

2011 Nationals at Mayflower, Plymouth

The Halo

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The "heavy mob" measuring
Beumaris
National Championships 2010

The Friendly, Family, Dinghy Class"

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Editor's Corner

Well, Kenneth and I had a great Nationals. Apart from thoroughly enjoying Beaumaris and it's surrounds there was some great racing. The windy weather played into our hands as we operated our "let's stay upright and finish" policy and got some of our best results ever as others around us had problems or chose (perhaps sensibly!!!) not to race.

Now it's looking forward to next year and all the signs are that Mayflower S.C., Plymouth, is going to be an excellent venue for the Nationals.

The open meeting calendar is also being organized and there are hopes for at least 1 new venue next year, but do you have any ideas for new places to visit? - Wayne Atherton would love to hear from you.

Before then, however, it's the Dinghy show at Alexandra Palace. As *the* opportunity to see the widest range of dinghies possible it is not to be missed. Of course, one of the dinghies will be the Miracle and we are looking for helpers for the stand so we can spread the good word about an excellent boat. If you can help you might even get free entry as we will have some exhibitors' passes—so get in touch with Kenneth Gibson a.s.a.p.

As an editor I'm always looking out

for new articles and items (which editor isn't!) and there's the usual plea of "it's your magazine so lets hear from you"

Gillan Gibson,
Miracle 3670



Chairman's Desk

All Change

At the AGM at Beaumaris in August Dave Reed relinquished his post as Chairman of the Association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of us all for the excellent work he has put in on our behalf to keep the Association running and in good form during his period in office. We all know that he could not have done this without the support of Jean who unfortunately also relinquished her post as Secretary of the Association. We have much to thank them both for in their work on behalf of the Association. Both posts seem to consume time and we are grateful that they had so much time they could give to us. I know that they have some great plans to use the time they have won back from our demands and we wish them well in the future.

Our committee was depleted further at the AGM following the resignation of both Dennis Southwell and Tim Wareing. Dennis had completed his 34th year on the committee, a sterling effort and one to be admired; his input will be sadly missed although I am sure that his advice and knowledge will still be readily available if required.

Whilst there are still vacancies on the Committee we are pleased to welcome Jon Aldhous who has agreed with minimal arm twisting to join us, to use his words 'it is perhaps time for me to put something back into the Association'. I like his sentiment, how about some others out there to follow his example and contact me, I await your calls.

I am pleased to report that John Tippett has stepped up to the firing line and accepted the responsibility as



Secretary. John has been on the Committee for many years and did serve as Chairman in the early nineties. Many thanks John.

Website

Our thanks are due to Paul Baxendale for his work and expertise in looking after our website over the past two years. Paul has moved on to another fleet and felt that this would be a good opportunity to pass the 'Job' on to someone else.

The good news is that Mike Smith of Thornton Steward Sailing Club has agreed to take over as Webmaster (he is not a Miracle sailor yet but I am working on it!). Mike has built several websites as a hobby and has some interesting ideas to input. Technology moves on at a fast rate and we need to keep up to date in order to attract sailors to the Miracle fleet so keep watching the site.

Kenneth Gibson

Acting Chairman

(To be ratified at the next committee meeting)

Miracle 3670

Help please

Dinghy Show Alexandra Place 5th-6th March 2011

The Association is taking a stand again and needs volunteers to help man it. If you can give an hour or two to have more people available to speak with visitors, or cover whilst others go for breaks or to have their turn look around it would be great. If you feel you could offer a day that would be brilliant and it may be you can have one of the exhibitors passes we will be issued with so would get in for free! If you think you can help please let me know.

Kenneth Gibson, Chairman

Committee

Could you help your Association and give some time and be on the Committee? There are usually about 4 meetings a year, at open meetings where possible, and a lot is done by e-mail and telephone.

Fresh ideas and approaches stop a committee stagnating and the more people there are the more work can be shared so nothing is more than someone wishes to take on. It's your chance to have a say and affect what happens in the future.

If you would like to know more please contact me and we can discuss it.

John Tippett, Secretary

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2011 Nationals Mayflower SC, Plymouth 14th to 19th August

We have just had a great Nationals at Beaumaris , Anlesey, with 43 boats taking part, some excellent sailing, perhaps a bit overpowering for some of us at the back of the fleet (and maybe even some at the front!) but there is a promise of a little bit calmer water for our next Nationals.

We are going to Plymouth from 14th to 19th August 2011 as guests of Mayflower Sailing Club. They are on Maderia Road, opposite the National Marine Aquarium. This is just a preliminary notice just too wet your appetite but we can guarantee there will

be fireworks! Yes in the same week the National Fireworks Championships will be held to be watched from the Hoe, so get that date on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Fuller details are to come in a mailing and the next issue of your 'favourite' magazine.

Kenneth Gibson
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