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Hello fellow sailors,

Just returned from an extended summer weekend at Shustoke SC with sunshine and breeze! Great end of season event with sailing friends, variety of fleet results over the two-day event, with the bonus of good company and enjoyable pub food. Thanks to Zara Frankton, Dave & Dav Turtle. There is a write up by Dave in, this Halo, Yachts and Yachting and of course, on the Miracle Sailing Dinghy Owners Group Facebook page.

Brixham YC proved to be an awesome venue for our joint nationals with the Signet fleet and holiday week in August. All the competitors who made the trip to Devon thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The town of Brixham provided a real holiday atmosphere including a special Tuesday evening 'catch of the day' fish and chips treat for only £5.00 each (we all had to make do with Plaice that week!). Marcel & Giulia find this choice of British cuisine quite amusing. They bought their own mayonnaise! We shared our meal with appropriate beverages sat in the evening sunshine on the harbour wall. On another evening we were treated to sea shanties in the harbour area.

The race team at Brixham YC looked after us very well during the week. The facilities are very good including the restaurant, bar and chef. Thanks to Adrian Morrell (Event Director), Peter Lytton (Race Officer), Sasha Hagar (Commodore) and their 29 people volunteer team for a very professionally managed and run event.

Full race reports are available in Yachts and Yachting and this Halo edition.

Well done to father and daughter Ian and Ella Fryett who were crowned worthy national champions this year. The fleets enjoyed some close racing each day in a variety of conditions over the week. Nathan and I particularly enjoyed the windier days and challenge of changing sea conditions.

Tom and Hannah did very well leading the Wednesday evening quiz for us. Brian Jones had prepared the questions but was unable to be with us on the Weds evening. A special thank you to Hannah Metcalfe-Smith for producing the race reports and editing the Halo.

Mark Atherton was unfortunately taken ill during the week. We wish Mark a speedy & full recovery. Appreciation also to www.sailingchandlery.com for sponsoring prizes at the nationals.

We have now secured Rutland SC as a venue for the 2024 joint nationals with the Signet fleet. This will be a five-day event from Monday 12th to Friday 16th August. This is an inland sailing facility, is centrally located with fantastic facilities both at the club and in the surrounding area. We hope this will encourage as many boats as possible to travel. We will be having Zoom meetings over the coming months with Rutland SC management team to finalise arrangements. Entry forms will be available early next year.

Please note that Rutland have stipulated that they require a minimum 30 boat entries to commit the appropriate volunteer resources to run our event next year. Come on, let's have a great turn-out for the Miracle 50th anniversary nationals.

In the meantime, please drop a note to our secretary Helen Jacks email: <u>hrjmiracleassoc@outlook.com</u> if you intend competing so that we start to get an early indication of numbers to assist with event planning and arrangements.



Wayne is also pursuing an option to host a separate Miracle Association 50th Anniversary Regatta event on 25th to 27th May 2024 over the bank holiday weekend at Carsington SC (Derbyshire). This would be a joint event with the Graduate fleet who plan to hold their nationals and maybe joined by other fleets. Venues such as Carsington SC require a minimum of 50 boat entries before they will facilitate events. Further details to follow.

Open meeting calendar for 2024 to follow in due course.

For those of you hardy sailors, enjoy your winter sailing events.

Regards,

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Paul Robinson

Miracle Dinghy Class Association - Chairman

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Aug-2023 Nationals at Brixham YC Pictures by Brian Jones





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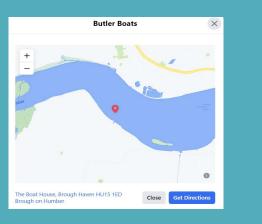
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Editor's Corner – October 2023



It feels like it has been a long time since I last put a Halo together – our last edition was released in May of this year! Since then, we've had some fantastic events on the circuit, our annual National Championship and the End of Season event at Shustoke Sailing Club.

What a fantastic season it has been! We've still got a little bit under a quarter of the year left to squeeze in some more sailing, which Tom and I certainly intend to do, having sailed in Sully Sailing Club's regatta, and Cardiff Bay Yacht Club's regatta in September! We've got plans to head to the Draycott Dash and the Datchett Flyer ahead of Christmas, as well as sailing at our local club ahead of tucking Pamela away for the winter.

