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22nd Jan 20

## Editor's Corner

Hi All, if you would like to vote for your favorite club in the RYA Club of the Year you need to get your skates on as voting closes on 27th January 2020! The Miracle knows how to choose its venues as three of the clubs are familiar to the fleet: Delph and Draycote who we know through the open meeting circuit; and Netley where we are going this year for our Nationals. There's the website address on page 17 for voting.

You will also need to get organised to enter for the Nationals at Netley. They have lovely new facility, but not quite as much space for the Prizegiving dinner. This has meant a limit on the number for the sit down meal which will be served on two floors, and for which tickets will be available on a first come first served basis. However, anyone can join in the Prizegiving presentation after the dinner.

Wayne Atherton has been a busy bee and the 2020 Open Meeting calendar gives a good mix of events. He has tried to spread the locations and dates, but much depends on the hosting club and what they are able to offer. Note in particular a revised date for Delph, it is now 2nd & 3rd



May to avoid a major running marathon in the area.

All in all we look as if we are in for a great season.

Happy sailing.  
*Gillan Gibson,  
Miracle 3670*

Items for the next issue to the Editor  
by 1st March 2020

## Chairman's Desk



the full minutes are available from the Secretary, Gillan Gibson.

We had our final session of the season for the Juniors section at Whitefriars sailing club at the end of November which included winterising the junior club boats. Our own Miracles are now also under cover away from the worst of the winter weather.

I am aware that some of our keen Miracle fleet members are still sailing. Graham Watts and Helen

Jacks, complete with balaclavas, have been taking part on the winter Sail Juice series and had a great picture taken at the

Draycote Dash event which made it on the front cover of the *Yachts and Yachting* magazine. At the time of writing they are currently in 18<sup>th</sup> position in the series overall. Well done to both of you. Congratulations to Rene Savelli on her RYA award presented by Princess Anne. Ian Brown has kindly written an article in this edition of the *Halo*. I hope you enjoy reading about Rene's sailing story. (cont.)

Happy New Year Miracle sailors! Hope you have all had a restful Christmas break. Your Committee met in November at Shustoke Sailing Club (we had an early start to watch the rugby World Cup final beforehand on the sailing club TV!). We covered many topics including the 2020 Dinghy Show, calendar of racing events, the Nationals at Netley Sailing Club, Southampton Water, and options for future nationals events. Thank you to the Committee members for taking time to attend. There is a summary of the key points in this *Halo*, page 19 onwards and

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## RYA Dinghy Show Alexandra Place

29th February to 1st March 2020

Could you give an hour or two to help on the Association's stand? We have some exhibitors passes giving free entry so if you

think you can help contact  
*Ken Gibson, Dinghy Show Co-ordinator*

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/dinghyshow/Pages/RyADinghyShow.aspx>

## Chairman's Desk (cont.)

The Dinghy show at Alexandra Palace is now not far away. There will be a new wooden boat on the stand as an example of an environmentally friendly boat construction option. Volunteers are requested for the stand. Please let Ken Gibson know if you can help out on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February and/or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. It is a great opportunity to chat with people about our Miracle dinghy and promote the fleet.

The Open Meeting calendar has now been published - thanks Wayne. We also look forward to the Nationals at Netley Sailing Club in the first week of August. The new club house facilities have recently been nominated for an RYA

award. In 2017 this proved to be a great sailing venue with the added bonus of close spectator viewing. We are planning to organise a buddy system throughout the fleet as part of the event to particularly encourage in our bronze fleet competitors and incorporate a combined result team race. We recommend that you to get your entries in early and book your accommodation.

