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Nationals: Netley 6th-11th Aug 2017

The Halo

Miracle Association Magazine Spring 2017



The Friendly, Family, Dinghy Class”

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Items for the next issue to the Editor by 1st June 2017

Editor's Corner

This season has clearly launched with a flyer as the Midland Area Championship at Staunton Harold was clearly a success. It's great we are able to return to a venue which was always popular when events were held there in the past. This year we have two new venues, Port Dinorwic in North Wales on the sea and Shustoke near Birmingham. Of course our other sea venue this year is Netley on the Solent. I know when Kenneth and I visited I was impressed at the sailing venue being just off the clubhouse and all the beach to launch and recover from. I was also having a look at what there was to do in and around the area and there is all sorts—have a look at the websites listed on page 7. Though I suppose being based in a major country park does help! An additional encouragement to get travelling is Gibson Sails are sponsoring the Super Nine Series where the club with the best silver and bronze travellers will win coaching for their club. Those who've been to Gemma's talks at past Nationals know that that's a prize worth having.

Finally don's forget the Facebook Page and Group are great for keeping in touch over the season with what's going on. And if you run and event let me have



the details to put on the website and, if you haven't already, post on Yachts and Yachting. Happy sailing
Gillan Gibson,
Miracle 3670

Chairman's Desk



Hi folks, the open meetings have begun and I was all set to travel to Staunton Harold, sadly the plans have gone awry. Here I am, on a beautiful breezy, sunny

day still mending and repairing....not the Miracle....that's fine, but non sailing related items ...are there any I hear you say? Well, yes!

Thinking of non sailing, how about coming onto the Committee? You don't have to take on any mega role, just contributing your views is a major help. Due to the lack of members the Committee is proposing a reduction in the Committee quorum from 5 to 4. What do you think?

Having enjoyed the Dinghy Show we were thankful for all the helpers. The Robinson family joined us this year and were a great help, as well as Martin, Brian, John and many others and thanks to Ken and Gillan for setting up the stand. We spent the weekend handing out leaflets and talking to prospective members. One attraction was the video Ian Brown had compiled of the Nationals at Pwllheli, thanks Ian, it went down a treat. A young man from Malta came and introduced himself...he is a member of Birzebugga sailing club on the beautiful island of Malta along with Joe Morana. If you are holidaying there I'm sure you'd enjoy watching the Miracles and Optimists on Saturday mornings. Several people have begun renovating Miracle dinghies, which is optimistic for the year ahead. I'm trying out my new sail at Delph today, and looking forward to seeing you all at Netley or on the water at open meetings. Cheers.

Louis Moulden, Miracle 4036

2019 Nationals at Pwllheli



Welsh National
Sailing Academy
Pwllheli
North Wales

11th to 16th August 2019

.....and 2018?

we're in some very positive discussions and awaiting a final decision.

Training at Maidenhead

Saturday 22nd July 2017

Gemma Gibson has offered to run a training event on Saturday 22nd July 2017 at the Maidenhead, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm, prior to the open meeting. There will be a charge of £10 per boat and booking will be required as a minimum of 6 boats are

required for the training to make it feasible.

To book contact Gemma:
gemma.amos4@btinternet.com
By 1st July 2017

Are you going???

Miracle website feature

Do you want to know who is going to a particular event or is coming to yours? Well, sailors can register their interest using the "Count Me In" feature on the website on the Events page where there are a couple of buttons at

www.miracledinghy.org/events2017.html

OK, so an intention to go does not necessarily mean you will get there, but it does give some indication to you and others and helps with a club's planning.

Facebook

The Facebook Page was set up so sailors could keep in touch and find out what was going on and who was going where. It was great at the Rutland Nationals for reporting the results and goings on, so why not make use of it this year for open meetings? It can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miracle-Dinghy-Class-Association/965046153558785>

Crews wanted and available

Following a request, the facility to advertise for crews wanted, and those wanting to say they are available to crew, has been reinstated on the website.

There are a couple of buttons on the events page at www.miracledinghy.org/events2017.html

Going to an open meeting: Give it a go

If you've wondered about going to an open meeting but were not sure what was involved there was an article in the Spring 2010 issue of *Halo*. Along with other articles from the magazine it can be found on the

website. Clicking on "members" will bring up a page with a list of articles at the bottom right, one of which is on going to open meetings.