I sincerely hope you enjoy this edition of the Halo. If you have any thoughts on articles for the Halo, I'd love to receive them and get them into the magazine. With the 50th Anniversary of the Class Association coming up next year, I'd love to hear all your stories of your Miracle and what adventures you've taken it on.

Please email your stories to:

hannahsmith1077@hotmail.co.uk and I'll see to it that they're in the 50th Anniversary bumper edition of the Halo!

Happy Sailing!

Hannah

Race Report – Southern Area Championships 2nd – 3rd July 2023 Whitefriars Sailing Club

Report by Andrew Robinson



Breezy, shifty winds awaited 10 Miracles for the Southern Area Championship at Whitefriars SC.

The first race started with winds gusting 20kts. Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeney flew off the start line into an early lead and maintained their position to take the first race win. Graham Watts and Helen Jacks reached the first mark in second and finished the race in this position. Behind the top two, Simon Turnbull and Vivienne and Andrew Robinson and Hannah Mumford had a close race for third place, in what would become a common theme throughout the weekend. The boats were changing places almost every leg, at one point a gust almost sending both boats capsizing whilst reaching. It was Simon and Vivienne who eventually came out on top and finished in third. Further down the fleet John Coppenhall, sailing a Miracle for the first time, with his grand-daughter Sophie finished in seventh.

The wind strength increased for the second race, with the gusts and holes in the wind becoming bigger. Graham and Helen raced into the lead and held first place for two laps before they were overtaken by a determined Wayne and Angela who would go on to take the race win. Behind the top two, Simon and Vivienne and Andrew and Hannah continued their close racing for 3rd place. Both boats made mistakes under the pressure hitting marks or sailing straight past marks in the gusty conditions. It was Andrew and Hannah who finished ahead in the second race. Carolynn and Nick finished in fifth position after a close race with Paul and Nathan. Dave Dyson and Dave Harper finished ahead of John C and Sophie. A notable mention to competitors Michael and Alexander Silverwright who were competing in their first Miracle Open meeting at their home club of Whitefriars.

Sunday began with 10kts of wind but with the forecast building. For the first race the race team decided to set a course sending the fleet down 'the cut'. A narrow opening in the lake, banked by trees where the winds are notoriously shifty. It meant the fleet was closely bunched heading in to the first mark, Wayne and Angela lead ahead of Simon and Vivienne followed by John T and Kathy. John C, now sailing with his other granddaughter Chloe, had a tight battle around the race course with Dave and Dave. Wayne and Angela won the race, their third bullet, meaning they won the Southern Area Championship. Graham and Helen finished in second ahead of Simon and Vivienne. Paul, now sailing with Emily, finished in fifth narrowly ahead of John C and Chloe and Dave and Dave. John T and Kathy, who had an unfortunate incident with their spinnaker on the first lap, finished in eighth position.

Graham and Helen, determined not to let Wayne win all 5 races, got a flying start in the second race of the day. They held first place to the finish line to claim the race victory. Wayne and Angela had a poor start and were in sixth at the first mark, meaning they had to sail their way through the fleet. They eventually passed Andrew and Hannah on the final lap to finish the race in second. Paul secured his third fifth place finish in the race. John C and Chloe, Dave and Dave and John T and Kathy had an extremely close race, swapping places regularly throughout the race.

Heading into the final race, the points were tied for third place in the Championship. The race turned in to a four-way battle between Wayne, Graham, Simon and Andrew. Graham and Helen lead for the early stages of the race, followed by Andrew and Hannah who were importantly ahead of Simon and Vivienne. Wayne was chasing the top three down eager to finish the event with another win. An unfortunate gust caught Simon and Vivienne out on the second beat which led to a capsize and meant there were three boats fighting out for the final race win. Andrew and Hannah managed to get in to first place but were unable to hold on to it. Off the last leeward mark it was Graham immediately followed by Wayne with Andrew a few boat lengths

behind. With Graham and Wayne following each other on the left, Andrew tacked off early. Wayne creeped past Graham to windward. A wind shift, 3 boat lengths before the finish line meant a tack was required to cross the line. Wayne tacked and crossed the line. Andrew was free to tack on the shift at the pin end and took second place from Graham by half a boat length. All 3 boats were within a boat length of each other on the line.





A very close finish to the final race of the Championship! Simon and Vivienne recovered to finish in fourth position. John T and Kathy finished the final race with their best result of the event in fifth, narrowly beating John C and Chloe to the line.

