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# HALO



NEWSLETTER OF THE MIRACLE ASSOCIATION

**JOIN US AT  
PICKETS  
LOCK ON 20  
& 21 MARCH**

\* THE NATIONAL CHAMPION'S  
BOAT WILL BE ON SHOW.  
\* PLUS LIST OF CLUBS,  
AND REPRINTS OF THE  
\* BEST TECHNICAL ITEMS  
FROM PAST 'HALOS'.

**WE ARE STILL IN 50 PLUS CLUB  
OUR FIRST CHAMPIONS**

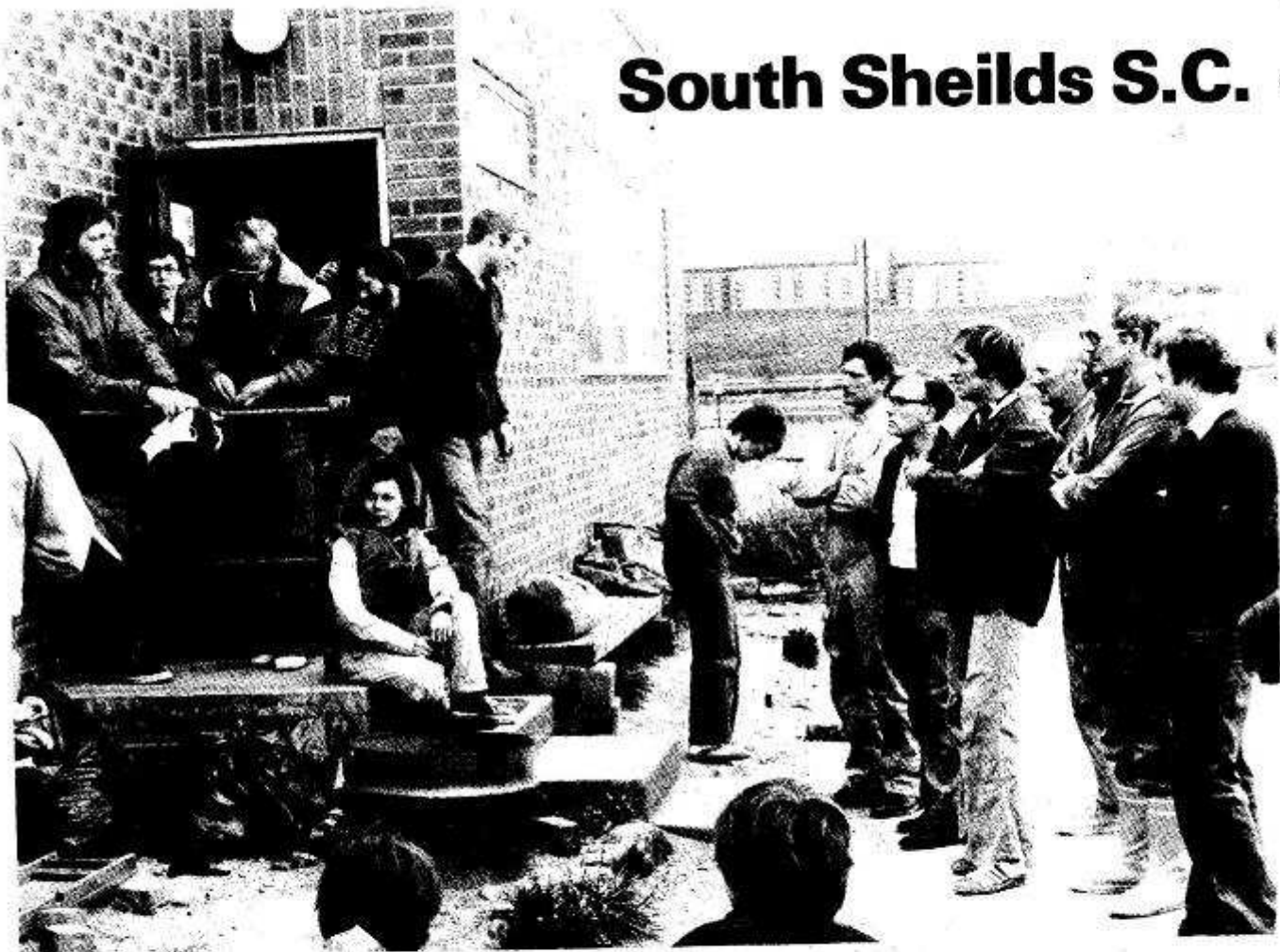
*Complete list of past  
and present champions  
inside.*



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS - DEREK AND ROBERT BEERE OF I.P.C.Y.C.

