80 during which they collected a few club trophies; then John bought his own Miracle 1622 and named it Orac after the computer on the space ship Liberator but after the series was long forgotten the name was changed to Oracle.

When John joined the Miracle fleet at Draycote there were about 12 boats in the fleet who were entertained by the Tippett family coping with the spinnaker which had been recently introduced. You don't get that sort of practice at the front end of an English Enterprise.

He sailed at Ullswater in 1982 and at the Plymouth Nationals in 83 with his children as crew. Judith collected the City of Plymouth Award for the youngest crew. John now sails with Matt, son of another Draycote sailor and they competed at Ullswater in 86 finishing 34th.

His memories of these Championships are coloured by some odd incidents, at Ullswater in 82 it was the sight of 8 young Draycote sailors paddling out on a sailboard to cool off after a hard days sailing, in 83 the thought of jelly fish when they capsized and the body in the water which brought a police launch out to join the fleet and last year it was trying to keep warm and dry in a small tent in the monsoon conditions.

The Draycote fleet now numbers 34 boats with the promise that a few more will be added this season. John has been elected for a 2 year stint as fleet captain this year and this together with helping the Association keeps him fairly busy when not sailing.

John also enjoys a game of chess, reads and brews the occasional gallon of home made wine.

This season John has a new boat 3461 Tip Top and he and Matt expect to be sailing at Brixham in July.

Jon Tippett M3461



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This is a special message to all of you who are currently engaged in that thankless task of being captains of your fleet. Not so much as standing on the bridge giving orders whilst sipping a Martini, more like attending sailing meetings, class meetings, welcoming then sorting out problems for new members, measuring sails and boats, arranging training nights, galley, OOD, Winter/Summer/Bar duties, your open and even crewing/helming for little Jimmy Whatsit whilst he gets the hang of it.

ALL THIS besides trying desperately to get in some sailing time yourselves. Appended below are details of the LEIGH AND LOWTON OPEN EVENT to be held on the 20th SEPTEMBER 1987. Just for you a special prize...THE CAPTAINS TROPHY...to be awarded to the highest placed Captain who hasn't got into any other prizes. Bring along two others from your fleet and you could try for the CLUB TROPHY... awarded to the highest placed club team.

There will be a PROTEST FLAG awarded to all unplaced competitors who complete all the points races without a protest or retirement.

There are prizes for first and last in the practice race on the Saturday. We have arranged food and entertainment for the Saturday night, and tents or caravans etc are welcome. The clubhouse will be available for any who prefer to kip in the lounge. Some of our members will accommodate if required.

All in all, we intend to make our weekend the most welcoming and sociable event of the year, where you can relax with the friends you made at the other open and national events. Leigh and Lowton is renowned for its consistently good wind and water, so a top class competition is assured. All our other eight fleets have given the water to the Miracles on the Sunday, so please make a special effort to get your members to this event—we need a minimum of 35 boats to ensure success. I am sure your efforts will be rewarded next year, when you expect support for your own open.

Peter Guthbert..Captain and
Dogsbody..Leigh and Lowton
Tel...061 707 4880

LEIGH AND LOWTON MIRACLE OPEN 1987

Saturday	19th September	2.30pm	PRACTICE RACE
Sunday	20th September	11.00pm	1st POINTS RACE
		2.00pm	2nd POINTS RACE
		4.00pm	3rd POINTS RACE
			All times approximate

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MIRACLE SW AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS at SUTTON BINGHAM SC MAY 2/3

The Miracle SW Area Championship was sailed at Sutton Bingham SC on the weekend of May 2/3 under most enjoyable but extremely strong, gusty conditions, especially on the Saturday. There was good competitive sailing throughout the fleet on both days and some fearsome starts.

Saturday saw several capsizes and even some forced retirements. One particularly amusing incident was Geoffrey Deans capsize literally a yard or two before the finishing line but he and Liz worked valiantly to right their Miracle and managed to retain their position of second.

On the Sunday number 9 buoy proved difficult for almost everybody. A hard long beat ended up in flukey airs which caused some boats at times to go backwards before they were able to round the mark. Other parts of the reservoir had their points of interest. Peter Sowden after some bad luck early in the last race was lying next to last but towards the end of the lap at the infamous number 9 was lying in second. 'Done by reading the water', he explained.