I look forward to seeing people on the Open Meeting circuit and don't forget attendance at events counts towards the Traveller's Trophy result for the season. In anticipation of good sailing this year.  
*Paul Robinson, Chairman  
Miracle 4110*



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## Meeting Calendar 2020

<b>Staunton Harold</b> (DE73 8DL)	25th & 26th April	<a href="https://shsc.org.uk/">https://shsc.org.uk/</a>
Midland Area Championship		
<b>Delph</b> (BL7 9TS)	2nd & 3rd May	<a href="http://www.delphsailingclub.co.uk">www.delphsailingclub.co.uk</a>
Northern Area Championship (NB revised date)		
<b>Welton</b> (HU15 1PT)	30th & 31st May	<a href="http://www.weltonsc.org">www.weltonsc.org</a>
North East Area Championship		
<b>Whitefriars</b> (SN6 6QR)	13th & 14th June	<a href="http://whitefriarssc.org/">http://whitefriarssc.org/</a>
Southern Area Championships		
<b>Girton</b> (NG23 7HX)	20th & 21st June	<a href="http://www.girtonsc.org.uk">www.girtonsc.org.uk</a>
Puddleduck		
<b>Thornbury</b> , Oldbury-on-Severn	27th & 28th June	<a href="https://thornburysc.org.uk/">https://thornburysc.org.uk/</a>
Open meeting		
<b>Netley SC</b> , (SO31 5GA)	3rd to 7th Aug	<a href="http://www.netleysc.co.uk/">http://www.netleysc.co.uk/</a>
<b>Southampton Water</b>		
National Championships		
<b>Port Dinorwic</b> (LL56 4RQ)	15th & 16th August	<a href="http://www.pdsc.org.uk">www.pdsc.org.uk</a>
Open meeting		
<b>Shotwick</b> (CH5 2LL)	12th & 13th Sept	<a href="http://www.shotwicksailing.org/home/">www.shotwicksailing.org/home/</a>
Welsh Area Championship		
<b>Shustoke</b> (B46 2BE)	3rd & 4th Oct	<a href="http://www.shustokesailingclub.co.uk/">www.shustokesailingclub.co.uk/</a>
End of Season Championship		

An event at Leigh and Lowton may also come forward

### Midlands 2020 mini series

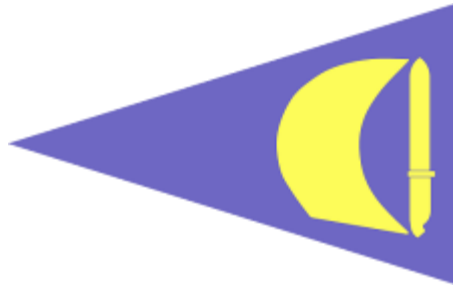
Ogston Woolley Jumper	8th & 9th Feb
Staunton Blaster	22nd & 23rd Feb
<a href="http://www.facebook.com/events/423654328570411/">www.facebook.com/events/423654328570411/</a>	

### Selden Sailjuice Series

<b>Tiger Trophy</b>	<b>Oxford Blue</b>
Rutland Water	Oxford Sailing Club
1st & 2nd February 2020	15th February 2020

**Miracle  
Nationals**  
**Monday 3rd  
to  
Friday 7th  
August  
2020**  
**Netley SC**

**Monday 3rd August  
to  
Friday 7th August  
2020  
5 days**



Observant members will have realised that our Nationals this year is a five-day event, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Netley Sailing Club have had a very upsetting period during the rebuilding of their excellent new club house with a loss of many racing days for their members, as a result they are not able to offer us sailing on 2<sup>nd</sup> August as they do not wish to deprive their members of the opportunity to sail, especially at the beginning of their summer break. This means that this year we will not be having a practice race and will have 2 points races each day over the five-day event. They have, however, invited members who want to test the water to take part in their Sunday racing, details of which will follow.

**Camping**

As last time, camping is available on site for tents and motorhomes ( sorry no caravans), bookings must be made on the Clubs website. Cost is £10 per night each for adults, accompanied children are free.

**Parking**

The club need to know for all entries how many cars requiring parking, whether they are camping or not.

**ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee includes tickets for the helm and crew only for both the Commodores Reception and the Prize Giving meal, tickets for other members of your party must be purchased separately.

**Prizegiving Meal**

**Important – the club house can only accommodate 90 persons for the sit-down meal which means that tickets for the Prize Giving will be issued on a first come first served basis as entries are received, this rule applies to the SigneT fleet also so get your entry in ASAP.** Entrants who are not allocated tickets will be refunded £40 of their entry fee.