Congratulations to Wayne and Angela winning the Miracle Southern Area Championship for the second year in a row. Graham and Helen finished 2nd and Andrew and Hannah in 3rd. Vivienne and Emily both took prizes as the youngest crews (10 years old).

A massive thank you to the race team, Elizabeth MacDonald and Dave Whittle, and all the volunteers & duty teams at Whitefriars SC for helping to run the event. Liam who cooked an excellent BBQ on the Saturday evening and Ana and family who cooked and served a tasty Chicken Curry for the sailors on Sunday for lunch.

Pictures credit to Dave Whittle.

Miracle Nationals – Day 1 Report Reports by Hannah Metcalfe-Smith, pictures by Brian Jones

The 2023 edition of the Miracle Nationals got underway in Devon at Brixham Yacht Club, kindly sponsored by SailingChandlery.com.

The first day saw boat tuning efforts in the boat park, ahead of an afternoon on the water, with a short briefing from our Race Officer for the week. The Miracles took to the water, with some sailors misled by the warm conditions in the sheltered boat park and harbour.



A tricky exit from the harbour which is sheltered in today's sou'westerly breeze turned up as forecast with lumpy gusts at times.

The day's sailing started with a couple of one-lap practice races to get everyone into gear and ready for the Practice Race to start the Championship.

The Practice Race started with a group of boats sailing from the pin end to the left-hand side of the course. Hannah and Tom Metcalfe-Smith were in the middle of the group, but left the melee and went across to the right-hand side of the course and took an enviable lead which they retained through the spinnaker legs of the Olympic-style course. The second windward leg proved tricky with Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeny tacking straight away at the bottom mark, and Hannah and Tom carrying straight on for a little way. The gap closed down throughout the leg, but Hannah and Tom managed to stay in front for the second lap.

The big conditions proved challenging for all, with an unexpected capsize for Carolynn and Nick Smith in Queen Bee.

On the third lap, there seemed to be a small break in the depth of the breeze on the final windward leg, allowing Wayne and Angela to catch up the race leaders and overtake on the windward mark, after which Hannah and Tom couldn't make up the difference, taking second place.

Sunday evening holds the competitors briefing and the Commodore's reception for those taking part this year in the beautiful surrounds of the Brixham Yacht Club bar.

Miracle Nationals – Day 2 Report



The second day of the Miracle Nationals got off to a slow start with poor visibility postponing the start by around an hour.

Once under way, the sailors were greeted by big winds and some waves on the racecourse. The first points race of the series started cleanly. The fleet were closely stacked at the first mark, with Baabii'o Flowers and Thomas Semmens doing well, until they were hampered by a mechanical issue with their spinnaker.

The race leaders Jon and Jess Willars were doing well, with Graham Watts and Helen Jacks following close behind on the second lap. But the third lap saw a change of location of the windward mark, which two thirds of the fleet failed to recognise, leaving the race results rather different to the finishing order on the water.

Father and daughter duo Ian and Ella Fryett won the race, with two more father duos claiming highplacings. Lilly and Ian Brown picked up their highest Nationals result ever in 4th, and Andrew and Stephanie Clark in 6th. Despite a capsize on the first leg, Carolynn and Nick Smith came back to come on third, with Simon Reddecliffe and Mark Atherton in second.

The second race saw conditions that were much the same as in the first. Graham Watts and Helen Jacks were first to the windward mark, and lead the race to the finish, with stiff competition behind. The places behind swapped around between Carolynn and Nick Smith, Jon and Jess Willars and Ian and Ella Fryett. On the final run, Jon and Ian took each other off to the left-hand side of the course, and Carolynn and Nick stayed on the standard leg run. At the end of the run, Carolynn and Nick had to give Jon and Jess room at the mark, but were able to take their spinnaker to the line to pip them for second place.

The first Youth Race took place directly after the main Nationals racing today. Three boats took part after a hard day's racing with Lilly Brown taking the win, Thomas Semmens holding second place and Stephanie Clark finishing third.



Miracle Nationals – Day 3 Report

The Miracles were greeted by sunshine for the third day of the 2023 Miracle Nationals, sponsored by Sailing Chandlery.