1976

# South Sheilds S.C.



## Storror & Bax Sailmakers believe it proves a point or two

HELM- IAN PINNELL  
CREW- BRUCE NICHOLSON

MIRACLE 3107

race - 1 2 3 4 5 8  
position - 1 1 2 1 1 2

**FINAL POSITION- FIRST**

**1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

PROCTOR MAST SPECIALISTS

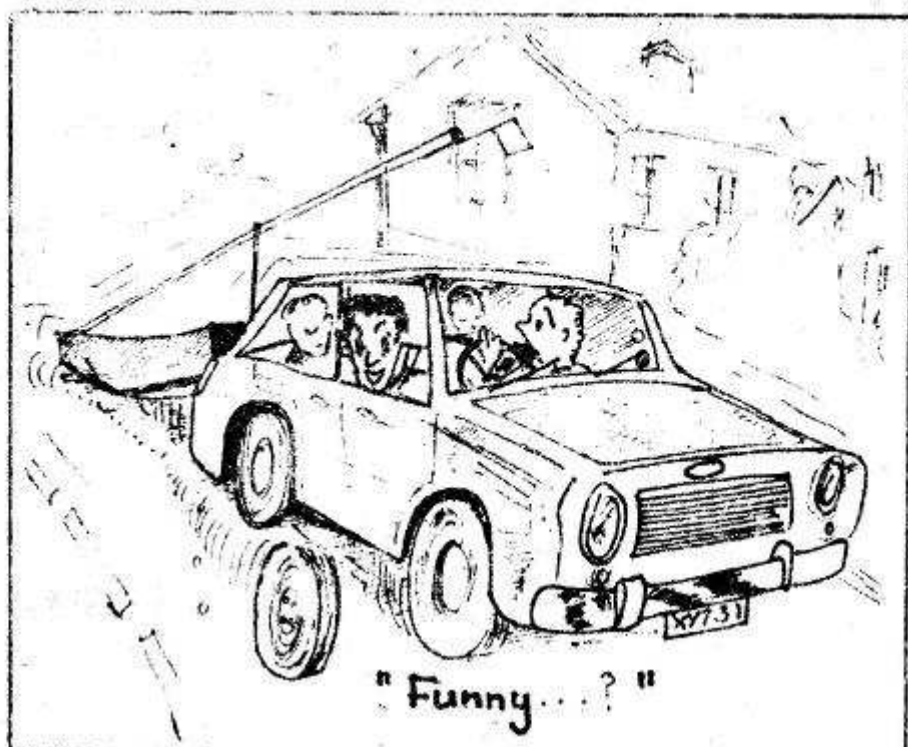
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HARRY SAYS - WHEN OVERLAPPED: AN OUTSIDE  
YACHT SHALL GIVE EACH YACHT OVERLAPPING HER  
ON THE INSIDE, ROOM TO ROUND OR PASS THE  
MARK OR OBSTRUCTION OR ELSE! \*©\*  
1970 RULE 42-1(a), i.



# EDITORIAL



As 'Editor' I would like to make it perfectly clear (just in case there are any doubts) that ALL THE SPELLING ERRORS, TYPING ERRORS, PRINTING MISALIGNMENT, MISSING LETTERS, DOUBLE TYPING (e.g 'Skiltio, Skilton etc.) MISTAKES IN NAMES AND BOAT NUMBERS ETC.ETC.ETC. are ENTIRELY my fault. EXCEPT ONE I DIDN'T spell SOUTH SHIELDS that way..HONEST! EXCUSES: (These are most important)

**COST** The total bill for all the HALOS printed and posted during the last year (four issues) is £1100. This sounds an awful lot of money but it covers around 2,400 copies

of our newsletter. This means that each 'HALO' costs around 50p to produce. Now look at the stamp on your envelope (no, the one 'HALO' came in!) well that stamp and the envelope IS PART OF THE 50p. So it could be better if we paid more I suppose. One tiny advantage in putting up with it as it is is that articles can be included at the very last minute - and here is an example:

'106, Nursery Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks. 24th, February, 1982.

Dear Phil, Sorry I'm a bit late for next 'HALO' but here's one more date for the 1982 fixture list: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 11A.M. OPEN MEETING AT I.C.I. SLOUGH S.C. Contact myself at the above address or phone BURNHAM 62751 (Home).

I hope that this doesn't clash with any other dates. Yours sincerely ERIC JONAS F.C.

So there you are, I'm sorry if the errors spoil your reading but if you send articles early I'll have more time and (hopefully) will make fewer mistakes.





# MIRACLE CHAMPIONS

## NATIONAL

- 1975  
1976 D.Beere and R.Beere  
316 'Paula' I.P.C.Y.C.  
Datchet Water.  
1977 R.Cage and L.Muggins  
1555 'Precipitated' Worthing.  
Eastbourne  
1978 S.Lubner and D.Lubner  
2233 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
Ullswater.  
1979 H.Prangnell and J.Prangnell  
1785 'All Seasons' Fischers Green.  
Plymouth.  
1980 G.Castle and P.Huett  
2222 'Duckles' Draycote Water.  
Llandudno.  
1981 I.Pinnell and B.Nicholson  
3107 Tynemouth.  
Eastbourne.

## NORTHERN

- 1977 S.Lubner and D.Lubner  
1819 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
N.L.S.C.  
1978 C.Avill and M.Avill  
1202 'Chris Cross' N.L.S.C.  
N.L.S.C.  
1979 E.Johnson and B.Nicholson  
1113 South Shields.  
South Shields S.C.  
1980 S.Lubner and D.Lubner  
2770 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
N.L.S.C.  
1981 I.Pinnell and B.Nicholson  
3107 Tynemouth.  
Leigh.

## SOUTHERN

- 1977 R.Cage and L.Muggins  
1555 'Precipitated' Worthing.  
Bognor  
1978  
1979  
1980 H.Prangnell and J.Prangnell  
2785 'Wizardry' Fischers Green.  
Newhaven and Seaford.  
1981 R.Paish and S.Paish  
1458 'Paws' Segas S.C.  
Hythe and Saltwood.

## INLAND

- 1981 G.Castle and P.Huett  
2922 'Shere Khan' Draycote Water.  
Datchet.

## MIDLAND

- 1977 S.Lubner and D.Lubner  
1819 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
Shropshire  
1978 D.Beere and J.Price  
316 'Paula' I.P.C.Y.C.  
Shropshire.  
1979  
1980  
1981 G.Castle and P.Huett  
2922 'Shere Khan' Draycote.  
Draycote Water.

## S.WESTERN

- 1978 Peter Sowden and Philip Sowden  
529 I.P.C.Y.C.  
Sutton Bingham  
1979 J.Wilson and A.Wilson  
562 'Asterix' Redditch.  
Sutton Bingham.  
1980  
1981

## PUDDLEDUCK

- 1979 P.Sowden and P.Sowden  
529 I.P.C.Y.C.  
I.C.I.Slough.  
1980 G.Castle and P.Huett  
2222 'Duckles' Draycote Water  
Redditch.  
1981 H.Yule-Smith and A.Yule Smith  
1202 'Chris Cross' N.L.S.C.  
North Lincs.S.C.