Room will be available for non-ticket holders to still attend the Prize Giving at the end of the meal.

**Starts:** 10.30am to 11.30am depending on tide, see Sailing Instructions when published.



**2020 Nationals  
Netley Sailing Club,  
Southampton Water  
in  
Royal Victoria Country Park  
<http://www.netleysc.co.uk/>**



**Entries:** A form is available on the Miracle website to download and print.

**Entry fee:**

**£205.00 if entered before the end of April**

**£225.00 if entered before the end of June**

**£250.00 if enter in July and August**

**Family Members Two Boat Discount**

For Family Members bringing two or more boats to the 2020 National Championships a **£50.00** discount on their second boat (First, third and subsequent boats pay standard fees)

**First Nationals discount**

For first time entrants to the Nationals a discount of £50.

Note - Electronic Payment available - See Entry Form

**Entry fee includes:**

- Racing
- Boat space parking
- Car parking
- 2 tickets for Commodore’s Reception, for helm and crew (Additional tickets Adults £7.50, children £14.00)
- 2 tickets for Prizegiving meal, for helm and crew (Additional tickets Adults £20, children £12.00)

**Social programme**

In the evenings there will be a social programme which is being arranged, currently confirmed are:

Sunday	Commodore’s Reception
Monday	Free evening
Tuesday	Free evening
Wednesday	BBQ and Quiz
Thursday	AGM
Friday	Prizegiving Dinner

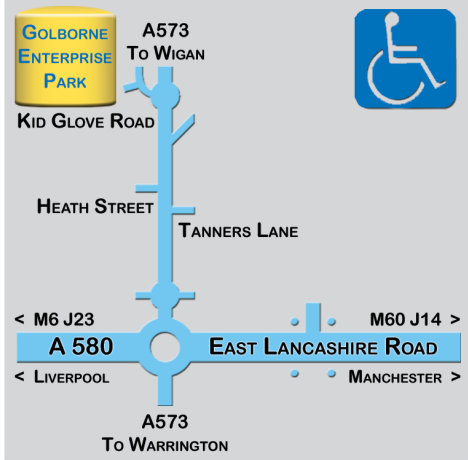
**Midweek BBQ**

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## RYA Volunteer Award *Rene Savelli*



At first Rene was crewing for other members in double handed boats. "There weren't many ladies sailing in those days," she recalls. Eventually as an accomplished sailor she got her own double hander, a Graduate and then changed to the Miracle class, sailing in ten National championships. She also became the Honorary Secretary of the club and ultimately the first woman Commodore in 2006.

in 1962 Rene Savelli and a number of others who had been on the waiting list for Bolton Sailing Club set up their own club at Delph reservoir, using a wooden garage as the clubhouse. There was no electricity, with lighting provided by bottled gas.

Recently retired from competitive sailing, Rene now organises the club's training programme, attending around 20



As one of the founding members, Rene has been presented with a prestigious award for her lifetime commitment as a volunteer.

She received her award from the President of the RYA, HRH the Princess Royal at a ceremony in London on the 22nd November 2019.

meetings a year to ensure their success. She also does duties in the Race Control room, helps in the Galley and forms part of the welcome for new trainees that has helped the club be singled out for being 'Inclusive and open to all' and regional finalist in this year's RYA and Yachts and Yachting Club of the Year awards.



The citation says Rene's knowledge, enthusiasm and contribution to the Club over the past 57 years has been immeasurable.

In 2018, Rene took up the Miracle Associations invitation to become an associate Life member.

