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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIRACLE ASSOCIATION

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Once again the open meeting season is almost upon us, time to drag the trailer out of the garden and ready it for another year. This year there are quite a number of open meetings as you will see on the 'events page' inside, however, with the rocketing cost of petrol I wonder how well attended these meetings will be?

The Nationals this year are being held at Llandudno in conjunction with the Graduate Nationals. I suspect we may have a record turnout as Miracles seem to be very prevalent in the Midlands and North.

Whilst on the subject of Nationals, don't forget that the Puddleduck Championship is being held at Redditch Sailing Club in May this year.

Material for Halo is slow coming in, hence this slimmer edition. I hope things will improve in the future. We still seem to be on target with our four issues a year now and I assume that as there has been no adverse comment you are all satisfied with the Halo.

Finally, don't forget that the new membership year for the association starts in April and that you will need your membership cards for association events, enclosed you will find an application form, send off early as John Wilson tends to get snowed under as April progresses.

Good sailing in 1980,

Editor.

LETTERS

The Draycote Water Sailing Club Ltd.,
Draycote Water,
Kites Hardwick,
Dunchurch, Rugby,
Werks. CV23 8AB.

Dear Mr. Nunn,

With the advent of the spinnaker equipped Miracle and lacking any up-dated Yardstick figures we are experiencing some difficulty in Handicap events.

There is a suggestion that Miracles should not be using spinnakers until a suitable yardstick has been calculated and I would very much appreciate it, if you can throw some light on the problem.

Yours sincerely,

R. T. Kendall.

Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd.,
P.O. Box 644,
66-73 Shoe Lane,
London EC4P 4AE.

Dear Mr. Kendall,

Thank you for your letter dated 6th November regarding the Portsmouth Yardstick for the Miracle with spinnaker.

I must advise you that there is NO CHANGE in the handicap until such time as full detailed information has been returned to prove that the spinnaker makes a difference when racing in handicap events. As a Club you are quite entitled to vary the handicap if you find that one particular boat is winning all the time but I would suggest that you handicap the individuals rather than the whole class as this makes for much more exciting sailing and adds encouragement for people to improve.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nunn,
Products Department.

2, Calder Avenue,
Hindley Green,
Wigan WN2 4TR.

Dear Alan,

It is with mixed feelings that I must bid you adieu as I am leaving shortly to work in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 2 years. I will certainly miss all the excitement and fun of racing in club activities, open meetings and nationals.

(I'm sorry I didn't manage to beat you in last years Nationals but I will put my defeat down to lack of experience - 2 years racing.) I think I caught you up a bit from my first national in 1978.

I expect to leave this country on 7th March so will not be able to participate in any events this season, or next. In view of this I wish you to advertise my

Miracle Dinghy for sale in the next Halo, details of which will follow later in this script.

I would be pleased if you can express my appreciation to all the friends I have made in a short sailing career to date, for their help and encouragement in the past, especially to my namesake Bob and Vera Ferguson M1597 who, incidentally, introduced my wife and I to a new potent drink which must be consumed while sitting on the grass. This position may not be absolutely necessary but it certainly helps.

The Nationals are going to be held virtually on my doorstep this year at Llandudno and I hope you get a good turnout this year. I obviously won't be able to win any prizes as I won't be here so I will just have to console myself with the 3 small prizes I have won at Wigan Sailing Club.

My replacement as Fleet Captain (not yet chosen) will have to make himself known in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

J. Ferguson. M663.

Sorry to lose you, hope to see you in the future and thanks for supporting the class. Ed.

19, Mullachglass Road,
Lisburn,
N. Ireland.

Dear Alan,

Not being a great lover of pen and paper, I have never written before although my uncle has, I am going to try.

First let me tell you that the Miracle is a first class boat which we sail at Donaghadee S.C. in the handicap class, our main rival is a Wayfarer, which we hope to do something with this year thanks to the spinnaker, we also sail against another Miracle, we have some good tussles. I am also writing to see if you could give me some advice in the next issue.