## YOUTH

- 1981 G.Castle and P.Huett  
2922 'Shere Khan' Draycote Water.  
Rutland Water.

## JUNIOR

- 1981 R.Twining and J.Hardman  
2770 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
Rutland Water

## JACK HOLT JUBILEE REGATTA (All Holt designs)

- 1977 C.Avill and M.Avill  
1202 'Chris Cross' N.L.S.C.  
Queen Mary

Best Nationals Helm under 16 years old.  
WEST WALES WEEKLY OBSERVER TROPHY

- 1980 & 1981 R.Twining and J.Hardman  
2770 'Aurora' N.L.S.C.  
Llandudno and Eastbourne.











On opening up my post one day  
 There was my HALO hip-hip-hooray  
 Happily stories and pictures I perused  
 But my article on names I was bemused  
 Whilst Xmas Merry I was expecting  
 I think some copy needs correcting  
 Though numerous Opens we've attended  
 And to Nationals four our way we've wended  
 Alack alas it seems that we  
 Are fated unrecognised to be  
 Classified by name and number  
 Many stealing other's thunder  
 I searched and searched at last I came  
 To 1052 — Good Grief — no name!  
 Although not writing like John Milton  
 I thought I'd be known by Peter Skilton  
 I didn't get where I am today  
 Without my boat being called SEA JAY



# Up, Up and Away

There have been several attempts in the past to produce a roof-top carrying system for a small boat (lifting even a 10-footer bodily on to a roof is quite an effort) which not only simplifies the process but makes singlehanded operation possible.

A recent version from Practical Designs seems to offer several advantages, not the least of which is that in its normal, trundle-around-the-dinghy-park position the wheels are close to a normal launching trolley position — near to the dinghy's centre of gravity — and the aluminium framed trolley/cradle weighs only 46lb.

To load the dinghy the stern is raised, allowing the wheel assembly to fall back into position (where it locks automatically), and then with the stern elevated in this way the bow is raised and

placed on the rear bar of the rack on the car. The boat can then be slid forward and the trolley/cradle secured to the rack with clamps supplied with the kit. The wheels then pivot further aft and are secured in such a position as to clear the boot of the car. The cradle is designed to fit most conventional, gutter mounted, carrying racks and to be adjustable to fit most saloons, hatch backs and estates — and even the Mini. Although designed originally for the Miracle the rack adjusts to accept the Mirror and many other dinghies up to around 200lb weight.

Practical Designs offer the trolley, which they call the Light-Lift as a bolt-together kit (with instructions) for £197 and can be contacted at 13A Roundwood Park, Harpenden, Herts.





# Yachts and Yachting

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PRACTICAL DESIGNS wrote asking if I would advertise their roof rack launching trolley. Yachts and Yachting reviewed the system and I have reproduced their article in this newsletter. I would like to thank YACHTS AND YACHTING for allowing me to do this and recommend the magazine and the launching system. Those of you with caravans may find the idea particularly useful. I am often asked if a Miracle can be car-topped. I haven't tried it but plenty of people have. Ken Price was the first person to arrive at our club with a Miracle on the roof of his Cortina, a caravan in tow WITH A MIRROR DINGHY THRUST THROUGH THE CARAVAN REAR WINDOW. There is no truth in the rumour put about that the passengers had to walk up the steeper hills on the way. Incidentally I think his Cortina has a 1600 c.c. engine.


NEWTON CRUM continue to make large donations to Association funds. THEY ARE THE OFFICIAL MIRACLE CLASS INSURERS and I hear nothing but good of their dealings. If you have a new boat then complete the form and post it off. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES ( which is very unlikely) you can

refer the matter to the MIRACLE CLASS ASSOCIATION for Arbitration.

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THIS IS THE FIRST HALO NEWSLETTER FOR THE 1982-83 MEMBERSHIP YEAR. IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL ONLY BE SENT OUT TO 1982-83 PAID UP MEMBERS. PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOUR NAME GOES INTO THE COMPUTER....

P. Skilton,  
Treasurer.

<p>For immediate quotations</p>  <p>Yachts: 04246-4411</p> <p>Dinghy: 0702-710041</p> <p>OR</p> <p>*01-778 0161</p>	<p>Dinghy Dept. NEWTON CRUM INSURANCE</p> <p>57 Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 1PE</p> <p><small>Please send me...without obligation...your Terms and Quotations.</small></p> <p>Name: .....</p> <p>Address: .....</p> <p>Craft: Make ..... Length .....</p> <p>Type or Class ..... Value .....</p>
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"Excuse me Commodore, there's a chap here who wants to SAIL!"



Letters: Letters: Letters: Letters: Letters: Letters: Letters: Letters:

"Wynmaur", Stonehall, Newmarket-on-Fergus,  
County Clare, Ireland. 13, February 1982.

Eastbourne Sailing Club, The Redoubt,  
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Dear Sir,

January 8th. 1982

I joined the Miracle Association during 1981 and have so far enjoyed issues 21 and 22 of 'HALO'. I have found the newsletter informative and entertaining. I take note that NO.23 was issued in early December but I have not yet received it. As this oversight could be possibly due to a mistake in my address, I hope you can rectify this matter.

Miracle sailing in Ireland is popular in the North East and among some of the Dublin Clubs. But a class has been founded during the last twelve months at my club which is in the Mid West of the country and in June of this year we are to host the Western Area Miracle Championships. Should you be interested in a report of this event for inclusion in 'HALO' I should be delighted to forward one.

Regards,

Maurice Griffin

Sail No. 2715 Cullaun Sailing Club.

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Please, please send a report of your meeting for publication in our next 'HALO'. Any chance of a few black and white photographs?  
P.J.T.

Dear Philip,

Just a note to let you know that ESC will have a Miracle Fleet next season. We will be putting on a full programme of class and handicap racing starting at Easter and going through until Christmas.

We have four brand new Miracles on the beach this year bringing the fleet up to 14, (with more to come). We look forward to an enjoyable and competitive season.