The fleet were out to the start line on time today. The race started with little wind, and the beat was tough going, but Lilly and Ian Brown were going well and got to the windward mark first, with Jon and Jess Willars following in second, Hannah and Tom Metcalfe-Smith in third. After the gybe mark, the racing was tight with the lighter crews doing well. The fleet got around the leeward mark only for the wind to die to nothing for a while.

With the wind spinning around, some brave souls decided to put their kites up as the wind had gone far enough round for the beat to become a spinnaker leg. The wind filled in from the right-hand side of the course and got the fleet moving slowly again. With the course now back to front, a change in positions occurred, with the Fryetts coming from the middle of the fleet to the front to take the gun, our visitors from the Netherlands; father and daughter duo Marcel and Giulia Neuteboom took 2nd, with Baabii'o Flowers and Thomas Semmens in 3rd. Jon & Jess Willars ended up in 13th place Metcalfe-Smith's suffered the and а significant collapse down the fleet to 15th.

The racing was abandoned for the day after a period of time bobbing around with very little wind to speak of.



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Miracle Nationals – Day 4 Report



Day 4 of the Miracle Nationals (sponsored by SailingChandlery.com) got off to another fine start with beautiful sunshine and blue skies. Jon and Jess Willars led the fourth Points Race throughout, with the positions changing behind them. Simon and Vivienne Turnball were second around the windward mark, with Marcel and Giulia Neuteboom in third, followed by Ian and Ella Fryett. The excitement continued throughout the race and with the Class Chairman, Paul Robinson getting stuck on the windward mark. The positions by the end of the race had changed around with Ian and Ella Fryett in second, Simon and Vivienne Turnball in third, with Marcel and Guilia in fourth.

Points Race 5 was the second race of the day started in less wind than the first. As the wind died away to virtually nothing on the third windward leg, the race officer laid the finish at the top of the course and it was a case of who could make the best of the available wind. Jon and Jess took the gun with their second win of the day, whilst Ian and Ella Fryett had to settle for second. Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeney had their best result of the week so far and came in third.

The keen sailors among the fleet stayed out on the water for some more racing and were greeted by a pod of dolphins swimming through the bay. There were two races in one, with the single-handed race and the double-handed non-spinnaker race run together. The single-handed race saw five entrants taking part. Simon Turnbull made it to the windward mark first, closely followed by Hannah Metcalfe-Smith. Nick Smith managed to overtake on the spinnaker leg to get into 2nd. The second windward leg saw Hannah Metcalfe-Smith close right back up to the leaders. Down the run, the eagle-eyed Nick Smith saw that the finish flags were up and kept his kite up around the bottom mark to take it to the finish to get the gun, whilst Simon had taken his down, ready for an another lap. He held onto second, with Hannah coming in third. Paul Robinson took fourth place and Jon Willars came in fifth.

The double handed non-spinnaker saw three entrants, with father-son duo Richard and Teddy Smith taking 1st place, Lilly and Ian Brown taking second and Andrew and Stephanie Clark coming in third. The Youth Championships continued with two boats taking part. Lilly cemented her position at the top of the leaderboard with another win, with Stephanie Clark coming in second.

Miracle Nationals – Day 5 Report

Day 5 of the Miracle Nationals saw an ambitious three races planned in to account for the race that wasn't able to be held due to lack of wind on Tuesday. The forecast was due for wind from the east with plenty of breeze.

Race 6 started in breezy conditions. There were some different faces at the front today with Baabii'o Flowers and Thomas Semmens taking first place. Graham Watts and Helen Jacks took a tumble at the first gybe mark which saw them washed down the fleet. Jon and Jess Willars were able to secure second place in the heavy breeze, with Ian and Ella Fryett claiming third.

By Race 7, the waves had built into a reasonably sized, but somewhat confused swell. The fleet failed to get away on the first go, with a general recall. The Race Officer restarted the sequence with a U-flag, which kept the fleet much more disciplined. Baabii'o Flowers and Thomas Semmens took another bullet, with Ian and Ella Fryett in second and Carolynn and Nick Smith in third.

Race 8 was less breezy but the swell was much the same, making it tricky to keep the wind in the sails. This saw a change in the front runners. Father and daughter duo, Simon and Vivienne Turnbull took their first win of the series, and despite leading a good portion of the race, Graham Watts and Helen Jacks managed to hold on to take second place. Ian and Ella Fryett took another third place.