Firstly we have had our boat about five years now and each year after the season the varnish on our foredeck has lifted along the centre join. I have tried everything to stop this including putting an inspection hatch in the front bulkhead and painting along the king plank, this hasn't helped. We have also thinned the varnish like water to try and get it to soak into the wood, this also didn't help. Maybe somebody could give me some advice as the boat gets very unsightly at the end of the season. Another complaint I have is that the boom, when lowered inside the boat, digs into the floor of the boat because of the mainsheet pulley bracket. One way to stop this I suppose would be to lower the boom from the mast but then the boom clatters about the boat when on the trolley, anyway I put fibreglass tape and resin on the

floor of the boat, maybe this puts the boat out of class, but it saves my floor. Let me know.

Another thing I noticed in the last issue, that issue 13 was mentioned, well we never received ours and don't know our P.Y. for the spinnaker. Also I noticed that packing for the centreboard was mentioned for round the centreboard bolt, well I put mine at the top of the board, two rectangular pieces but not jutting out of the centreboard case, will this be alright or does this put the dinghy out of class?

Hope these items will be of some interest to you for the Halo if you can maybe make a letter out of them, also "HELP" how can I beat a Wayfarer?

Yours sincerely,

A. McKeown. MM425.

ANSWER

Dear Mr. McKeown,

Is there a gap between the two pieces of ply on your foredeck? If there is, then fill it with some stopper. If there is not the only other solution I can offer is to strip the varnish and apply some International Clear Primer for wood and then re-apply your varnish.

With regard to putting a strip of fibreglass on the floor to protect it from the boom, this is in class, but an easier solution is to stick on some anti-slip material, which is what I did on my boat.

The P.Y. number for the Miracle has not changed even with the adoption of the spinnaker, the P.Y. is 1/4 at the moment.

I'm afraid that the packing you have put on your centreboard is out of class and any packing should be fitted around the centreboard pivot pin. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the change of rule stating this.

Hope the above is of some help.

With regards to beating a Wayfarer I open that up to suggestions from our readers - have you tried tying a bucket underneath the Wayfarer?

Alan Brown. Editor.

183 Flinton Road,
Flinton, Manchester.

Dear Alan,

Open letter to Frank Webber.

Dear Frank,

After reading my Vice Captain Ivor Williams' letter regarding routine maintenance during racing (last Halo 14.9.79) I have had to receive an assurance from Ivor that he will not carry out this task again without my prior permission. This is not the first time I have caught him inspecting the hulls of boats whilst in the inverted

LETTERS Cont'd....

position during racing.

I will admit that his routine maintenance times appears to be improving especially since we have managed to persuade him to stop taking the washing powder out with him for sail washing, but this still does not excuse him from dragging the chairman of the association into this-maintenance and inspection routine.

In defence of Ivor I do feel that you encouraged him Frank by allowing him to go for his swix in the first race - especially as it seems you obviously helped him to enter the water by deliberately leaning the boat in the required direction.

I suggest that in future, only class measurers should be allowed this privilege, but warn you that we could have the situation arising whereby measurement certificates would have an appendix indicating whether the boat was measured normally or during class racing.

None of this would have occurred had Angela (his wife) not allowed him to build an outside garage. The do-it-yourself bug does sometimes reach alarming proportions.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Southwell,
Miracle Class Captain,
Leigh S.C.
MM2713.