Anyone interested can contact:-

Miracle Class Captain:

Dave Jeffries,  
6, King's Drive,  
Eastbourne.  
Tel: 28174

or me:-

Ray Pickering,  
Sailing Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Pickering.

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# SITUATION VACANT...

## 'HALO' EDITOR

I am thinking of sailing SOLO next season (I've had one waiting for decking for a year now) and I have put my Miracle up for sale. I have enjoyed producing HALO very much and am grateful to have been allowed to continue until now. I am willing to continue up to the June issue if no one can be found in a hurry.





# LEIGH S.C. NEWS

'CHARNOCK', PORTLAND ROAD, SWINTON,  
MANCHESTER. M27 1EQ. 23.2.82

Dear Phil,

Could I firstly notify all interested Miracle Sailors that LEIGH S.C. OPEN will be held on 11th. July 1982 and we look forward to meeting old friends.

Whilst writing to you for the first time I will use the opportunity to thank you for your excellent work as editor of 'HALO'. I do look forward to each issue but also realise that a few more 'pens

to paper' would help you create an even more interesting newsletter.

I know that there is constant discussion about modifications to the Miracle dinghy i.e. whether any alterations should have been permitted at all, or where to draw the line. I would like to raise the subject again about adjustable fairleads. Apart from the obvious facility to tune the sails correctly, the over riding advantage would be to avoid the need to have a series of holes in the side decks resulting from either misplaced fairleads originally or from subsequent re-location following purchase of new sails (some of our side-decks would double as cribbage peg-boards). Surely this is an area where Common Sense should confirm the acceptance of this modification.

As Fleet Captain of Leigh S.C. I had some anxieties that our fleet was becoming depleted with some of the less enthusiastic members giving up sailing altogether and some of the younger members 'moving up' into boats where there is currently more competition in the club. However, during the past few weeks we have received approaches from several new prospective members - some who already have Miracles, and some who are seriously considering purchasing one as their first dinghy. Let's hope that the graph is on the upturn. I mention this because it is now apparent to me that within a club, individual classes do fluctuate from year to year, but if the boat is 'right' there is no reason why the long-term situation should not be good.

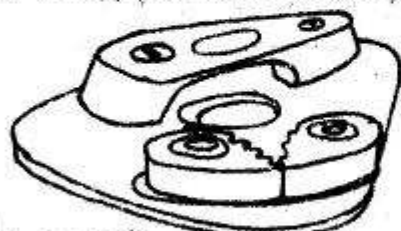
Here's to the future success of the Miracle (with adjustable fairleads, of course).

Best wishes, JOHN KELLY

LEIGH SAILING CLUB, LANCS.

Ed. Note:-

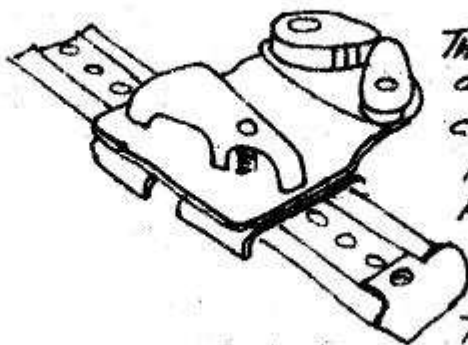
The standard 'extra' (below)



(HA 4334) cost £3.78 each.

(HA 334 cost £5.09 each. (better jaws).

[PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE V.A.T.]



The adjustable fairlead  
and cam  
cost :-

HA 4274 £9.68 each

HA 4374 £9.41 each.

(+ V.A.T.)

The prices may well  
have changed but an extra  
£10 on a £900 dinghy does  
not seem a lot! "



# THE 1982 PROGRAMME OF ASSOCIATION EVENTS

april

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**MAIDENHEAD**

may

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**RUSTON-LINCOLN**

**SOUTHERNS**

**PUDDLEDUCK  
KINGSMEAD**

**NORTH LINCS**

june

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**INLANDS**

**SOVEREIGN** *Eastbourne*

**NORTHERNS**

july

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**SUTTON BINGHAM**

**SOVEREIGN** *Eastbourne*

**NATIONALS**

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**YOUTH & JUNIORS**

**MIDLANDS**

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**NEWHAVEN  
WIGAN & SEAFORD  
(LOUGHTON STEEPLE BAY)**

**WORTHING**

october

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please avoid clashing dates  
when arranging club opens

\*dates shown are  
saturdays  
and sundays



# SNOWED UNDER?

I wonder if the wintry weather is causing the same frustrations in other households as it is in ours? No sailing has been possible at Redditch since the first week of December last year. Some clubs, of course, do not sail for several weeks during the winter, but Redditch runs its winter series of races from October to March, and this is the biggest spell off the water that anyone can remember.

Gone are those happy Saturdays spent tinkering with the boat, getting it into shape for an early start up to the lake on Sundays. And as for Sundays themselves - what miserable days they can be! At first the sailors hung around the house, resenting the loss of their exercise and enjoyment. Suggestions of mine such as, "Why don't you come to church with me?", and "Why not make a start on decorating the bathroom?" met with stony disapproval!

By now of course they have come to terms with the situation - and it is amazing how many 'odd jobs' needing attention for ages have been dealt with! If the weather doesn't relent soon there will be nothing left to do!

JESSICA WILSON

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is approximately a year since my last report in 'HALO' and time to bring you up to date regarding membership. This is my third yearly report and it is interesting to look back at the previous two.

The first, at the end of 1979, written at a time when the recession was not even forecast, was remarkable in its optimism. Membership stood at 680 and rising (I even ordered 1,000 membership cards in anticipation of the continued upsurge). At the end of 1980 however, the membership had fallen by approximately 18% and I am afraid that the trend has continued in 1981 with a further fall of 19%.

