

Join us at Beaumaris for the Nationals

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National Championships 2007**

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# Your Editors

Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself! Sailing we mean.

When we last wrote our editorial we were looking forward to the start of the sailing season (we know that some hardy members like Tracy Amos and Neal Gibson sail in all conditions during the winter months, but most we suspect are like us and prefer the conditions a bit more favorable!). Yet here we are in June and we have had nine Miracle events so far (we managed to get to three of them). We are not the most competitive of sailors as you will see if you managed to find our names on the results listed, but we can vouch for the friendliness of the of the fleet and the clubs hosting the meetings which makes a weekend with like minded people a real pleasure.

Our first nationals was in 2007 at Beumaris where we picked up our one and only trophy, becoming the Non-spinnaker Champions. We were well chuffed and strategically forget there were only about half a dozen non-spinnaker boats present!

We are looking forward to a return this year to this beautiful part of Wales. There is still time to join us so why not come along for a holiday, there is plenty to do and see as well as the sailing which was great.

*Gillan and Kenneth Gibson,  
Miracle 3670*



# Chairman's Chunter



Jean (Hon Secretary) know beforehand and we will submit your name at the meeting. It's good, so have a go.

## **Webmaster**

Also, unfortunately-it looks like we are losing our webmaster-Paul-so if there is anyone that would like to take on this vitally important but fun task then please let us know.

## **Nationals at Beaumaris**

Now to the Nationals-not long to go now and we are busy finalising details. (including the magnificent Miracle Supper in the Bulkely Hotel Ballroom, along with Brian's cerebral and quirky quiz, a fantastic prize-giving night, raffles-oh and some sailing) ) We still have room for more entries. At this moment we have thirty seven confirmed but I know that there are some of you still hanging on to your money, so come on get your entry in and let's push the confirmed entries to at least forty. Also if you know of anyone thinking about going (members and none members) but are undecided tell them to contact either the Hon Secretary or myself for a chat.

## **Attitude on the water**

Now a serious point;-attitude on the water. I know there are rules that we all (or most) adhere to when racing but I am more concerned about those moments in the heat of battle, so to speak, when our mouths tend to run away from our heads! I have attended a number of our events and in general the attitude on the water has been excellent, but occasionally I have been witness to what I would call "forceful

This will be my last Chunter as your Chairman. At the AGM in August I, along with Jean (Hon Secretary), will be stepping down, as well as two other committee members Tim Wareing and Dennis Southwell.

## **Committee**

It is important that we maintain all the good work done by your committee so please give serious consideration to putting your name forward to be a committee member.

It is not too onerous and the committee tends to meet only four times a year. The posts of Chairman and Secretary are usually decided upon at the first committee meeting after the AGM, but it would be great if we could have volunteers to take on these positions. If you just want to come onto the committee then please put your name forward, and don't worry you will not be coerced into taking one of the 'officers responsibilities'. At this moment all the other existing officers have said that they would 'be pleased' to continue in their present positions. You don't even have to attend the AGM just let

# Chairman's Chunter (cont.)

verbal communication" to put it mildly. Please, we are a 'family friendly fleet' and I will add competitive, but let's remember we all want to enjoy our sailing while recognising that there is a goodly mix of skill and ages within the fleet.

## **Miracle sales**

Now to finish on a happier note-I am told

that sales of the new Miracle are going well, which means more second hand boats being released onto the market and hopefully staying within the Association.

That's it folks, see you at the Nationals, if not before.

*David Reed.*

## ***Nautical Sayings Over a barrel***

Many moons ago the most common form of punishment aboard a ship was flogging. The Sailor receiving the punishment would quite often be tied over the barrel of a

deck cannon obviously in an uncompromising position. Hence the phrase "you've got me over a barrel"

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# Race Officer's Report



Hello fellow Sailors!

Well we are halfway through the season and have only 6 events left, with one being the Nationals in Beaumaris. If you haven't entered yet please do so as it's a great event that all the family can enjoy!

The open meetings and Championships that have taken place so far have been well represented and a big thank you to all those who have attended. I hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have!

Finally, there is now a link on the Miracle website which takes you to all the pictures that have been taken so far this year - feel free to download and enjoy them!

See you on the circuit.

*Wayne Atherton*  
*Miracle 3383*

## Calendar 2010

**Margate**  
Southern Areas  
(CT9 1HD)

**10th & 11th July**

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### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Beaumaris**  
(LL58 8BY)

**7th to 13th August**

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**Thornton Steward**  
(HG4 4BQ)

**4th & 5th Sept**

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