Leading into the last day of the Nationals, Ian and Ella Fryett are on top of the series, with Baabii'o Flowers and Thomas Semmens in second, with Jon and Jess Willars in third.



Miracle Nationals Round Up Report

Report by Hannah Metcalfe-Smith, photo by Tanya Copsey



The Miracle Nationals concluded with another wavy day in Torbay, but with significantly less wind than Thursday.

The first race of the day started in reasonable wind conditions, but turned into a bob-athon, with the last lap of the course taking as long as the preceding two. The race officer was taking no chances with an unruly fleet and put us straight into the U-flag.

Coping well with the challenging conditions, Ian & Ella Fryett won the race, with Jon & Jess Willars close behind. Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeney secured their second third place of the week.

The second race of the day had more consistent breeze, with the waves building in size. There was a switcheroo at the front of the fleet with Jon & Jess Willars taking the win, with Ian & Ella Fryett coming in second. Simon & Vivienne Turnbull secured their second third place of the week, managing the challenging conditions very successfully.

The Crews Race was held directly after the Points races in a decent breeze which was missing earlier on in the day, as Storm Betty started coming in. Jess Willars took to the helm, aged 9, competing against seasoned veteran helms in Nick Smith and Ian Brown. Novice helms Tom Metcalfe-Smith and Stephanie Clark also gave it a go. Jess led the race from start to finish, with Nick & Carolynn Smith coming a close second on the water. Ian & Lilly Brown followed in third, but was over the line on the start and was disqualified via the U-flag. This meant that Tom Metcalfe-Smith took third place in his first ever race as helm, with Stephanie & dad Andrew coming in a sterling fourth position.

Overall, the Nationals were held in challenging and incredibly varied wind and wave conditions throughout the week. There were five different race winners, five different teams taking second place and seven different teams taking a third place.

Consistency of results meant that the overall winners for a second-year running were Ian & Ella Fryett, with Jon & Jess Willars coming in second, and newcomers to the fleet, Baabii'o Flowers & Tom Semmens, taking third place overall. Simon & Vivienne Turnbull won the silver fleet. Paul & Nathan Robinson won the Bronze fleet.

The Miracle fleet had a wonderful time at Brixham Yacht Club, with sterling race organisation on the water and excellent on-shore support from the team helping us out onto the water and back in again.

The team in the bar and catering for the week kept the sailors and their families well fed and watered throughout and were excellent hosts for the various social events including the Commodore's Reception, BBQ and quiz night, AGM and the prize-giving dinner.

A final thank you to Sailingchandlery.com for sponsoring the event and providing prizes to go alongside the trophies. All in all, a week well spent on the water with very happy sailors.

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Pts
1st	4011	lan Fryett	Ella Fryett	<u>RYA</u>	2	-4	1	2	2	-3	2	3	1	2	15
2nd	3834	Jon Willars	Jessica Willars	Beaver/Filey SC	(NSC)	3	-13	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	19
3rd	4010	Baabii'o Flower	Thomas Semmens	Paignton SC	1	-9	3	6	-15	1	1	4	4	6	26
4th	4050	Simon Turnbull	Vivienne Turnbull	Pembrokeshire YC	(NSC)	6	-7	3	4	6	5	1	5	3	33
5th	4121	Wayne Atherton	Angela Sweeney	Delph SC	(NSC)	5	5	5	3	4	-6	6	3	4	35
6th	4115	Carolynn Smith	Nicholas Smith	Thornbury SC	4	2	4	7	5	5	3	-8	-11	8	38
7th	2007	Marcel Neuteboom	Giulia Neuteboom	ARZV Netherlands	(NSC)	8	2	4	6	7	-9	9	6	5	47
8th	4114	Graham Watts	Helen Jacks	Staunton Harold SC	(NSC)	1	6	10	9	13	10	2	-14	10	61
9th	3805	Hannah Metcalfe-Smith	Thomas Metcalfe-Smith	Thornbury SC	(NSC)	7	-15	9	11	9	8	7	13	7	71
10th	4110	Paul Robinson	Nathan Robinson	Whitefriars SC	(NSC)	11	-14	11	13	8	7	10	7	11	78
11th	3813	Richard Smith	Teddy Smith	Broadwater	(NSC)	-13	8	8	12	10	12	12	8	9	79
12th	4098	Lilly Brown	lan Brown	Delph SC	5	-15	9	-14	7	12	13	14	9	12	81
13th	4120	Gerald Copsey / James Robinson	Tanya Copsey	Ely SC	(NSC)	-14	11	13	10	11	11	11	10	13	90
14th	4020	John Tippett	Kathy Boulton	Draycote Water SC	(NSC)	12	10	12	8	14	(RET)	DNC	12	14	100
15th	3461	Stephanie Clarke	Andrew Clarke	Wilsonian SC	6	-16	-16	15	14	15	14	13	15	15	107
16th	4007	Simon Reddecliffe	Mark Atherton	Delph SC	3	10	12	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	115
17th	4021	Brian Jones	Jago Wightman Smith	Maidenhead SC	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	144