The overall membership position at present and figures for previous years are as follows:

	this year	same time last year
Renewals for 1981		
Renewals for 1981	310	370
New members	107	145
	<u>417</u>	<u>515</u>

### Previous years: Percentage renewals

1976	386	-
1977	473	59%
1978	611	62%
1979	682	66%
1980	556	54%
1981	424 (to date)	56%

I think the further reduction in membership is to some extent to be expected during a period of recession but I do not think this should allow us to become complacent. I know from experience at my own club that some members, although they still own Miracles, have just not renewed their membership presumably to conserve the pennies at a time when money is tight. Remember when you are thinking of renewing your subs., that the 1982 figure is only £5 - that's just over 9p per week! (Most of us pay more than this for a cup of tea at the sailing club). I am sure you will agree that this is incredible value for money and I remind you of what you get for this tiny outlay:-

- an excellent regular newsletter keeping you up to date with news, events, and class developments.
- Competition in National, Area and Open events.

Can I also remind you of the importance of keeping a strong Association in order to:

- Maintain adequate control of the 'one design' nature of the Miracle.
- Promote the growth of the class.

We now have our yearly membership stickers so that fleet members who have omitted to renew their membership can be readily spotted. Try and make sure that all your fleet are Association Members. That is one thing that we can do something about!

Well, after the gloom lets look at the Club positions. I have again listed all the clubs with 3 or more Association Members but this year I have added the clubs with 2 and 1 members to complete the record and so that you can see where the potential growth areas are.

Although some of the larger fleets have reduced, the cheering news is that the number of clubs with 3 or more has increased by three since last year. Some have left this category but those welcome additions are:

COMBS, DOVESTONE, HENLEY MIDMAR (S.Africa), KINGSMEAD, and SOUTHAMPTON.

(continued over)



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS CONTINUED.

There are some surprises in the order of Clubs on the list. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE have ed ed into the lead with an increase of 3 since last year. (Deserved congratulations to the Fleet Captain and members). LEIGH has slipped to second with a reduction of 7 and REDDITCH has dropped to sixth with a reduction of 6. (We'll have to do our best to reverse this trend!) The prize must however go to WORTHING who have raised their membership to 15, an increase of 10 over last year.

## \*\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS \*\*\*\*\*

to their Fleet Captain, Robin Mugridge and their membership on a splendid achievement.

The other clubs that deserve a special mention for increasing their membership during a difficult year are

EASTBOURNE, HOVERINGHAM, DRAYCOTE WATER, and MID- WARWICKSHIRE

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP	LOCATION
North Lincs.	22 (19,18)	Barton on Humber Humberside.
Leigh	21 (28,23)	Louton Flash, Lance.
Draycote Water	17 (14,17)	Kites Hardwick, Near Rugby.
Worthing	15 (5,6)	Off Sea Parade, Worthing, Sussex.
Winsford Flash	12 (11,14)	Winsford, Cheshire.
Wilsonian	11 (15,20)	Medway Estuary, Kent
Redditch	11 (17,17)	Arrow Valley Lk., Redditch, Worcs.
Crawley Mariners	10(8,14)	Crawley, Sussex.
Newhaven & Seaford	10(12,12)	The Buckler, Seaford, Sussex.
Datchet Water	9 (11,12)	Queen Mother R., Datchet, Bucks.
Hoveringham	9 (6,5)	Girton, Notts
I.C.I. Slough	9 (9,10)	Taplow Lake, Maidenhead, Bucks.
Sutton Bingham	9 (9,15)	Near Yeovil, Somerset.
Shropshire	8 (10,10)	Whitemere, Ellesmere, Shrop.
Sovereign	8 (7,12)	Eastbourne, Sussex.
Mid Warwickshire	7 (4, )	Willes Meadow, Leamington Spa.
Loughton & Steeple bay	7 (6,5)	Steeple Essex.
Eastbourne	6	Eastbourne, Sussex.
South Shields	6 (5,11)	Tyne Estuary, Tyne & Wear.

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP	LOCATION
Bowl Valley	5(7,10)	Lamberhurst, Near Tumbridge Wells.
Redoubt	5(5,12)	West Hythe Lake, Kent
Broadwater	4(3)	South Herts
I.P.C.Y.C.	4(6,6)	Iver, Bucks.
Island(Reading)	4(3,3)	Reading, Bucks.
Maidenhead	4(5,7)	Maidenhead, Bucks.
Wigan	4(8,10)	Poolstock, Wigan, Lancs.
Beaver	3	Doncaster, West Yorkshire.
Combs	3	Chapel-en-Frith, Derbyshire
Crosby	3(3,4)	Marine Park, Waterloo, Liverpool.
Dovestone	3	Greenfield, Oldham
Henley Midmar	3	South Africa
Kingemead	3	Horton, Bucks
Rutland	3(6,11)	Edith Weston, Leics.
Rolleesby Broad	3(3,3)	Rolleesby, Norfolk.

(THE FIGURES IN BRACKETS SHOW THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS).

Southampton	3	Southampton, Hants
Boeham	2	Near Chichester, West Sussex.
Bexhill	2	De La Warr Parade, Bexhill
Broadstairs	2	Harbour Street, Broadstairs, Kent.
Denham	2	Denham Bucks.
Chichester	2	Chichester, West Sussex.
Green Withens	2	Bradford, West Yorkshire.
Hertford County	2	Stanstead Abbots, Nr. Ware, Herts.
Hythe & Saltwood	2	Hythe, West Sussex.
King George	2	West London
Liverpool	2	Liverpool, Lancs.
Olton Mere	2	Slihull, West Midlands.
Oxford	2	Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford.
Queen Mary	2	West London



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS CONTINUED.

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP	LOCATION
R.N.S.A.	2	
South Cerney	2	Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
Weirwood	2	Near Forest Row, Sussex.