*Ian Brown*

# National Championships 2019

## Trophies—Part 1

Daily Mirror Cup	Overall Winner	Ian Fryett & Katie Fryett
John Bray Trophy	Silver Fleet Winner	Carolynn & Nick Smith
Bob Ferguson Plaque	Bronze Fleet Winner	Ian and Lily Ann Brown
Practice Race Shield	Practice Race	Ian Fryett & Katie Fryett
Bell Woodworking Trophy	1st Points Race	David & Ross Southwell
Trimnell Trailer Trophy	2nd Points Race	Andrew & Michela Mifsud
International Paints Trophy	3rd Points Race	Ian Fryett & Katie Fryett
Jack Holt Trophy	4th Points Race	Andrew & Michela Mifsud
Sovereign Cup	5th Points Race	Andrew & Michela Mifsud
Charles and Diana Cup	6th Points Race	Andrew & Michela Mifsud
Bala Challenge Cup	7th Points Race	Ian Fryatt & Katie Fryett
Cornwall Trophy	8th Points Race	Ian Fryett & Katie Fryett
Miracle Association Cup	9th Points Race	No qualifiers
Starboard Cup	10th Points Race	No qualifiers
Young Junior Championship Trophy	Junior Youth Championship	No qualifiers
Junior Championship Trophy	Junior Championships	Morgan Rogers
Youth Championship Trophy	Youth Championships	Michela Mifsud
Travellers Trophy	Travellers Trophy	Graham Watts & Helen Jacks
Newton Crum Trophy	Winner Non Spinnaker Race	No qualifiers
Casper Cup	Winner Single Handed Race	No qualifiers
Crews Cup	Winner Crews Race	No qualifiers

G.R.I.D. Spoon	Highest Non Placed Husband & Wife	Carolynn & Nick Smith
Bay of Colwyn Trophy	Highest Placed Non Spinnaker Overall	Gillian Gibson & Lucas Skeahan
Bailey Family Trophy	Highest Place Helm & Crew Siblings	Andrew & Michela Mifsud
Southwell Cup	Highest Placed Parent & Child (not to have won a race)	Eamon & Thomas Cuthbert
St. Polly Plaque	Highest Placed Lady	Carolynn Smith
Tom Pearson Trophy	Overall 16th Place	Paul Robinson
Club Trophy	Club with the Highest Placed 3 Boats Outside The Top 10	Delph SC
Endeavour Trophy	Helm and/or crew displaying the greatest Endeavour	David Herbstritt & Josie Airns

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Nationals  
2019  
7th to 24th\***



# National Championships 2019

## Trophies—Part 2

Michael Robinson Trophy	Youngest Competing Crew	Lily Ann Brown
West Wales Observer Trophy	Highest Placed under 16	No qualifiers
Ullswater Cup	Highest Placed over 16 under 18	No qualifiers
Water Lily Trophy	Highest Placed Helm 18-29 Years	Andrew Mifsud
Claire's Cup	Highest Placed Helm 30-39 Years	No qualifiers
Master's Trophy	Highest Placed Helm 40-54 Years	Ian Fryett
Senior Master's Trophy	Highest Placed Helm 55-64 Years	David Southwell
Ancient Mariner's Trophy	Highest Placed Helm 65 Years and Over	Gillian Gibson & Lucas Skeahan
Woodwind Trophy	Highest Placed Helm and crew both 70 Years and Over	John Tippett & Kathy Boulton
Gracie Trophy	Highest Placed Helm 70 Years and over and no other prizes	Brian Jones
Ton Up Trophy	Highest Placed Helm & Crew 100 Years+	Graham Watts & Helen Jacks
Senior Helm Trophy	Eldest Helm	John Tippett

# The Travellers Trophy 2019

Pos	Name	Crew	Boat	Miles	Events	TOTAL
1	Graham Watts	Helen Jacks	3813	1205	7	8435
2	Wayne Atherton	Angela Sweeney	3383	1299	6	7794
3	Simon Reddicliffe	Mark Atherton	4007	1109	6	6654
4	Tracy Amos	Gemma/Keith	3692	1103	3	3309
5	David Turtle	Zara Turtle	4026	800	4	3200
6	Dave Butler	Ross Fleming	4060	704	3	2112
7	John Tippett	Kathy Boulton	4020	430	4	1720
8	Keith Martin	John Whitehouse	3755	556	2	1112
9	Gillan Gibson	Ken Gibson	3670	356	2	712
10	Jack Hopkins	Luke Tonge/Will Dyson	4100	520	1	520
11	Hannah Smith	Nick Smith/T Metcalfe	3805	249	2	498
12	Louise Moulden	Lucas Skeham	4100	218	1	218
12	Ian Brown	Lily Brown	4098	218	1	218
12	Richard Murphy	Leah Murphy	3847	218	1	218
15	Dave Herbstritt	Josie Aims	3770	216	1	216
16	Richard Brameld	Todd Brameld	4115	198	1	198
17	Ian Fryett	Katie Fryett	4011	193	1	193
18	James Robinson	Paul Robinson	4110	172	1	172
19	Brian Jones	Jago Wightman	4010	138	1	138
20	Dave Reed	Jean Reed	4052	108	1	108
21	Ben Williamson	Zac Williamson	4009	114	1	114
21	Jonathan Willars	Jess Willars	3834	114	1	114
23	Sarah Jarmin	Andrew Robinson	4123	67	1	67
23	Paul Robinson	Nathan Robinson	4110	67	1	67
23	Carolynn Smith	Nick Smith	2551	67	1	67