Race meeting Calendar 2017

Broadwater (UB9 6PD) Southern Area Championship	22nd & 23rd April	www.broadwatersc.org.uk
Port Dinorwic (LL56 4RQ) Open meeting	6th & 7th May	www.pdsc.org.uk
Delph (BL7 9TS) Northern Area Championship	20th & 21st May	www.delphsailingclub.co.uk
Welton (HU15 1PT) North East Area Championship	10th & 11th June	www.weltonsc.org
Girton (NG23 7HX) Puddleduck	17th & 18th June	www.girtonsc.org.uk
Leigh & Lowton (WA3 1BQ) Inland Championship	8th & 9th July	www.llsc.org.uk
Netley (SO31 5GA) National Championships	6th to 11th Aug	www.netleysc.co.uk/
Shotwick (CH5 2LL) Welsh Area Championship	16th & 17th Sept	www.shotwicksailing.org/home/
Shustoke (B46 2BE) End of Season Championship	21st & 22nd Oct	www.shustokesailingclub.co.uk/

Super Nine Series

Win coaching for your club

Gibson Sails really understand that whilst the Gold fleet sailors may have had more practice, be more experienced, or just be able to shout louder on the race course - the Miracle Association would not be what it is today without the amazing Silver and Bronze fleet sailors.

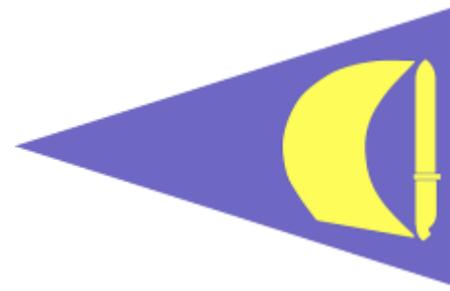
This year we have the Super Nine Series where there will be a single prize which will go to the best travelling club from silver and bronze only, home venues do not count. The prize is a for a weekends coaching from Gibson Sails for the Miracle members of that club at their home venue.
Good Luck and keep racing.
Gemma Gibson

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6th to 11th August

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

Entry fee:

£170.00 if entered before the end of April

£190.00 if entered before the end of June

£210.00 if enter in July and August

Family Members Two Boat Discount

For Family Members bringing two or more boats to the 2017 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
- Commodore's Reception for all
- 2 tickets for Prizegiving meal, for helm and crew (Additional tickets Adults £17, children £9.00)

Starts: 10.30am to 11.30am depending on tide, see Notice of Race on website.

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- Children's play area
- Orienteering courses

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- Paultons Theme Park Home of Peppa Pig World
- Jane Austen—200th anniversary of her death marked by many events and activities
- Winchester
- Southampton
- Portsmouth
- National Motor Museum at Beaulieu
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Miracle Association will be held at
Netley Sailing Club
near Southampton

on Thursday 10th August 2017 at 7.30 pm
(room location to be advised)

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 11th August 2016 at Pwllheli
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman and Officers Reports
5. Treasurers Report
6. Proposals for changes to the Miracle Association Rules of the Association
7. Proposals for changes to the Miracle Association Rules of Measurement and Construction
8. Election of the Committee
9. Any Other Business

According to our Rules of Association any proposal for consideration at the AGM shall be proposed and seconded by full members and submitted to the Association Secretary no later than **20th May 2017**.

AGM proposal re Committee quorum

Miracle Association

Proposal for the AGM 2017
Gillan Gibson, Secretary

The Miracle Association Rules of the Association
31st December 2015

Proposal to change the above Rules, for discussion at the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held at Netley Sailing Club, Southampton, on Thursday 10th August 2017.

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

Proposed modification in **Red**

PROPOSAL

Referring to the Miracle Association Rules of the Association, 31st December 2015

Main Clause No 7 COMMITTEE

STANDING ORDERS, Sub clause b - change wording to read:

"At meetings of the Committee four of the elected members shall form a quorum"

**Proposed by Louis Moulden, Chair
Seconded by Gillan Gibson, Secretary**

This reduces the quorum required for meetings of the Committee from five to four

Rationale:

It has been difficult to attract and retain members for the Committee.

It is difficult to find a time and place to bring Committee members together as they are scattered around the country.

Four is a common quorum.