CLUBS WITH ONE MEMBER:

Aberdeen and Stonehaven	
Ardleigh	Collville Park
Bala	Cowes Isle of White
Baltic Wharf	Dhekalia
Bay of Colwyn	Dorchester
Bexley	Brightlingsea
Eling	Bristol Avon
Emberton Park	Burghfield
Exe	B'Ham Athletic Inst.
Emsworth	Blakeney
Esso(Fawley)	Blue Circle
Fisher Green	British Transport
Frensham Pond	Camping Club Boat Group
Grafton Water	Coloraine
Greens Forge	Covenham
Great Moor	Cransley
Helford River	Chase
Hillington Sailing Base	
Civil Service	Holyhead
Hamble River	Waldringfield
Hawkridge	Wharfedale Scout
Heysham	Wimball
Hickling Broad	Woodland Park
Highcliffe	Wakering
Keynes Park	Wanlip
Kelly College	Lancing
Welwyn	Lengstone
Wraysbury Lake	Locks

Littleton	Llyn Brenig
Mengeham	Milton Keynes
Maidstone	Marconi
Mayflower	North Herts & E.Beds.
Nat.West	Overy Staithe
Ouse Amateur	Ripon
Ruston	Rosendale
Royal Cinque Ports	Royal Engineers
Rye Harbour	Scalling Dam
Scillonia	Segas
Southport	St.Ives
Strand on the Green	Tynemouth
Tankerton Bay	Telford Lake
Tudor	Up River
Varne.	

Analysing the club list it is interesting to note their distribution. The Miracle is obviously becoming a popular sea boat with no fewer than eleven fleets along the south coast of Kent, Sussex and Hampshire. (Some scope for a traveller's trophy here).

Over the rest of the country there is a fairly uniform distribution though with some notably sparse areas. There are very few Miracles south or west of Somerset, in Wales or in Scotland. To those few members in these areas we could do with a recruitment drive!

The new membership year commences in April 1982 and I would be very pleased to here any information you can give about your club when you are renewing your membership. I will pass your letters on to our 'HALO' editor for publication. He is always looking for interesting copy to keep the presses rolling.

JOHN WILSON MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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# NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD S.C.



ONE OF THE SOUTH COAST'S BIGGEST MIRACLE FLEETS

MIRACLE CLASS RACING EVERY WEEK, APRIL TO OCTOBER, ON THE SEA

INLAND SAILING FOR FUN ANY TIME ON PIDDINGHOE POND.  
SUPERB MODERN CLUBHOUSE WITH ALL FACILITIES.  
TRAINING FOR ALL R.Y.A. DAYBOAT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE.

**OPEN MEETING SEPT. 4-5**

WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT FLEET CAPTAIN:-

**DR RAYMOND HARPER**  
TEL.  
HASSOCKS 5118



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101, Second Avenue, Morpeth,  
Northumberland.  
29.11.81

BOARDMAN BOATS Turnock Street,  
Macclesfield,  
Cheshire.  
2nd, February 1982

Dear Phil,

Dear Phil,

In the next issue of 'HALO' please  
could you advertise:

Following our telephone conversation  
before Christmas I would like to  
follow up the idea of producing  
laminated centreboards for the Miracle  
Dinghy.

\*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE \*\*\*\*\*

If you could possibly send me a copy of  
the c/board and rudder plans and rules  
I will produce one of each for your  
inspection and which you could take to  
the dinghy exhibition. I would like to  
put an advert in 'HALO' for which I  
would be happy to make a contribution.  
I look forward to hearing from you.

A BRAND-NEW SPINNAKER FOR £25

Contact:

IAN PINNELL

Telephone: 0632 581682

Evenings : 0670 513218

Thanks, Ian.

Yours sincerely,

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MARTIN BOARDMAN.

39, Moorgate, York. YO2 4HP  
2. 2.82

\*The drawings are on their way Martin.  
If anyone is interested in purchasing  
a new board or rudder contact the  
above:

Dear Mr. Twining,

MACCLESFIELD 610770

Could you possibly place the  
following in the next issue of  
'HALO'

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\*\*\*\*\*FOR SALE \*\* MIRACLE 1939 \*\*

DR. R. H. HARPER  
Tanners,  
Wickham Hill,  
Hassocks.  
West Sussex.

Excellent condition, unused for  
two seasons

£550.00

8th, January 1982

I.M. Wilkinson.

Dear Mr. Twining,

Telephone: 0904 798275

Please find enclosed a poster advertising  
our Club which I would be grateful if you  
would forward to the North Lincolnshire  
Club for display at the National Dinghy  
Exhibition.

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43, Lindisfarne Road, Newton Hall,  
Durham City.

May I take this opportunity to ask you if  
you will give details of Newhaven and  
Seaford Sailing Club facilities in the  
next issue of 'HALO'. I did send relevant  
details a year ago but no mention of us  
has occurred during that time. We remain  
one of the country's biggest clubs and  
surely must warrant a mention.  
We are returning to our previous tradition  
of holding an Open Meeting this year. It  
will be on September 4/5th. and again I  
would be grateful if you could display  
details of this prominently in the  
magazine.

Dear Sir,

Unfortunately I have not had the  
pleasure of receiving the  
December copy of 'HALO'. I only  
joined the Association about  
September time, so I suppose I'm  
not on the mailing list yet.  
However I would appreciate it if  
you could rectify this, and let  
me have the December copy.  
Thanking you in anticipation.

C.G. Batty (MM1616)

\*It's on its way.

Thanking you in anticipation.  
R.H. Harper - Fleet Captain.

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8, Heath Road, Everton, Sandy, Bedfordshire.  
9th, December 1982.

Dear Sir,

After reading in the December issue of 'HALO' Peter Skilton's article on Miracle names I thought as my Miracle's name came in the miscellaneous list at the end I would write to you and explain what my miracle's name is and what it means. It's called 'THAUMATURGE' and according to the Oxford dictionary it means worker of miracles. Therefore I think it should have been put in the list associated with miracles.