The objective of this Trophy is to encourage members to attend Open Meetings and to reward the member who travels the furthest in support of Open Meetings. The formulae used is based on the distance travelled between home sailing club and venues multiplied by the number of events attended. All Open Meetings in the Miracle Association Calendar qualify, except National Championships. The qualification period runs from one National Championships to the next. Presentation of the Trophy and any prizes are awarded at the National Championships. These results cover 7 meetings. *David Reed, Miracle 4052*



# Membership thoughts

## Ian Brown



They will be held over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd of May in 2020 and we have free camping and a BBQ in honour of our guests.

This is what the RYA have to say about Bolton's Friendliest sailing Club.

*"Whilst Delph Sailing Club is one of the smaller club finalists, this hasn't stopped them thinking big. A few years ago the club only had three valid instructors, tired training boats and a declining membership. Since then, they've increased their number of instructors and*

*coaches to almost twenty, had a successful Sport England small grant to purchase a fleet of Fusion Dinghies whilst also becoming both an Onboard and Sailability club too. The club has used an RYA Foundation grant to purchase their first access boat, a Hansa 303 wide. Nearly 40 people learnt to sail at Delph last year alone, membership has increased by 24%. Keen to 'put their arms around their new recruits' with a motto of 'You are never a stranger for long', Delph members positively embrace their newer recruits with plenty of opportunities for them to shine and socialise with more established members. This level of inclusivity has resulted in the Awards Panel recognising*

At the RYA Dinghy show at Alexandra Palace on the 29th Feb 2020, myself, Lilly and former Chairman of the Miracle Association Louis Moulden and his wife Dorri, will be representing Delph Sailing Club when we discover if we have won the prestigious title of RYA Club of the Year.

We are delighted to have already been judged the best club in the North West of England and been recognised for being "Inclusive and open to all."

As most of you will know, Delph Sailing Club proudly hosts the Miracle Northern Championships each year when boats from all over the country come down to enjoy our legendary hospitality.

*Delph Sailing Club as being "Inclusive and Open to All"*

Delph may have the highest membership of the Miracle Association but you may wish to vote for Draycote Water, the home of our Associations former Trophy Secretary John Tippet. There is also incredible news regarding Netley where we will be hosting our National Championships this August. Everyone who went in 2017 will tell you it is a truly fabulous place and the welcome they gave us could not have been warmer, but the clubhouse was tired and due to be replaced. Almost as soon as we left, the

bulldozers rolled in and a brand spanking new facility was built in its place. The RYA have just recognised this fact by giving Netley special recognition for their "Fantastic facilities".

With excellent tidal sea racing just off their brand new clubhouse and plentiful camping, you would be mad not to go! See you all soon and don't forget to vote for Delph or Draycote Water  
*Ian Brown, Membership Secretary*

*You can vote for your choice of Club of the Year until 27th January 2020 at: <https://awards.yachtsandyachting.co.uk/rya/>*



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## Miracle Association meetings

### Summary of minutes

- Shustoke Sailing Club  
2nd November 2019**
- **2019 Nationals at Pwllheli:**  
Considered a successful event it was noted:
    - ◇ The Race Officer was excellent and in view of the bad weather and challenging conditions he made the right decisions at the right time.
    - ◇ The shoreside staff, especially the manager and her family, were instrumental in keeping the shoreside running well and adapting to circumstances.
    - ◇ There was a financial loss at the event, which had been planned for as it was always know this would be a more expensive venue.