Brian Longson is a new member at Sutton Bingham and a recent convert from Enterprises. Nigel Laveridge, Commodore, commented when awarding the prizes that this was the only time he could remember the home club fielding a Miracle winner in the last four years.

1st	Brian Longson	Sutton Bingham SC
2nd	Richard Smaile	Worthing YC
3rd	Vic Johnston	Sutton Bingham SC
4th	Geaff Dean	Worthing YC
5th	Peter Sowden	ICI Slough
6th	Tom Pearson	Mid Warwicks SC

John Rofe M 1130

THAMESMEAD SAILING CLUB

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An apology to any Miracle sailor who was upset by the last minute cancellation of the Thamesmead Open on April 26th. The sailing Secretary hopes he managed to contact everyone and avoid wasted journeys.

Just as they were beginning to get the vestiges of a Miracle fleet the running of their lake changed hands from the exGLC to Thamesmead Town Ltd a private company. This company now wants to charge £5 per boat per time to sail, this resulted in the sudden cancellation of two open meetings and the annual sailing course.

Should this problem not resolve itself by negotiation it may mean the eventual demise of the club and several members looking for a new fleet to sail with.

Paul Nudds
Sailing Secretary

MIRACLE MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS HOVERINGHAM SC MAY 16th/17th

A total of 20 boats took part in what was to prove a closely contested championship in vying many tight finishes within the fleet including a dead heat. The practice race took place in light shifting winds. The fleet was closely bunched at the first mark before a wind shift saw 3 boats pull away, D Southwell, D Raines and A Smith.

After the first lap Smith had pulled up to second and challenged for the lead, which by the end of lap 2 he had gained by sailing high. Raines had pulled into second. As the wind shifted again, Smith in 3496 pulled away to finish first, with Southwell 3383 regaining second from Raines 232.

1st Points Race

Took place in very light shifting conditions. Mark Lunn took an early lead and held clear air, followed by father and Andrew Smith. Graeme Castle got a lift to pull through to 3rd at the end of the 1st beat. These 4 boats pulled away from the fleet who remained tightly bunched with some tangles and resulting penalties. The breeze stiffened from the NW giving good spinnaker runs at the end of the lap. The start of the 2nd lap saw Mark in the lead with Graeme pulling through into 2nd, followed by Andrew and father Lunn neck and neck, with a good spinnaker reach by Andrew pulling him into 3rd at what had become by then, in the shifting conditions the leeward mark.

Mark and Graeme continued to pull steadily away and Andrew stretched away from Malcolm Lunn.

Graeme sailed a good spinnaker reach to draw within 5 lengths of the leader but Mark opened up again. Harry Barlow 3330 was now chasing Malcolm for 4th place. Close racing down the fleet resulted in several lower place changes.

On the last lap Mark had a comfortable lead with a battle developing between Andre and Graeme for 2nd place. A close group of 3330 contesting with 3383 and 998 for the 3rd, resulting in Mark Lunn 1st Graeme Castle 2nd and Andrew Smith 3rd with the rest of the fleet lead by Southwell, Barlow, Malcolm Lunn just ahead of Warren Hodgkinson.

2nd Points Race

Wind Force 3 with rain.

Good long 1st beat. Mike Smith 2776 rounded the mark in 1st place closely followed by Mark Lunn, John Wilson, David Southwell and Andrew Smith. On the next beat the 5 boats were closely bunched and pulled away from the fleet. At the end of the spinnaker leg 562 got in a luffing match with 2922 which saw the order, Lunn, Castle, Wilson, Smith and Southwell. At the start of the 2nd lap Lunn had the lead from Smith who sailed a good beat to hold off Castle, Wilson and Southwell.

Up the last beat Smith challenged Lunn but Mark covered well to take the gun with David Southwell 3rd, John Wilson and Graeme Castle within a metre of each other and Harry Barlow and Eamon Cuthbert 3107 a dead heat for 6th place.

3rd Points Race

The race took place in persistent rain with a changed course.