Apologies for late printing of this letter. Ed.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 8th. Nathan Pursuit Race. The Miracle class will be represented by Harry Prangnall and John Wilson.
- MARCH 15th) Draycote Water S.C. Open Meeting. 1st Race 11.00am. Entry Fee £4.
16th) Alan Batch, 67 Fisher Avenue, Rugby CU22 5HW. Tel: Rugby 71750.
- MARCH 22nd) Picketts Lock Dinghy Exhibition. (No Stickers Please).
23rd) Volunteers required - contact Allan Batch, 67 Fisher Ave. Rugby CU225HW
- APRIL 19th Datchet Water S.C. Open Meeting. 1st Race 10.30am. Entry Fee £2.50. David Russell, 8 Little Buntings, Clewer Hill Road, Windsor, Berks. Tel: Windsor 60287.
- MAY 11th Crosby S.C. Robert Miller, 2 Somerset Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L222BJ
- MAY 17th Redditch S.C. Puddleduch Championship. John Wilson, 151 Finstall Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs. Tel: Bromsgrove 7648
- MAY 18th Wilsonian S.C. Open Meeting. Bob Fitzpatrick, 78a Maidstone Road, Rainham, Kent.
- MAY 18th Kingsmead S.C. Open Meeting. Miracle/Graduate. 1st Race 11am. Dennis Cook, 9 Ellers Road, Hayes, Middlesex. Tel: 01-8483374.
- MAY 25th) Rally organised by:- Colin Edward, 36 Mellowship Road, Coventry CU57BY.
26th) THIS IS NOT AN ASSOCIATION ORGANISED EVENT.
- MAY 31st) Northern Area Championship. North Lincs S.C.
- JUNE 1st) P.J. Twining, The Marsee, Ulceby Skitter, S. Humberside.
- JUNE 7th) Sovereign S.C. Annual Regatta. Miracles Welcome.
8th)
- JUNE 14th) Southern Area Championship. Newhaven & Seaford S.C.
15th) Roger Smith, 38 Downs Valley Road, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6RP.
- JUNE 21st) South West Area Championship. Sutton Bingham S.C.
22nd) Alan Brown, 73 St. Mary's Crescent, Yeovil, Somerset. BA21 5RR. Tel: Yeovil 28808.
- JUNE 28th Club Open. Newhaven & Seaford. Roger Smith, 38 Downs Valley Road, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6RP.
- JULY 5th) Midland Area Championship. Shropshire S.C.
6th) E. Clarkson, 11 Cobbetts Way, Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- JULY 12th North Lincs. Open Meeting. P. Skilton, 26 Burnside, Broughton, Brigg, S. Humberside.
- JULY 26th) National Championship. Llandudno Sailing Club. Entry Fee £23.
AUGUST 1st) For Accommodation contact:- Tourist Amenities Office, Aberconway Borough Council, Chappel Street, Llandudno, N. Wales.
- OCTOBER 4th ICI Slough Open Meeting. 1st Race 11.00am. Eric Jonas, 106 Nursery Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks.

MAY 25th WINSFORD FLASH PHIL BLAND 'THE BURGALOW'
13 SCHOOL ROAD, WALSLEY, NORTHWICH.

LOUGHTON STEEPLE BAY S.C.

14, Finchmoor,
Harlow,
Essex.
Harlow 26100.

Dear Frank,

I understand that a committee member of our club met you or someone on the association committee whilst at the Welsh Boat Show. We now have class status in the club - 6 members and more to come next season. We are willing to stage an open meeting and a date in September is provisionally available; we'll be running a Mirror Open at the same time. What I would like to do is to visit another club with my contingent

Dear Alan, Your letter is being passed on to Peter Nunn, our Secretary, so that he can issue you with a fleet number. With regard to your open meeting, we have no open meetings for September yet, so the choice of date is yours. Editor.

for a friendly team race and perhaps they could reciprocate by coming to our open.

We have good facilities sailing-wise and room for 5-10 tents etc., and it would perhaps ensure a good turn-out. We ran Eastern Area's for Minisails which we won't be doing this year so the date is vacant.

If you would like me to fix it up let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Petfield (Fleet Capt.)

P.S. We haven't got a fleet number yet. Halo just arrived.

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Sailing is the most popular pursuit of our groups activities. Talks on sailing, rules, capsizes drill and techniques are held at our meets, as some members of the group are RYA instructors and well qualified to instruct us.

Camping pursuits do not take a back seat as many of our wives and children do not sail. Childrens sports, cruising, picnics, cheese and wine evenings, country dances, disco, talent nights and many more varied functions take place. The main theme seems to be that everyone enjoys themselves whatever the weather.

Members of the Miracle Class Association are invited to a rally at Rutland Sailing Club on 24th May to 27th May, 1980. Please book early as numbers are limited. A full and varied programme will take place. For details see booking form. Colin Edwards.

Booking Form for Rutland Spring Bank Holiday Meet.

To: Mr. C. Edwards, 36 Mellowship Road, Coventry, CV5 7RY.