# Miracle Association meetings

## Summary of minutes (cont.)

- **Trophies:**

- ◊ Ian Southwell had stood down as Trophy Officer. A possible replacement was suggested and they are to be approached.
- ◊ **Trophy winners 1976 to date:** John Tippett has compiled a list of trophy winners from various sources. A "Roll of Honour" of the key Nationals results will be added to the website.
- ◊ **Travellers Trophy:** Qualifying events are those listed in the Miracle Association Calendar, except the Nationals do not count. The Travellers Trophy counts events after the Nationals in one season through to all the events in the following season prior to the Nationals. The format of any particular event is not relevant and it can be a championship, open meeting, or part of a regatta or club event. It is the inclusion in the published Miracle Association Calendar as an Association event so that sailors are able to plan ahead the events which is key.
- **Chair's report:** Paul Robinson referred to his piece in the Autumn 2019 *Halo*.
  - ◊ Paul had compiled a spread sheet of key dates. The dates for proposals for the 2020 AGM are on page 23.
- **Halo:** The Autumn 2019 issue had just been published and preparations are in hand for the January 2020 issue;
  - ◊ Efforts are to be made to attract more advertisers;

- ◊ **Advertising:** This makes a major contribution to costs. The rates are:

	4 issues	1 issue
Full page	£144	£45
Half page	£95	£35

- **2019 Treasurer:** The Association is in a sound financial position. It was noted the popularity of the 3 year membership option brought a bump in the fees received in some years.
- **Measurement:**
  - ◊ The website will be reviewed and updated as necessary
  - ◊ 4 Miracles have either been built, or are being built
  - ◊ **Registration Fee:** This is an inclusive amount which includes a sail number, copies of the relevant building manual and registration.
- **Website:** Kept under review as always
  - ◊ Those wishing to post items contact webmaster or Keneth Gibson
  - ◊ Links to *Yachts and Yachting* for open meetings useful as a number of sailors were sending results and reports promptly to the magazine.
  - ◊ Information on the 2020 events will be posted on the website with a link to the host club's website. Flyers for events to be requested and posted on the relevant pages.
- **Dinghy Show 2020:** The Association's stand is in the West Hall, stand F212, which was considered to be well

located. Arrangements are well underway.

- **Dinghy Show 2021 and beyond:** The value of the Dinghy Show was discussed in view of the cost, both financially and in member's time. Overall costs are usually in the order of £1,000 to £1,500 depending on the size of the stand taken, etc. The concept of attending alternate years was considered. The situation will be reviewed after the 2020 event. It was noted:
  - ◊ In straw polls at the AGM there was general agreement participation should continue;
  - ◊ The Dinghy Show was used by visitors to view and compare different classes of boat if they were considering a purchase. In the last few years the Miracle had the advantage as many important classes, such as the Enterprise and Mirror, were not there.
  - ◊ It was the opportunity for members past and present, plus Miracle sailors past and present, to socialise and discuss the Miracle.
  - ◊ A recent trend for information on building the Miracle had been noted with a number of people looking for a project
- **2020 Racing Calendar:** See page 5 of this newsletter and the website. Note the change of date for the Delph event to avoid a major running marathon to be held in the area.
- **Open meetings: spread of dates and locations:** Efforts are made to spread the events over the season and around the country, but the Association is dependent on the host clubs for the dates available. The possible dates can be limited by various factors, eg:
  - ◊ How the event fits into the club's programme;
  - ◊ If tidal, the date can be dictated by the tides;
  - ◊ Other local circumstances, eg reservoir water levels, risk of weed later in season, another major event in the area such as the marathon in the Delph area, etc.
- **Cruising event:** The event at Ullswater in 2108 had not been well attended despite the organisation and its promotion by Brian and Sharon Worrall. It was decided not to organise an event in 2020, but to keep the situation under review.
- **Promoting Open Meetings and other events:** A variety of initiatives were discussed and are to be pursued.
- **Encouraging Open Meeting attendance:** Encouraging more sailors to travel is important and personal connections and encouragement are key. Having events within easy reach and on convenient dates is important, but the Association is dependent on the clubs hosting events for dates and locations available.
- **2020 Nationals Netley Sailing Club, Southampton Water:**

*Mon to Fri 3rd to 7th August 2020*

Miracles welcome to join in Sunday Club racing.