Anyway this word came from looking up 'miracle' in a copy of 'Roget's Thesaurus'. Somehow this word seemed to be what my boat should be called because it came in the kit form and I built it myself with a little bit of 'help' from the eager type who knows more about giving advice than following Miracle building instructions (i.e. close relatives) and if I can build a boat with no previous experience in these things, it MUST be a MIRACLE !

Simon Gault  
MM 3256 Thaumaturge.

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223, Lochfield Road, Paisley.  
15th, December 1981

Dear Mr. Twining,  
Regarding Mr. Skilton's article  
Regarding Mr. Skiltio

Regarding Mr. Skilton's article on Miracle names and his effort at classification I see my own 455 Elan is among the names that defy classification. Elan means 'dash', not dash, dammit, to hang, whether this can assist Mr. Skilton to put 455 in a certain class I'm not sure, what I do know is this will not fill a future Newsletter as adequately as Mr. Skilton's effort.

Yours sincerely,  
Yours sincerely,  
J.B. Livingstone.

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MIRACLE ASSOCIATION  
26, Burnside, Broughton, Brigg, DN20 0NT  
21.12.81

Dear Mr. Twining,

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Livingstone's explanatory letter in which he defines his boat name 'Elan' as meaning 'dash' not the

expletive used when stubbing your toe I understand, but unfortunately the exact connotation is not clearly stated and I checked to see what other meanings of 'dash' might apply. If I may quote from my dictionary...

- DASH ..... of soda
- a small amount
  - spirit
  - to rush forward
  - to strike violently against
  - a showy display
  - a mild oath

Conceivably all are relevant and the name derives from an event when Mr. Livingstone's judgement and demeanour were affected by a wee drop of Highland dew and IYRU Rule 67 part VI 'Contact between yachts racing' applied...?

Too imaginative perhaps so I am tempted to assume this is a 'movement related' term and 455 must be classified, until I am better informed, along with Galloping Snail, Mach 0 and the others. Incidentally I discovered yet another esoteric member of this same group in 883 'Skimble Skamble' which means I was informed .. to wander aimlessly. Also I wonder if 1183 'Mack Five' is a candidate as well.?

Yours sincerely,  
  
Peter Skilton.  
1998 Silver Lady

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39, Derwent Crescent,  
Kettering,  
Northants.  
6.2.82

Dear Mr. Twining,  
Miracle 3015

Following the June issue of 'HALO' I decided to fit Transom Flaps, but the measurements given did not provide a clear indication of the position of the ports. Your hand-written note gave 24mm as the maximum between the bottom planking and the lower edge of the port, measured inside. In October I wrote to Mr. Fitzpatrick in his capacity as measurement secretary, he admitted that he was at a loss to understand understand it, and that he would inform me when he had the information to hand.

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# DATCHET WATER

SAILING CLUB

HORTON ROAD, HORTON, SLOUGH. SL3 9NT.

8, Little Buntings,  
Clewer Hill Road,  
Windsor,  
Bucks.  
3rd. February 1982.

## SOUTHERN AREAS

Dear Phil,

Here is a copy of our entry form and other details for the Southern Area Championships. Can you print a copy in 'HALO' please?

The Thames Water Authority have now withdrawn from running the Clubhouse and we now have a private head lessee. They are very friendly and we now have a lot more control over our affairs. I will organise a supper in the evening (Saturday) but will have to advise entrants separately of this.

I hope that we meet up some where on circuit next year but being a shopkeeper I cannot always get away on Saturdays.

Good sailing, David.

### NOTICE OF RACE.

MIRACLE SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS      DATES      8th. and 9th. May 1982.

PROGRAMME      (This may be subject to alteration)

<u>SATURDAY 8th. MAY.</u>	0.930 reception open.	10.00 briefing	11.00 RACE ONE
	14.00 race two		
<u>SUNDAY 9th. MAY</u>	10.00 race three		
	13.30 race four		
	16.30 prizegiving		

PRIZES      The following prizes will be awarded:

- 1st. Four Places in the championships.
- 1st. Lady Helm.
- 1st. D.W.S.C. Member.

OTHER INFORMATION      The event will be governed by the I.Y.R.U. Racing Rules, R.Y.A. prescriptions, the sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules.

Scoring will be R.Y.A. 'Appendix E' - short series.

The fee for this event is £5.50  
Class Association Membership certificates and measurement certificates should be produced at reception before the race briefing.

### CAMPING

Free Camping is allowed at the club BUT YOU SHOULD GIVE ADVANCED NOTICE or you could be locked out. Toast and coffee available in the morning!

(ENTRY FORM AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)



"... maybe, but I think it ought to come down!"



ENTRY FORM FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS Please complete this form in block capitals and return to: THE SAILING SECRETARY, DATCHET WATER SAILING CLUB, HORTON ROAD, HORTON, SLOUGH, SL3 9NT.

I wish to enter the 1982 Miracle Southern Area Championships. on 8th. & 9th. May 1982.

My dingy's name is.....Sail Number.....

Hull Colour..... I agree to be bound by the rules of the Datchet Water S.C. the current rules of the I.Y.R.U., the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., the sailing instructions and the Miracle Class Rules.

I agree that the safety of my dinghy and its entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor whether racing, cruising, moored and/or on the dinghy park. The completion of this entry form in no way limits the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/competitor.

I hold a current Third Party Insurance cover for a minimum of £250,000.

I enclose my entry fee of £..... Signed.....date.....

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

Name of crew.....

Club .....Telephone.....

I intend camping on ..... night (s)

FOR OFFICE USE only

FEES	CLASS CERTIFICATE	BOUYANCY CERTIFICATE	MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE
MEALS (1) (2) (3)		SOCIAL	

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ENTRY FORM FOR THE PUDDLEDUCK CHAMPIONSHIPS Please complete this form and return to MIRACLE FLEET CAPTAIN, JONATHAN M. WARD, 96, LINCOLN ROAD, NEWARK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. NG24 2DQ with ENTRY FEE ONLY. LIMITED CAMPING AVAILABLE.