Please reserve one pitch for my family at the Rutland Rally 80, at Rutland Water from 23rd May to 27th May 1980. I agree to comply with the Rutland Sailing Club requirements concerning buoyancy and boat safety and the sailing instructions issued by that club.

I certify that I am a member of the Miracle Class Association. I will have a valid insurance certificate for my boat(s) and current membership card on arrival at the camp site.

Signed..... Date..... Tel. No.....

Name..... Address.....

Car Reg. No..... Dinghy No..... I propose to bring additional boat No.....

My party will consist of adults and children under 14 years.

I will be camping by..... (state if caravan, tent, trailer tent or Motor Caravan).

I enclose Entry Fee of £..... (Cheque/Money Order payable to Rutland Rally 80).

CLUBS

5 Woodpecker Close,
Skellingthorpe,
Lincoln.

Dear Mr. Nunn,

This note is for the purpose of informing the Miracle Association that the 'Miracle' is now an accepted class at the Ruston Sailing Club.

The club is well known in the Lincoln area sailing Fireballs, Lasers and Mirrors. Plus a handicap fleet.

We have a fine sailing water sharing 190 acres with the Lindum Sailing Club. It is situated at the Apex Pit A46 North Hykeham (Behind Fox and Hounds), Lincoln. It is a club in which new members with class acceptable boats are welcome.

We will be starting the season with at least 3 Miracles and no doubt more to follow during the year.

No Fleet Captain has yet been appointed. I myself have applied for membership of the association.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Bunnage
Sailing Secretary,
Ruston Sailing Club.

Dear Mr. Bunnage,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the 'Miracle' being accepted as a Class at the Ruston Sailing Club.

I am passing your letter on to our newsletter editor, Alan Brown, asking him to put a piece in the next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nunn,
Class Secretary,
Miracle Association.

"Avismore",
Main Street,
Brandon,
Coventry, CV8 3HW.

Dear Mr. Nunn,

Please excuse the delay in my writing so late after our telephone conversation. I entrusted my original letter to a third party who forgot to post it.

However, I am the owner of Miracle 491 and a member of Mid Warwickshire Yacht Club, Registered Fleet No. 25. Since I spoke to you I have been elected Class Captain of the Miracle section of our club and the Miracle Class is now an adopted class as we have 7 boats and the promise of at least 2 more before the summer season starts.

As the section of Miracles reached 5 boats I wrote to your office to register the fleet at the same time expressed a desire to attend the Measurer's Meeting at the Bell Woodworking Company. I felt

it would enhance our prospects of becoming a recognised class at our club if we could have a Measurer. Since I attended that meeting, I had not heard anything concerning my status as a Measurer. Early last month I contacted Mr. F. Webber, the Association's Chairman and asked what procedure I should adopt to find out. He wrote to me saying "It is confirmed that following your attendance at the Measurers Meeting at Bell Woodworking, you are now authorised as a Measurer, but first you must register yourself with the Association. This can be done simply by writing to the Club Secretary (I mean Association Secretary), Mr. Peter Nunn, providing your name, address and Sailing Club." He also advised I rang your office first.

This as you know I have done and during our conversation you asked me to give you details of what area I could cover. Anywhere in Warwickshire I could go. My own club have difficulty in getting boats measured. It took almost 2 years to get my own boat measured.

If there are any more details you require please don't hesitate to ask.

I apologise for the delay but I intend to post this one myself.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Perkins.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

Thank you for your letter of 13th December and congratulations on becoming Fleet Captain of the Miracles. I am writing to confirm that you are now on our Measurers List and I am enclosing another copy of the Guide to Measurers together with 3 more Measurement Forms. If you need any more, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am passing your letter on to Alan Brown so that it can be printed in the next Newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nunn
Products Department.

Windward,
62 Glebelands,
Harlow,
Essex CM20 2PB.

Dear Peter,

I refer to my telephone conversation with you the other day and confirm that Valerie and I are now the owners of Miracle No. 750 and we wish to change the name from 'Firebird' to 'Miraculous' which we will assume is satisfactory unless we hear from you to the contrary.

