

**The Miracle, SigneT Class and Kestrel**  
**National Championships**  
**11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Hosted by The Welsh National Sailing Academy  
Glandon, Pwllheli, Gwyned, Wales LL53 5YT

**Sailing Instructions**

**1 ORGANISATION**

**1.1** The Organising Authority will be the Miracle, SigneT and Kestrel Dinghy Class Associations and The Welsh National Sailing Academy

**1.2** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 and the rules of the Miracle Class, SigneT and Kestrel Class Associations. Where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**2 ENTRIES**

**2.1** Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration with the organizing authority and payment of the appropriate fee. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

**2.2** A valid measurement certificate and evidence of membership of the Class Association shall be produced on arrival, if requested.

**2.3** Distinguishing number: Sails must carry clear distinguishing numbers as required in the class rules. No boat will normally be permitted to use the sail number of another boat.

**3 RISK STATEMENT\***

(\* Based upon recommendations given in RYA GUIDANCE RISK STATEMENT, June 2013 )

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

**A DECISION BY THE ORGANISERS TO GIVE COMPETITORS PERMISSION TO LAUNCH THEIR BOATS AND TO SAIL DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE SAILING CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARILY SAFE FOR ALL COMPETITORS TO DO SO.**

**THE DECISION AS TO THE SUITABILITY OF THE CONDITIONS AND WHETHER TO LAUNCH AND SAIL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR IF OVER THE AGE OF 18 OR OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IF THE COMPETITOR IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.**

**4 RACE OFFICE**

The Race Office will be downstairs in the Clubhouse.

**5 REGISTRATION**

Registration will take place at the Race Office from 14.00hrs to 18.00hrs on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 9.00hrs to 12.00hrs on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## 6 MEASUREMENT

Measurement of boats and equipment may take place at any point during the event at the discretion of the Class Associations.

## 7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Main Hall

## 8 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice board before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect

## 9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the top balcony. When AP is displayed ashore, the start of any race will occur no less than 30 minutes after it is lowered.

## 10 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Kestrel Class		Miracle Class		SigneT Class	
	Event	Time				
Sat 10th Aug	Registration	14:00 - 18:00	Registration	14:00 - 18:00	Registration	14:00 - 18:00
Sun 11th Aug	Registration	09:00 - 12:00	Registration	09:00 - 12:00	Registration	09:00 - 12:00
	Briefing	09:30	Briefing	09:30	Briefing	09:30
<b>Warning Signal</b>			<b>Warning Signal</b>			<b>Warning Signal</b>
Sun 11th Aug HW	Practice Race	10:45	Practice Race	10:50	Practice Race	10:55
	1 <sup>st</sup> Points Race	ASAP after lunch	1st Points Race	ASAP after lunch	Sunday Cup	ASAP after lunch
			1st Youth Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race		
Mon 12th Aug HW	2 <sup>nd</sup> Points Race	10:45	2nd Points Race	10:50	1st points Race	10:55
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Points Race	ASAP after 2nd Points Race	3rd Points Race	ASAP after 2nd Points Race	2nd Points Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race
			2nd Youth Race	ASAP after 3rd Points Race		
Tues 13th Aug HW	4th Points Race	10:45	4th Points Race	10:50	3rd Points Race	10:55
	5th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race	5th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race		
			3rd Youth Race	ASAP after 5th Points Race	Crew Invitation Race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race	ASAP after Miracle Class 5th Points Race
Wed 14th Aug HW	6th Points Race	10:45	6th Points Race	10:50	No Sailing, lay day. Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races on Monday/Tuesday	
	7th Points Race	ASAP after 6th Points Race	7th Points Race	ASAP after 6th Points Race		
			Single handed/non-spinnaker race	ASAP after 7th Points Race		
Thurs 15th Aug HW	8th Points Race	10:45	8th Points Race	10:50	4th Points Race	10:55
	9th Points Race	ASAP after 8th Points Race	9th Points Race	ASAP after 8th Points Race	5th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race
			Crew's Race	ASAP after 9th Points Race	Single Handed race	ASAP after 5 <sup>th</sup> points race
Fri 16th Aug HW	10th Points Race	10:45	10th Points Race	10:50	6th Points Race	10:55

## **11 CLASS FLAG**

The Class flags will be a Miracle Class Flag, the Signet Class Flag and the Kestrel Class flag as identified at the Briefing

## **12 RACING AREA**

**12.1** As defined by the Race Officer.

**12.2** No race will be started in less than 5 knots of wind or more than 25 knots of wind. Races will be abandoned if the wind drops below 3 knots across the course or gusts above 30 knots.

## **13 THE COURSES**

The course configuration and the order of rounding marks will be as shown in Attachment A of these Sailing Instructions (Triangle-Sausage course). The number of Windward Legs that are intended to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat, but the course may be shortened. All mark roundings will be to port.

The approximate magnetic bearing of the first mark may be displayed on the Committee Boat.

## **14 MARKS**

**14.1** Rounding marks will normally be yellow buoys.

**14.2** New marks, as provided in instruction 16.1, will normally be either black buoys or a vessel flying International Code Flag "M".

## **15 THE START**

**15.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26, with the warning signal for each Class will be given 5 minutes before the Class starting signal.

**15.2** The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

**15.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing this changes RRS rule A4 and A5.

## **16 START TIMES**

**16.1** The Class Start times will be as issued at registration, where races are to be sailed back to back each day the start of any subsequent race will be as soon as possible after the preceding race.

**16.2** On the final day there will be no start after 13.00 hrs.

## **17 CHANGES OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

**17.1** To change a position of the mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. **17.2** Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

**17.3** When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **18 THE FINISH**

**18.1** The finishing line will be between a boat flying a blue flag and an adjacent buoy, the course may occasionally be shortened as otherwise specified in Rule 32.2.

**18.2** The race committee may back finish boats sailing behind the main body of the fleet.

## **19 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**19.1** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form in the Race Office within the protest time limit.

**19.2** The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. An exoneration Penalty of 30% will apply. See official notice board for details.

## **20 TIME LIMITS**

**20.1** The target time for all races shall be 1 hour except on a day when one race is scheduled when it shall be 1.5 hours.

**20.2** If no boat has passed mark 1 within 45 minutes of the start, the race may be abandoned.

## **21 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS**

**21.1** Protest forms are available at the race administration point. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

**21.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**21.3** Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The notice will include the location and the intended start time of the hearings.

**21.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1 (b).

**21.5** On the second day of the championship and subsequent days, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS Rule 66.0

## **22 SCORING**

Scoring will be as per the Notice of Race, the scoring system to be used is the Low Points System as defined in Appendix A of the RRS.

## **23 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**23.1** A mandatory Tally System will be employed and will be explained at the briefing.

Failure to tally out or tally back ashore may result in disqualification from races.

**23.2** Boats shall follow instructions of the safety boats. Infringements will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE or such penalty that the Protest Committee may decide.

**23.3** Competitors shall wear life jackets (closed cell foam) or other adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat. Wet-suits and dry-suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS Rule 40.0 and the preamble to part 4.

**23.4** A boat that retires from a race will notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**23.5** Anchors are optional. However all dinghies shall carry a Towing Warp of minimum length 10 Metres.

**23.6** Launching and Recovery will be under control of the Beachmaster and his safety crew, the International Code Flag D (Delta) will be flown to release boats. No boat shall go afloat until officially released by the Beachmaster

## **24 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **25 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Class Associations Race Committee.

## **26 PRIZES**

Prizes awarded by the Miracle and SigneT Class Associations are detailed in the Notice of Race and will be presented after completion of the series.