Overall Results

End of Season Event at Shustoke Sailing Club

Report by David Turtle, picture by Aaron Gibson



What a fabulous weekend! Glorious sunshine, a good breeze (well, on Saturday at least), great venue and super hospitality. Sailing in T-shirts and shorts in October was in stark contrast to recent years when we have been battered by Storm Brian or one of his relations.

Six visiting Miracles from across the country joined the home boats for the End of Season Championships that was successfully run alongside normal club racing. Some had travelled on Friday and took advantage of the on-sight camping facilities and the opportunity to sample the local hostelries.

On Saturday we were greeted by a brisk westerly breeze blowing straight down the length of the reservoir that gradually weakened through the afternoon. A leisurely start time of 13:30hrs allowed plenty of time to rig and tune the boats and generally catch-up with friends as well as enjoying the sausage baps and an early lunch.

Race 1 started as scheduled with club racing five minutes later. Guest pairing of Jamie and Cole from the home club "nailed" the pin end on the short port-biased start line but failed to take full advantage. The racing was very close up the first beat with most boats rounding closely packed together making it difficult for the front boats to get clear wind.

Dave and Zara were first to emerge from the bunch closely followed by Wayne and Angela which set the scene for much of the weekend! The long downwind legs were as tactical as the beats and Graham and Helen moved into second place midway through the race only to lose out to both Wayne and Angela and Hannah and Tom on the final lap.

Race 2 started after a brief tea break and a longer course making the most of the whole lake. Dave and Zara rounded first and established a good lead but could not shake off Wayne and Angela who were always ready to take advantage of any mistakes. The racing was very close throughout the rest of the fleet with Hannah and Tom claiming a well-earned third place just ahead of her parents, Carolynn and Nick. With racing completed for the day, the fleet ambled across the road to enjoy an excellent meal at the local pub where many sailing memories were relived.



Sunday morning dawned and the reservoir was like a mirror; a race officer's nightmare.

However, the forecast was for the wind to fill in around mid-day so racing was duly postponed allowing more time for a leisurely breakfast. There were no complaints. This proved a good decision and the wind complied enabling all three scheduled races to be completed.

Race 3 was held at the western end of the lake just as the fitful wind began to stabilise. The windward mark proved to be quite a challenge but John and Kathy showed the others how it was done rounding in first place. Clear air was the key to the downwind leg and Dave and Zara latched onto a lucky puff to pull clear leaving Wayne and Angela to claim second and John and Cathy third.

Race 4 commenced after a short break for lunch and once again Jamie and Cole demonstrated how to perfect the start. However, it was the leading two teams who continued to show mastery of the testing conditions with Jamie and Cole achieving their best result of third place. Graham and Helen managed to keep ahead of Paul and Dave who had their joint highest position of the weekend at fifth.

Race 5 was held back-to-back on an extended course but the fleet were too keen to get away which resulted in the only general recall of the weekend.

The second start was good with John and Kathy finding the best way up the beat again rounding first followed by Dave and Zara and Nick and Carolynn. Although the top two overall had already been decided, with just three results from five to count, many of the final positions rested on the last race.

This was one of the closest races with many place changes throughout and everyone finished within minutes of first boat. Perhaps it was the promise of tasty refreshments encouraging a speedy finish? Graham and Helen finished second in the final race claiming third place overall. John and Kathy finished third claiming fourth place overall.

A very welcome afternoon tea awaited competitors and helpers prepared by the hard-working galley team followed by prize-giving in the sunshine.