Note – Since this is not a Rule of Measurement issue a majority vote will count

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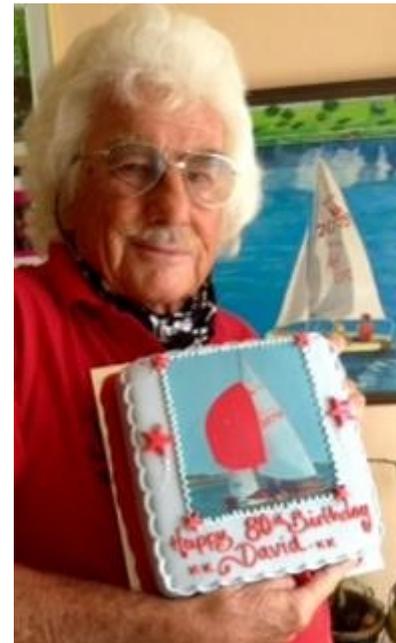
Being on Committee

Being on the Committee does not necessarily mean taking on some mega job and spending hours organising things. Some people do and their work is highly valued. But there are also the other people who's views and thoughts and willingness to contribute to occasional email correspondence, and hopefully come to meetings, who are also needed. They back up the people who are doing the practical work and help in decision making. Also, with more people on the

Committee there is a better chance of having a good turnout for the three meetings we hold each year (expenses are paid). One of those is at the Nationals so is easy for those attending that event.

If you would like to know more about the Committee's work please talk with one of the Committee members and see how you could help. It does not have to be a major commitment.

Gillan Gibson, Secretary



A Miracle of a Cake

Miracle 2079, Holy Mackerel, is still sailing. David and Jacqueline Hudson do Swallows and Amazons adventures in North Norfolk and racing Out of the Dark on the Medway from Wilsonian Sailing Club at Hoo Kent.

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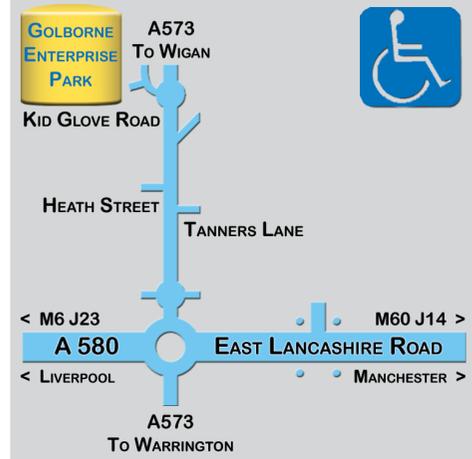
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Bette Pearson



winners of a short series of races for novice sailors, very appropriately I think.

All of us who are a bit long in the tooth will remember Bette very well and no doubt we will all have our own memories of her. She was a feisty lady with a wicked dry sense of humour but also with a heart of gold and most friendly to new comers to the Fleets, particularly their families and children.

Lyn Byne, Lyn Fell, as was then, who crewed for Tom at Draycote remembers that Bette liked chocolates, not just any old

It is with some considerable sadness that I have to report that Bette Pearson passed away this January at the age of ninety one

Bette was the widow of Tom who was the Miracle Association's Measurement Secretary from around 1983 until May 1992 when he died whilst sailing at Draycote. Peter Gibbs our then Class Secretary made the wonderful trophy modelled on Tom's Miracle No 3333, "Tous les Trois" which we still award at our National Championships. Initially, Tom and his family lived at Radford Semele and sailed at Mid Warwickshire S.C. near Leamington Spa but later on moved clubs to sail at Draycote Water.

Bette also presented a trophy in Toms memory to us Miracles at Draycote. It was and continues to be awarded to the

chocolates, but hand made ones from a posh shop in Leamington. I think I will remember Bette mostly for her infectious laugh and the welcome we got from her in the clubhouse at our first Nationals.

The Baptist Church in Wolston, the village she moved to be near her daughter Sue in later years, was full with her neighbours and the friends she had made during her stay there. Her memorial service was conducted by two Ministers who knew her very well, and the singing of the old revival style hymns was loud and clear. We all got a chocolate each too. Bette would very much approve of that I think, with maybe with a dry old chuckle. RIP Bette.

John Tippett

Car topped Miracle

Marc Nye found this bit of kit which, though designed for kayaks allows him to roof top his Miracle.

Photo 1 shows the rollers on the rail. It is important to ensure rack is loaded square to the car so they sit on the rail.