With the fleet early at the start Mark Lunn was over at the start and at the 1st mark the order was Cuthbert, Castle, Smith, Raines, Eamon had opened up a good lead at the end of the first lap, but Mark had pulled up from his restart to mid fleet. By midway through the next lap Eamon was still stretching away but Andrew Smith had pulled through to 2nd with Graeme Castle 3rd and David Raines 4th, Lunn senior sailing well into 5th. By the gun they had reversed their positions with Malcolm 4th and David 5th.

Final Points Race

Was over the same course with the result still to be decided by the last race. Smith and Castle elected a port tack start, but were soon overhauled by Lunn, Cuthbert and Wilson. Mark then pulled way in clearer air downwind. On the last reach of the 1st lap Eamon elected to fly his spinnaker and picked up ground with several of the lower order boats following suit.

At the next windward mark Lunn had a good lead, whilst at the rear of the fleet B Cantwell 2019 and C Addington 3491 were having their own private battle. Mark stretched away on the broad reach, this time flying his spinnaker. Andrew in 4th place followed suit and gained ground, pursued by John Wilson who lost ground at the spinnaker gybe.

At the windward mark Mark lead from the improving Southwell, then Andrew overtook Eamon at the mark followed by a closely bunched group.

At the last beat the leading 4 boats were evenly spaced at at the gun Mark Lunn crewed by M Jones notched up his 3rd win in 4 races. 2nd was an improving David Southwell with new crew Helen Smith, 3rd Helen's brother Andrew crewed by Vaughan Freshwater,

RESULTS

1st	2766	2½	M Lunn and J Jones	Wigan
2nd	3496	7	A Smith and V Freshwater	HSC
3rd	3383	9	D Southwell and H Smith	Leigh
4th	2922	9	G Castle and S Hockliffe (on discard)	Castaways
5th	3107	10½	E Cuthbert and J Gregory	Leigh
6th	232	19	D Raines and M Raines	Leigh
7th	3330	19	H Barlow and E Houghton	Draycote
8th	998	20	M Lunn and J Jones	Wigan
9th	562	20	J Wilson and J Cox	Bartley
10th	3493	26	W Hodgkinson and M Hodgkinson	HSC
11th	2776	31	M Smith and M Smith	HSC
12th	1438	37	R Harvey and S Harvey	HSC
13th	3027	39	C Telford and D Spencer	HSC
14th	2597	39	J Bailey and H Bailey	HSC
15th	574	41	M Hudson and C Hudson	HSC
16th	3333	42	T Pearson and A Snowden	Mid Waricks
17th	3519	44	B Stewart and A Hodgkinson	HSC
18th	603	48	R Little and T Little	HSC
19th	3491	52	C Addington and D Addington	HSC
20th	2019	57	B Cantwell and D Bradley	HSC

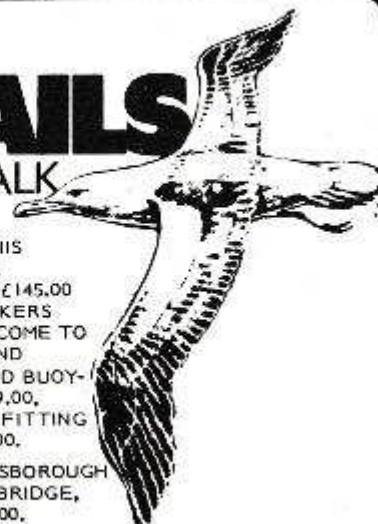
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MIRACLE OPEN MEETING ON WINSFORD FLASH 31st MAY

Winsford Flash SC annual Miracle meeting took place on Sunday May 31st in fine sunny weather and light winds of force 1-2. 19 boats attended, a very gratifying response. The home team put 15 boats on the water, Leigh 3 and Bartley 1. 3 races were run with 2 to count. In spite of the fickle and fluky winds the OOD managed to squeeze beats, reaches and runs into each course and good spinnaker handling was required to stay in touch with the leaders. It is nice to report that the protest committee was not called into action.

Thanks are due to everybody who contributed to the success of a pleasant day. A special mention should be made of the ladies in the galley who kept everybody well fed and watered.