Arrangements are progressing and Brian Jones is to arrange a meeting with Netley Sailing Club to sort out the details, including considering the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

  - ◊ **Number of races:** It is proposed to have 2 Championship races each day (10 in total), followed by a 3rd

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## Summary of minutes (cont.)

race for the other types of racing, eg Youth and Junior Series, Crews Race, etc.

- ◇ **Allowing only one suit of sails?** At the 2019 AGM it was suggested the restriction to one suit of sails for the Championships be removed. The limit had originally been introduced to stop “chequebook sailing” and on consideration of various aspects it was decided to leave matters as they are. It was noted there is already provision for replacing a badly damaged sail.
- ◇ **Measurement, including spot checks on sails:** Various aspects were discussed. As measurement was currently carried out by sailors who were also competing it was considered better any scrutineering was at the beginning of the event.
- ◇ **Lay Day:** A Lay day was considered but rejected in view of the 2020 event being only 5 days.
- ◇ **Encouraging the Bronze fleet:** A regular topic of discussion is how do we encourage new people to attend the Nationals, particularly new bronze fleet participants? Those relatively new to racing and open meetings were not as common as they once were, with some exceptions. With those that were coming a personal connection with existing Miracle sailors was seen as key. An important aspect was the support offered to help the sailors cope with the new situation. An assortment of suggestions were

made and are to be investigated, though what will work and how will be dependent on who registers so everything is to be kept under review and the availability of assistance promoted. Some of the ideas suggested are:

- \* Buddy system;
- \* Some form of “Team Race”;
- \* Additional awards;
- \* Sponsorship.

- **Future Nationals: 2021 and beyond:** A variety of venues have been proposed and are being followed up. Paul Robinson is to see what can be arranged. There continue to be enquires from other fleets for joint events, the latest from the Comets. That link up was not feasible as their Nationals are a 4 day event over a weekend.
- **Future Committee meetings:** the next meeting is expected to be February/ March 2020.

Copies of the full minutes are available from the Secretary on request.



# Miracle Association

## Proposal for the AGM 2020

### Rules of Measurement and Construction

Proposal to change the above Rules, for discussion at the Association’s Annual General Meeting to be held at Netley Sailing Club on Thursday 6th August 2020.

Published in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Association.

#### PROPOSAL

*Referring to the Rules of Measurement and Construction 2020.*

#### Buoyancy Checks

Aim. To move to a situation where the owner and not the Association is responsible for the efficiency of a boats buoyancy. The wording of Rule 10 to be altered to remove all reference to a measurer, with the addition of a comment to delete or ignore all reference to Annual Buoyancy Inspections on current Measurement Certificates.

*Current wording*

#### Rule10 BUOYANCY

Buoyancy shall consist of three separate tanks, the efficiency of which shall be determined by inspection, or, if the measurer considers it necessary by air test. FRP boats may have a single tank plus sufficient positive buoyancy to remain afloat if holed.

*Proposed amended Rule to read:*

#### Rule 10 BUOYANCY

Buoyancy shall consist of three separate tanks, the efficiency of which shall be determined by the owner. FRP boats may have a single tank plus sufficient positive buoyancy to remain afloat if holed.

*N.B delete or ignore all reference to Annual Buoyancy Inspections on current Measurement certificates*

Proposer: Brian Jones  
Seconder: Gillan Gibson

**AGM 2020**  
**Key dates for Motions**

Motions to Secretary by  
14th May 2020

Committee to publish  
Motions by  
11th July 2020

Amendments to Motions  
to Secretary by  
16th July 2020

Committee to publish original  
Motion with any amendments by  
1st August 2020