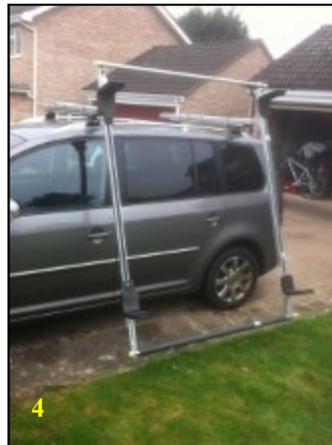
Photo 2 the rack secured on the roof rails

Photos 3 & 4 lowering the rack ready for loading

Photo 5 thread the tie down strap. The buckle is in my left hand. As it is high sided it would be difficult to reach if the boat were loaded first.

Photo 6 As the rack is reloaded it must be held high and straight so the off side engages with the lug at the far end of the bar. The hole at the extreme right of photo 1 is for the "securing pin" once the rack is in position on the roof.

Photos 7 & 8 are in course of loading it onto the rack prior to raising it onto the roof. You will see that you don't have to lift it very far.



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Remember to Check, Clean, Dry

Did you know that one adult Quagga Mussel can produce up to one million larvae in a year? And that's just one of the reasons why it's so important for all dinghy sailors follow 'Check Clean Dry' to stop the spread of this and other alien species around the UK's freshwater sailing venues.

The Quagga Mussel comes from the south-east corner of Europe and was discovered in Wraybury Reservoir and the Wraybury River in 2014. Along with other species such as the Zebra Mussel and Killer Shrimp, it is highly invasive and can cause immense damage to the environment, from clogging up water treatment equipment and outcompeting native species for food to encrusting sailing equipment and propellers of RIBs and tenders.

Non-native species are species that have established themselves outside of their normal range. The most likely way the species arrive in the UK is in ship ballast water, on hull fouling, through aquaculture escapes or the plant and animal import trade. Once in the UK, recreational boating, including the dinghy racing circuits, can provide a secondary means for a species to spread into new water bodies.



Eradication of most invasive species is extremely difficult which is why The Green Blue - the joint environment project of the Royal Yachting Association and British Marine Federation - is urging all boaters to follow the Check Clean Dry routine.

CHECK

Check equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect before moving to a new location.

CLEAN

Use clean water to thoroughly hose down all parts of the boat, launching trolley, trailer and equipment that come into contact with the water before leaving the site. Remember to get into the nooks and crannies, such as tyre treads.

Drain water from every part of the boat and all equipment that can hold water. Soak equipment and clothing in hot water on site or when you return home as this will improve the chances of killing adults and microscopic larvae which are invisible to the eye.

DRY

When you get home, let the boat and sails dry out for as long as possible. Also dry clothing, footwear and buoyancy aids – some species can survive for up to two weeks in damp conditions!

How to identify a Quagga Mussel

Quagga Mussels are small (no more than 4cm across) with a dark brown and light brown stripy shell. When placed on its front it will roll to one

side and it has an undulating (as opposed to a straight, horizontal) seam between the shells.

If you think you may have found a Quagga Mussel, send an email with a photograph and location details to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

To find out more visit

- www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/quaggamussel
- www.thegreenblue.org.uk



Killer shrimp



A joint BMF and RYA initiative

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Miracle Association meetings

Summary of minutes

Bolton – 11th March 2017

- **Chair:** The RYA Dinghy show was a success.
- **Bete Pearson,** a key figure in the Association for many years, has died.
- **Treasurer:** The Association is in a financially sound position.
- **Membership:** Promotional/invitational packs members can distribute to Miracle owners in their

clubs are to be compiled and made available to those who request them to encourage new memberships.

- **Measurement:** There were no issues to be discussed.
- **Racing Calendar 2017:** There were more open meetings than in the previous year with some new venues.
- **Training events:** Gemma Gibson has offered to run a training event on

Saturday 22nd July 2017 at the Maidenhead, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm, prior to the open meeting. There will be a charge of £10 per boat and booking will be required as a minimum of 6 boats are required for the training to make it feasible.