Entry of boat number.....Helm.....

Boat name.....Crew.....

I agree to be bound by the standard racing rules and conditions for this meeting, subject to local amendments if any, these will be posted at reception.

Signed.....Home telephone number.....

Cheque or P.O.number..... £4.00 per boat.

CATERING

I wish to book:	Number of lunches	Saturday*****	Sunday *****
	breakfasts	Sunday only	*****
	places for B.B.Q.	*****	

PLEASE PAY FOR FOOD ON THE DAY

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PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE PUDDLEDUCK CHAMPIONSHIPS THERE IS AN ENTRY LIMIT OF 40 BOATS

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**HOVERINGHAM**

# HOVERINGHAM SAILING CLUB AT GIRTON

**YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN MEETING FOR**

MIRACLE PUDDLE DUCK CHAMPIONSHIPS

**ON**

WEEKEND 15<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1982

**FIRST RACE**

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 1300HRS

**ENTRY FEE**

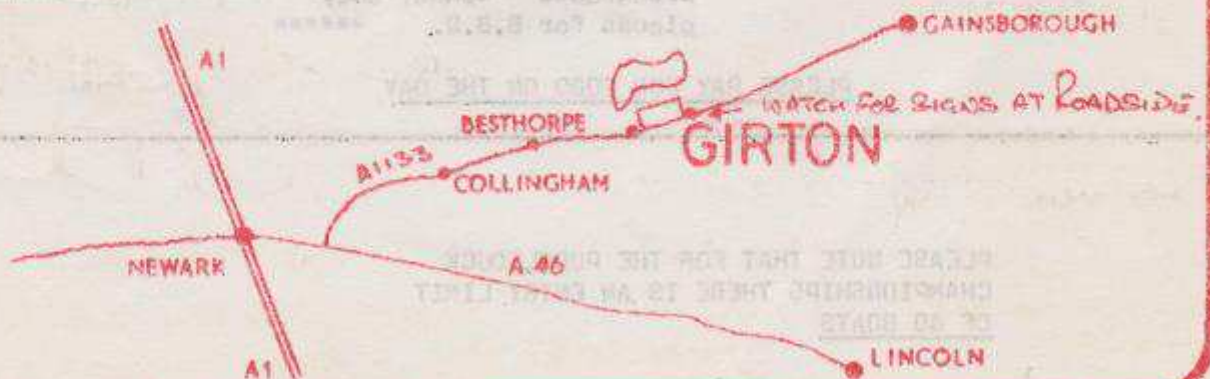
£ 4.00

**Refreshments available**

*Current measurement and insurance certificates (£100,000 cover) required*

**Further details from:**

JONATHAN WARD, 96 LINCOLN ROAD, NEWARK, NOTES NG24 2DG





The following letter, which has been reproduced in part below, was written to Vic Shaw towards the end of last year...

# MASTS

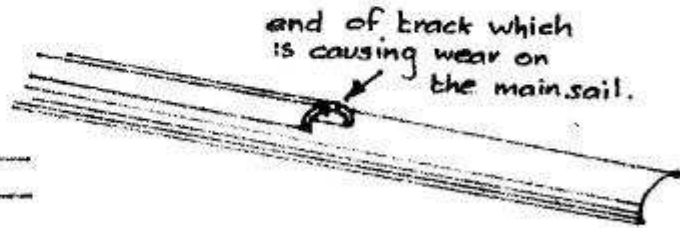
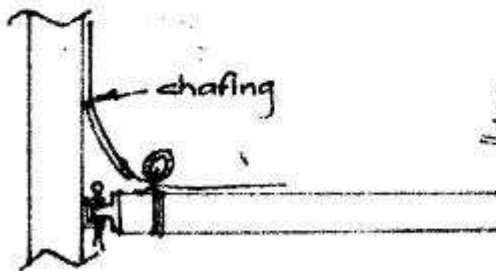
"Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your attention what I consider to be a serious design fault in the mast supplied with my Miracle dinghy,

sail number 3216, which I purchased in April 1981.

The boat was supplied with the Proctor mast in which the mainsail track is part of the extrusion. The entry to the mainsail luff rope track is as sketched below and although my boat has been sailed no more than twenty times the bottom of the track has caused severe chafing on the tack of my mainsail. This has now reached the point where a repair is needed before it is too late. I look forward to hearing your proposals for repairing my damaged mainsail and preventing the damage occurring again.

D.J.LISTER MM3216



I think that the Mirror Group and the owner of the mast came to some arrangement whereby the sail was repaired but I wonder if there are more unhappy Proctor owners or, indeed, those of you who may think the new masts an improvement? I talked to someone on Proctor's stand at the Boat Show and I suggested that the luff track entry could be modified. Proctors say that their masts should be O.K. with standard kit sails but owners could have difficulty with sails cut in other lofts. However the last I heard was indirectly from Ian Pinnell who thinks the Proctor mast perfectly O.K. but Harry Yule-Smith, I'm told, has decided to have a Holt mast with his new boat. Apparently there was great alarm when Graeme's Proctor mast broke during the Midlands but again John Wilson's mast looked very nasty after it tried to tie itself in a knot during the Northerns!

Perhaps the lesson is MAKE SURE THAT WHEN YOU ORDER A NEW SET OF SAILS THAT THE SAIL-MAKER KNOWS which mast he is cutting sails for. Other than that I do not know which is best. I suppose that Holt masts can still be purchased from Holts although they are probably becoming more and more expensive. I didn't get the feeling that Proctors are likely to alter their present design. ARE THERE ANY ENGINEERS WHO COULD STUDY BOTH MASTS AND WRITE A REPORT FOR 'HALO'?

(I would like a new mast and I would choose a Proctor then I might win the Nationals - and my wife thinks the new mast looks a lot nicer)

Phil Twining.  
(Come on Ken Price- this should be a job for you...)