In the event the first race was won in emphatic fashion by Craig and Stephen Purdie of WFSC, but the Winsford Trophy and overall first place went to Eamon Cuthbert and Ian Gregory of Leigh SC who won the second and third race.

RESULTS

1. E Cuthbert and I Gregory	3107	Leigh
2. C Purdie and S Purdie	2428	WFSC
3. J Scott and J Scott	1658	WFSC
4. D Raines and M Raines	3383	Leigh
5. L Colbourne and E Colbourne	2323	WFSC

Henning Caesar Fleet Captain WFSC

REDOUT SC MIRACLE OPEN 31st MAY

A total of 12 Miracles took part in extremely differing situations.

1st Race force 1-2 with many changes of places in a N Easterly wind, finishing with Arthur King and Karen Filby 1st in Tisnt, 2nd Tracy Amos and Mike Smailes in Mikado and 3rd Bob Luckhurst and Bert Smith in Nameless.

2nd Race much the same conditions except the wind died right out until 1½ mins before the race started and then with a very light N Easterly shifting, Arthur King and Karen Filby took first place, Fred Barrington and Juliett Filby in Tahia III 2nd and Peter Hawkins with daughter Claire 3rd.

3rd Race with winds completely turned round into a Force 3 S Westerly and an Olypic type sausage and triangle course the race developed into much of a procession with Arthur and Karen 1st, Patrick Fowler and Dianne Waithe 2nd and Fred Barrington and Juliett Filby 3rd.

RESULTS

1. Arthur King and Karen Filby
2. Fred Barrington and Juliett Filby
3. Tracy Amos and Mike Smailes

All in all a very pleasant and successful day with visitors from Hastings and Thamesmead SC.

Ted Burren Fleet Captain Redout SC

WIGAN MIRACLE OPEN 7th JUNE 1987

A high wind and poor weather forecast greeted the competitors. Fortunately the wind decreased and remained steady about 4 gusting up to 5/6 throughout the open. Close hard racing was the order of the day.

RACE 1 From a level start the first to the windward mark was between Louise McKeand, Mark Lunn and Eamon Cuthbert. The lead changed much and following a capsize by Eamon, Mark lead Louise to the finishing line.

RACE 2 Mark just beat Malcolm Lunn to the windward mark and by the second buoy Mark was away with Malcolm leading the second bunch of boats. Eamon trying hard to catch Mark passed Malcolm and soon after suffered an unexpected mast breakage on the lee side of the long run leg. The finishing order resulted in Mark, Malcolm and close behind Peter Cuthbert.

RACE 3 Following in the same pattern as races 1 and 2 the leading bunch finally crossed to finish Mark, Peter, Malcolm and Wayne Atherton. Louise went out on lap 2 with a brooken centreboard.

RACE 4 Saw Mark take a rest as he had won the 3 races of the day but 2nd, 3rd, and 4th was far from sorted out as these positions were open to Peter, Malcolm and Louise. Many of the other competitors had retired and they and the spectators watched eagerly the remaining boats on the water to see who would fill these positions.

Malcolm lead to the windward mark closely followed by the rest, but on the leg 3 spinnaker reach capsized and let Peter, Louise and Wayne through. These 3 boats fought for the next 45 minutes of the race and with a bad mistake on the next to final tack to the line Peter let Louise in but just held on to beat Wayne.

An excellent and exciting open, the prizes were taken by:

1st	Mark Lunn and Martin Jones	Wigan	2½ points
2nd	Louise and John McKeand	Wigan	6½ points
3rd	Peter Cuthbert and Neil Critchley	Leigh	7 points
4th	Malcolm Lunn and Chris Hope	Wigan	9 points
5th	Wayne and Mark Atherton	Leigh	10 points

Malcolm Lunn Fleet Captain Wigan SC

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MIRACLE NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS LLANDUDNO 13/14 JUNE 1987

The Miracle Northerns were run on 13/14 June under the burgee of Llandudno SC.