- **Dinghy Show 2017:** This had gone very well with a stand in a good position on the end of one of the isles. It was noted neither the Enterprises nor the Mirrors were at the Show. Attendance is considered important and a standard association stand it to be booked for 2018.
- **Nationals 2017 at Netley:** Arrangements are well advanced. The SigneTs are to join us again.
- **Miracle Nationals Trophies:** These are being organised.
- **Nationals 2018 and future years:** Various options were discussed and the potential for sharing with other fleets confirmed.
- **Halo:** In a new initiative a National Dinghy Archive website is being created to act as a digital archive of material on dinghy history. It was agreed to look into the matter and deposit the digitised issues of the *Halo*.
- **Committee meetings:** A proposal to reduce the quorum required from 5 to 4 due to the difficulty of bringing committee members together was made.
- The various methods of electronic meetings, eg teleconferencing, video conferencing, etc, are to be investigated.
- **Boat for free:** John Clark has a Miracle in Spain he is offering free to anyone who can pick it up from an English south coast port. Its availability is to be advertised on the website, Facebook, etc.

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



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www.miracledinghy.org/

Facebook: Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/56799327734/>

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/miracledinghy/>

Nautical Sayings

Forging ahead

A naval term for going ahead slowly. Today the phrase is used to mean continuing or "press on", but not always slowly.

Bolster

A piece of wood fitted in various places to prevent chafing. Today the term means to support and strengthen.

Courtesy of <http://see-the-sea.org/nautical/naut-body.htm>

Endeavour Trophy (Part 2)

Last time we left Hannah and Nic recovering from a broken tiller and preparing for their next race.....

.....We were close to the line at this start and as boats tacked away our air got cleaner. We tacked on the lay line and rounded in about 10th place. We gybed back to the south shore for extra time, but the boats that stayed in the starboard gybe had more wind which dropped us to mid-fleet. The course had a windward gate and as we tacked for the gate Hannah fell over the side. She held on to the mainsheet, we didn't capsize, but getting back aboard took a while dropping us towards the back of the fleet. Hannah felt better when she saw Endeavour star Nick Craig do exactly the same thing at the top mark. Much to our surprise, the RIB found us between races and gave us back our own fully repaired tiller extension.

Our newly repaired extension didn't bring us any luck in the third race and we found ourselves coming into the windward mark on the port layline, dodging the boats coming away from the mark with their spinnakers up. The only luck we had in this race was when the RS Aero5 boys hit the leeward mark which stopped us being last.

Race four gave us our best result of the weekend. The tide was coming in for this race and wind had moved around towards the east and had reduced in strength. The course was moved to account for these changes. The committee boat end was favoured as this was closest to the shore. The congestion pushed us into the second row start so we tacked for

the shore as soon as we could. Part of the fleet persisted on tacking up the middle against the tide. We tacked early to keep clean air, but had to tack again to make the mark. The incoming tide caught out the RS Aero5 boys who were swept on to the windward mark and were caught by the on water judge. In this race, we kept the downwind simple, come away from the windward mark on the starboard tack and held on until we hit the downwind lay line. On the second upwind leg, we marked the shore and made a perfect lay line tack.

After a long day on the water, we were ready for our post-race pasta and to find out what had been happening at the front of the fleet. Ben Saxton, last years runaway winner was leading, but hadn't had it all his own way. Lighter winds and a bigger more competitive fleet meant that even those at the top were counting some big scores. After packing away, we got changed for the Endeavour dinner. On our table were the boys from the 29er, the Topper and the father and son team Paul and Mark Oakley who sailed the RS400. Our tiller extension saviour junior (Jim Hood) from RS Sailing was also on our table. It turned out Paul had been sailing 505s at the same time as me and my brother Barry and remembered our yellow boat. After the fantastic meal, we were treated to the highlight of the weekend for me when Nikki Birrel, one of our Paralympic sailors from Rio told us his story of winning the bronze medal. Earlier in the evening he had brought his medals (Rio and London) in for us to see and hold.



When I was watching the Olympic and Paralympic games in the summer, I never dreamt I would see and hold a medal.

Sunday's forecast was for more wind from the same direction. The tide was going out for the first race which meant the tide was pushing the boats across the start line. This resulted in a general recall and the race got away on the second start with only an individual recall.

Race two on Sunday was started at low water, slack tide. This was our worst race, result wise. A late decision about which leeward mark to round saw us hit and go the wrong side of the mark. We then gybed and Hannah hit her head hard on the boom. We had to unwind our course and do a 360 degree penalty turn.

Normal service was resumed in race three. Race four was our last chance

of the weekend to make a good start. We did have a good start, but it was recalled. We didn't do as well at the second attempt. We tried to get clear air on the windward leg and this meant pushing out into the tide.