I have now had an application form from John Wilson for membership of the Association but will take your advice and not send it till the end of the year so that it can run until March 1961. Doubtless someone will give me copies of any Halo that may appear in the interval.

In addition to the clubs listed on the back of the January, 1979 issue of Halo, I can confirm that Miracles are raced at Winsford Flash Sailing Club, Winsford in Cheshire and that there are Miracles at Chichester Yacht Club, Birdham, Chichester, and Fairlop Sailing Association in Redbridge, North London.

I look forward to seeing you again in due course, and if not before, at the Boat Show.

Yours sincerely,

John N. Gough.

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COMPETITION TIME -

(Re-run due to low return).

The Committee has decided to explore the possibilities of a new car sticker for association members.

£10 is being offered for the best design of either a car sticker or windscreen anti-glare strip, promoting the Miracle Association.

Car sticker to be approximately the same size as the current one.

Windscreen anti-glare strip is approximately 3" wide.

All entries to the Editor.

Competition entry date extended to 19th April.

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MEASUREMENT MATTERS

The following changes in measurement rules are now official, having been ratified by Copywrite holders.

1. Rule 11 refers. The jib hanks as now fitted to the jib become an optional fitting.
2. One piece of flat material of uniform thickness may be placed either side of centre board, and shall be located centrally on pivot pin with a maximum radius of 3".
3. Rule 15 refers. The measurement of Miracle Dinghies for certification shall be carried out only by measurers recognised by and registered with the Class Association.
4. Proposal to add Rule 4 (i). Packing of space between rudder and stock cheeks is allowed by means of a piece or pieces of any flat material of such dimensions that do not extend beyond the designed contour of the stock.

SPINNAKERS - RULES OF MEASUREMENT

When fitting your Miracle out for the spinnaker - remember the only additional holes permitted are:-

- A. For fitting a maximum of two sheaves into the mast.
- B. For fitting the spinnaker chute into the hull.

Through deck sheaves, recess blocks, holes to run lines through are not permitted.

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ON BEHALF OF THE MIRACLE ASSOCIATION I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO VICTOR SHAW FOR ALL THE HELP HE HAS PROVIDED FOR US OVER THE PAST YEAR BOTH FINANCIALLY AND IN OTHER WAYS. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

A.P. Brown, (Editor),
73, St. Mary's Crescent,
Yeovil, Somerset.

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There have been some problems with Holts Vectis sails recently, concerning the positioning of the lower batten pocket on the Mainsail. If you have any queries with yours, please contact:-

GERALD ROCKETT, at
JACK HOLT LTD.,
THE EMBANKMENT,
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Dear Alan,

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

I hope many of our Miracle owners will come to Llandudno for the 1980 Miracle National Championships.

I thought I should write a few words of explanation as to why we had to increase the entry fee to £23 this year. Last year, as you will recall, the entry fee was £19, but this figure was fixed in December, 1978. You will remember that we then had the oil and petrol problems and inflation has increased enormously. As a result of these problems the Championships fell short of the required sum and a small amount had to be paid from our Association funds.

Last year's Nationals at Plymouth were held in beautiful weather, at a very friendly club and with very good sailing. I have been to Llandudno to check arrangements with the Club and I am sure that the 1980 Championships will be as good, if not better, than Plymouth.

I look forward to meeting you, so please send your entry form off early and arrange accommodation as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nunn,
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Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd.,
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THE SOUTHERN REGION

THE NATIONAL GRADUATE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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01-848-3374.

Dear Alan,

Enclosed is a Southern Graduate Fixture list showing Combined Miracle Fixtures.

Saturday April 19th Datchet (Queen Mother Reservoir) and Miracles.
Details: Jack Sheldon, 108 Hagg Hill Rise, Taplow, Berks.
Tel: Burnham 4060.

May 17th/18th Kingsmead Senior Open Sun. Miracle
Details: D.E. Cook, 9 Elers Road, Hayes, Middx.
Tel: 01-848-3374.

MIRACLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - July 27th/Aug. 1st. LLANDUDNO.

Yours faithfully,

Denis E. Cook.

Southern Chairman.