After a Practice at noon, the first race of the Championship took place on Saturday afternoon in a steady force 3 North-Westerly. The course around 5 marks, included 2 beats on each round, and proved popular with the competitors at both ends of the fleet. It was in this race that David Southwell lost his chance of winning the Championship as he was too early over the line and did not realise that he had done so. He was first over the finishing line but was disqualified. First in this race was Mark Lunn (2766), second Andrew Smith (3496), and third Malcolm Lunn (2755).

The second race on Sunday morning was run in a ENE force 3 over 3 laps of a triangular course. David Southwell took the lead from the start and kept that position to the finish to win by almost two minutes. There were changes however further down the field, with Mark Lunn moving up from fifth to second place and Wayne Atherton doing the reverse. Andrew Smith came third.

The third and final race on Sunday afternoon started in a NNE force 1-2 but during the race fell away, changed direction several times then recovered. The race was again sailed over a triangular course but a smaller one than the morning, and shortened to two rounds. Andrew Smith took the gun one and a half minutes ahead of Craig Purdie (2428). David Southwell was third.

After allowing for one discard, the final placings were:

1st	3493	Andrew Smith and Vaughan Freshwater	Hoveringham
2nd	2766	Mark Lunn and Martin Jones	Wigan
3rd	3383	Dave Southwell and Helen Smith	Leigh

The prize giving took place in the Clubhouse and Andrew Smith thanked Llandudno SC for organising the event, the barbecue and their hospitality.

SAIL NO	HELM	CREW	CLUB	RACE 1	2	3	PLACE
1658	J Scott	J Scott	Winsford Flash	5	9	8	8
1685	D Raines	M Raines	Leigh	6	8	9	9
2428	C Purdie	S Purdie		4	4	2	4
2713	W Atherton	M Atherton	Leigh	9	5	4	5
2755	M Lunn	J KcKeand	Wigan	3	6	7	6
2766	Mk Lunn	M Jones	Wigan	1	2	5	2
3107	E Cuthbert	I Gregory	Leigh	DNS	7	6	7
3114	M Tomkins	S Tyson	Bay of Colwyn	10	12	11	12
3333	T Pearson	A Snowden	Mid Warks	8	11	10	11
3381	J Newland	C Clarke	Bay of Colwyn	7	10	12	10
3383	D Southwell	H Smith	Leigh	D	1	3	3
3496	A Smiyh	V Freshwater	Hoveringham	2	3	1	1

John Newland M3381 Bay of Colwyn SC.

KNOW YOUR CHAMPIONS...MARK LUNN AND MARTIN JONES...MIDLAND CHAMPIONS 1987

Mark and Martin have been sailing together for the past 2½ years. Mark who is 17 started crewing with his father at the age of 5 in a Mirror and as he grew he moved with his father into Miracle 998. Later a move to an Enterprise saw the Miracle sold. Helming and crewing the Enterprise for a year it became apparent that Mark could be better than the other half of the team. Miracle 2766 was bought, and the partnership of father and son was dissolved and the new team of Lunn and Jones was formed.

Martin who is 12 learnt his sailing from his parents at Red Wharf SC and now is a member of Wigan SC. He owns a Mirror and sails it at Red Wharf SC during school holidays.

Mark and Martin have succeeded very quickly together both teaching each other. Both are also members of Leigh SC enabling them to have better competition and due to the winter series they are able to sail continuously throughout the year.

Last year Mark and Martin achieved single figure results in most events. Their achievements included 1st Youth Championship, 8th Nationals (Martin personally winning the youngest competitors award), winners of 2 Opens out of 4 entered and outright wins at Wigan, Red Wharf and Leigh SC's club events.

The past winter saw Mark chosen for the 420 England Youth Squad and he spent 2 weekends at Rutland Water representing the best of the north finishing around 8th out of the best 23 of Great Britain, including Ireland. His crew for the 420 was ex Mirror and Miracle sailor John McKeand.

Boat.....First Off the Mark.....No 2766.....Sailing Club.....Wigan

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Atkinson Smith congratulate Mark Lunn and Martin Jones on their success this year using their new cut of sails of 1987.

- 1st Crosby Open
- 1st Midland Championship
- 1st Wigan Open
- 1st Northern Juniors Travellers Trophy
- 2nd Northern Championship

For further details and information on their latest sails ring Keith Atkinson on 061 764 6011.