So our second Endeavour was over. Our goal to have more boats behind us than last year was achieved, we didn't capsize, but we came away feeling we could have done better. Unfortunately the chance to have another go is to become a champion, which in itself is a rare and hard thing to achieve. Last year I said that competing in the Endeavour trophy was a once in a lifetime opportunity. This second opportunity to sail against and with the current best helms and crews at this well run and challenging event was just as special.
Nick Smith, Miracle 3805

Staunton Harold Midland Area Championship 8th & 9th April 2017

After a 10 year absence bright sunshine and light winds greeted the Miracles to Staunton Harold Sailing Club over the weekend of 8th and 9th April.

Five visitors joined the home boats for a joint event with the GP14 fleet.

Race 1 saw Dave and Zara Turtle (4026) get a port end flyer at the pin end and sail off with a good lead, However, Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson (3692) closed the gap and while in a battle with the leaders allowed Graham Watts and Helen Jacks (3813) to join them, but it was Dave and Zara at the gun, closely followed by Tracy and Gemma, then Graham and Helen.



In Race 2, it was Tracy and Gemma who took the lead, but the lead swapped several times with Graham & Helen and Dave & Zara, but at the finish it was Tracy and Gemma, with Graham and Helen close behind just holding off Dave and Zara.

Saturday night the club laid on a very tasty curry meal and a local brewery supplied a barrel of beer.

Sunday was looking good with the breeze picking up and an even warmer day in store.

Race 3 saw Graham and Helen take the lead early on and they held on until the very last reach, when a gust hit them and nearly tipped them in, which

allowed Tracy and Gemma to sail over the top of them and around the last mark towards the finishing line, with Graham and Helen just holding off Dave and Zara to the post.

In race 4, Tracy and Gemma and Dave and

Zara were changing places consistently and after two laps, neither had noticed that the shorten course flag had gone up, or heard the hooter, with the two boats in a great battle. Graham and Helen, who had read the signs, decided to go high up the course then



tacked and crossed the line at the committee boat end, ahead of Tracy & Gemma and Dave & Zara. Simon Reddicliffe and Mark Atherton (4007) came 4th, so far they had come 4th in every race.

With everything to play for in Race 5 and the wind building up even more, it

was Simon and Mark who shot into the lead. The conditions suited them and nobody could catch them and they took line honours, which meant Tracy and Gemma won the event, Graham and Helen were 2nd and Dave and Zara 3rd
Graeme Watts

Pos	Club	Sail No
1	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson	Redoubt 3692
2	Graham Watts & Helen Jacks	Staunton Harold 3813
3	David and Zara Turtle	Shustoke 4026
4	Simon Reddecliffe & Mark Atherton	Delph 4007
5	Alan & Aileen Bennett	Staunton Harold 4006
6	David & Jean Reed	Girton 4052
7	Ian & Lily Brown	Delph 4098
8	John George & Richard Barnett	Staunton Harold 3793
9	Keith Martin & John Whitehouse	Teesdale 3755

Royal Victoria Country Park

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/countryside-service/country-parks/rvcp.htm>

The sailing club is located in a major county park with plenty to do:

- Miniature railway
- Café
- Woodland walks
- Sensory gardens
- Story trail
- Children's play area
- Orienteering courses

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- Paultons Theme Park Home of Peppa Pig World
- Jane Austen—200th anniversary of her death marked by many events and activities
- Winchester
- Southampton
- Portsmouth
- National Motor Museum at Beaulieu
- South Downs National Park
- New Forest National Park



A Miracle of a Cake

Miracle 2079, Holy Mackerel, is still sailing. David and Jacqueline Hudson do Swallows and Amazons adventures in North Norfolk and racing Out of the Dark on the Medway from Wilsonian Sailing Club at Hoo Kent.

Alternative propulsion!

Some people are very inventive and Derek May came up with a few alternatives! In his own words.....

I made up a whale fluke shaped flipper assembly which fitted on the rudder pintles and would propel the boat at about 4 knots when pushed up and down, and it was steerable. Standing at the back operating it meant too much transom drag. It should have been fitted in place of the centreboard. I guess that wouldn't pass measurement, but the idea was to get you back if the wind died when you're a long way from shore. It would possibly act as a fin as on America Cup boats! Anyone care to experiment? A small drilled hole under the gunwale each side allowed me to secure wooden ply fittings carrying a rowlock, clamped at the aft end of the deck cut-out, so that it could be rowed. (It is fine at low speed but you yaw uncontrollably at high speed without rudder)

Not content with that he came up with a few other alternatives