Many thanks go to:

- The Race Officers, Pete and Tim, who were very professional and did exceptionally well to complete the full programme of five races with some excellent courses. Also, the various Safety crew.
- The galley, especially Dav who was there all weekend keeping us fed and watered.
- Zara for organising the event.
- All the competitors without which there would not be an event.

In conclusion, a successful championship and a great weekend.



Picture by Jamie Cuxson

Picture by Andrew Partridge

Overall Results:

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Pts
1st	4026	Dave Turtle	Zara Frankton	Shustoke SC	-1	-1	1	1	1	3
2nd	4121	Wayne Atherton	Angela Sweeney	Delph SC	-2	2	2	2	-4	6
3rd	4114	Graham Watts	Helen Jacks	Staunton Harold SC	-4	-5	4	4	2	10
4th	4020	John Tippett	Kathy Boulton	Draycote Water SC	-6	6	3	-8	3	12
5th	3805	Hannah Metcalfe-Smith	Tom Metcalfe-Smith	Thornbury SC	3	3	-7	6	-7	12
6th	402	Jamie Cuxson	Cole Briscoe	Shustoke SC	-7	-8	6	3	5	14
7th	4115	Carolynn Smith	Nick Smith	Thornbury SC	-8	4	5	7	(DNF)	16
8th	4110	Paul Robinson	Dave Dyson	Whitefriars SC	5	-7	-8	5	6	16

Winter Sailing

Over the next year, the Miracle Association is looking to support sailors to promote the Miracle on the wider sailing circuit. For sailors taking their Miracle to the <u>Selden SailJuice Winter Series</u>, they will be able to claim the cost of entry back from the Association.

Date	Event	Location	Series
18 – 19 th	Draycote Dash	Draycote Sailing Club, Kites Hardwick,	Selden SailJuice
November 2023	0.000	Rugby CV23 8AB	Series
9-10 th	Datchet Flyer	Datchet Water Sailing Club, Reservoir	Selden SailJuice
December 2023		Horton Road Horton Berkshire SL3 9NT	Series
27 th December	Brass Monkey	Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club,	Selden SailJuice
2023		Hebden, Skipton BD23 5ED	Series
30 th December	Gill Grafham	Grafham Water Sailing Club,	Selden SailJuice
2023	Grand Prix	Chichester Way, Perry, Huntingdon	Series
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6 th January 2024	GJW Direct Bloody	Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford Rd,	Selden SailJuice
	Mary	Ashford TW15 1UA	Series
20 th January	King George	King George Sailing Club, 3 Lea Valley	Selden SailJuice
2024	Gallop	Rd, London E4 7PX	Series
27 – 28 th January	Notts County	Notts County Sailing Club,	Midland Winter
2024	Cooler	Hoveringham Lake, Hoveringham, Notts NG14 7JX	Mini Series
3 – 4 th February	Tiger Trophy	Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbet Ln, Edith	Selden SailJuice
2024		Weston, Oakham LE15 8HJ	Series
10-11 th	Staunton Harold	Staunton Harold Sailing Club, Calke Rd,	Midland Winter
February 2024	Blaster	Derby DE73 8DL	Mini Series
17 th February	Oxford Blue	Oxford Sailing Club, Cumnor Rd,	Selden SailJuice
2024		Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9NS	Series
17 - 18 th	Burton Blizzard	Burton Sailing Club, Repton Rd, Derby	Midland Winter
February 2024		DE65 6EG	Mini Series
24 – 25 th	Ogston Wooley	Ogston Sailing Club, Quarry Lane,	Midland Winter
February 2024		Alfreton DE55 6FN	Mini Series

Provisional Miracle Opens Calender for 2024

Date	Event	Location			
13th April 2024	Midland Area Championships	Staunton Harold Sailing Club			
4 – 5 th May 2024	Northern Area Championships	Delph Sailing Club			
TBC	Puddleduck Championships	Girton Sailing Club			
25 th – 27 th May 2024	50 th Anniversary Regatta	Carsington Sailing Club			
TBC	Southern Area Championships	Whitefriars Sailing Club			
TBC	Thornbury Regatta	Thornbury Sailing Club			
12 – 16 th August 2024	Miracle National Championships	Rutland Sailing Club			
21 – 22 September	Welsh Area Championships	Shotwick Sailing Club			
2024					
5 – 6 th October 2024	End of Season Championships	Shustoke Sailing Club			
TBC	Broadwater Open Meeting	Broadwater Sailing Club			



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