

2018 Miracle/SigneT National Championships
5th August – 10th August 2018
Hosted by the Miracle Association
<http://www.miracledinghy.org/>

The 2018 Joint Miracle and SigneT National Championships will be held at Bala Sailing Club. The Organising Authority is the Miracle Association.

The following rules, instructions and advice are applicable to both Miracle Dinghy and SigneT Dinghy Fleets. Clauses 11.1 (scoring) and 12.1 (prizes) are specific to the Miracle fleet and 11.2 and 12.2 specific to the SigneT fleet.

NOTICE OF RACE

6th edition – 8th Jan18

- 1 Rules
This regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
Competitors should note that The Miracle Association and The SigneT Class Owners Association implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book, or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/RACING/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>

2. Advertising
2.1 Advertisements and anything advertised shall meet generally accepted and ethical standards and meet the requirements of the Class Rules
Advertisements on sails shall be clearly separated from national letters and sail numbers on the mainsail and jib

- 3 Eligibility and Entry
3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Miracle Class and the SigneT Class, the owner or helmsman shall be current members of the relevant class association.
3.2 Entries are now invited by completing the Championships Entry Form and sending it to the appropriate Class Secretary or Sailing Secretary, contact details are shown under Clause 17.
Payment can either be made by accompanying Cheque made payable to the appropriate Association or by Bank Transfer (also see Entry Form for details of electronic payments)
3.3 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration included on the Entry Form.
3.4 Subject to the prior written approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta. Such a boat shall display the same declared identification number on all mainsails and spinnakers used in the regatta. (Alters rule G3)
3.5 There shall be not less than two persons on board when racing (save for the single handed race) and the names of the helmsman and crew shall be declared at the time of entry.
3.6 Changes may be made to the helmsman or crew by notifying the Entries Secretary on or before the 5th August 2018. Permission to substitute crew after 5th August will only be granted in cases of injury, illness or important unforeseen personal circumstances. Prior written confirmation shall be obtained from the Race Committee following a written application for a crew change.
3.7 Scrutinizing will take place at the dinghy park. Each boat, together with her sails and equipment shall be scrutinised prior to launching. Boats shall be presented in a dry condition and may be weighed. Only previously measured sails shall be presented at this time

4. Fees

4.1 The Entry Fee for 2018 Miracle/SigneT National Championships is

£175.00 if entered before the end of April

£195.00 if entered before the end of June

£215.00 if entered in July and August

4.2 The above prices include for the Helm and Crew and their guests to attend the Commodores Reception and for two Complimentary Meals for Helm and Crew attending the Prize Giving. Extra Tickets for additional meals at the Prize Giving can be purchased - see Entry Forms

4.3 The class associations reserve the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 31st July 2018. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances

5. Schedule of Events

Registration will take place at Bala Sailing Club at the times indicated or as specified on the Regatta Notice Board.

Date	Miracle Class		SigneT Class	
	Event	Time	Event	Time
Sat 4th Aug	Registration	14:00 - 18:00	Registration	14:00 - 18:00
Sun 5th Aug	Registration	09:00 - 12:00	Registration	09:00 - 12:00
	Briefing	10:00	Briefing	10:00
		Warning Signal		Warning Signal
Sun 5th Aug	Practice Race	10.55	Practice Race	11.00
	1st Points Race	ASAP after Lunch		
	1st Youth Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race	-	-
Mon 6th Aug	2nd Points Race	10.55	1st Points Race	11.00
	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 7th Aug	4th Points Race	10:55	3rd points race	11.00
	5th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race	-	-
	3rd Youth Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race	Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race	ASAP after Miracle Class 4th Points Race
Wed 8th Aug	6th Points Race	10:55	No sailing, lay day. Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races on Monday/Tuesday	
	7th Points Race	ASAP after 6th Points Race		
	Single handed/non-spinnaker Race	ASAP after 7th Points Race		
Thurs 9th Aug	8th Points Race	10:55	4th points race	11.00
	9th Points Race	ASAP after 8th Points Race	5th points race	ASAP after 4th points race
	Crew's Race	ASAP after 9th Points Race	-	-
Fri 10th Aug	10th Points Race	11:25	6th points race	11:30

- 6 Measurements
- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 Rule 78.2 will be applied only under exceptional circumstances
- 6.3 Boats are required to use the same suit of sails for all Championship races. The Race Officer may give permission for alternative sails to be used if application is made before use in the event of the first suit being irreparably damaged.
- 6.4 In addition to NOR clause 3.7, measurement checks may be carried out during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b), the 'authority responsible for interpreting the rule' will be the Royal Yachting Association.
- 7 Sailing Instructions
- These will be made available to Competitors at Registration and from The Class Secretaries and via the Associations' Websites.
- 8 Venue
- Racing will take place at the NE end of Bala Lake
- 9 The Courses
- These will be a combination of windward - leeward and triangle.
- 10 Penalty System
- The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 11.1 Scoring (Miracle)
- The Championship Series shall consist of 10 races.
- Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When 9 or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- The Youth and Juniors Series shall consist of 3 races.
- When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2 Scoring (SigneT)
- The Championship series shall consist of 6 races.
- Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When from 3 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.1 Prizes (Miracle)

FLEET DIVISION

The fleet will be divided into three sub-fleets - gold, silver and bronze. The intention of this division is to encourage competition throughout the fleet. Fleets will start together and will be awarded both overall and sub-fleet places

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED

Practice Race Shield	Winning helm & crew - Practice Race
Bell Woodworking Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 1st Points Race.
Trimnell Trailer Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 2nd Points Race.
International Paints Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 3rd Points Race.
Jack Holt Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 4th Points Race.
Sovereign Cup	Winning helm & crew - 5th Points Race.
Charles and Diana Cup	Winning helm & crew - 6th Points Race.
Bala Challenge Cup	Winning helm & crew - 7 th Points Race.
Cornwall Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 8 th Points Race.
Miracle Association Cup	Winning helm & crew - 9 th Points Race
Starboard Cup	Winning helm & crew - 10 th Points Race
Daily Mirror Cup	Winning helm & crew - Overall National Champions.
John Bray Trophy	Winning helm & crew - Silver Fleet.
Bob Ferguson Plaque	Winning helm & crew - Bronze Fleet.
West Wales Observer Trophy	Highest placed helm under 16 years.
Ullswater Cup	Highest placed helm over 15 and under 18 years.
Michael Robinson Trophy	The Youngest competing crew.
St Polly Plaque	Highest placed Lady Helm
The Water Lily Trophy	Highest placed helm 18 to 29 years not having won a points race.
Claire's Cup	Highest placed helm 30 to 39 years not having won a points race.
Master's Trophy	Highest placed helm 40 to 54 years
Senior Master's Trophy	Highest placed helm over 55 to 64 years
Ancient Mariners Trophy	Highest placed Helm 65 to 69 years
Woodwind Trophy	Highest Placed Helm and Crew both over 70 years
Ton Up Trophy	Highest placed helm & crew with total age of 100+
Endeavour Trophy	Helm and /or crew Displaying Greatest Endeavour, awarded by the Race Committee.
Tom Pearson Trophy	The Helm in overall 16th position in Championship.
Senior Helm Trophy	The Oldest helm
Bailey Family Trophy	Highest placed helm and crew siblings from the same family.
The Southwell Cup	Highest placed crew comprising a parent and child crew (not having won a race)
Bay of Colwyn Trophy	Highest placed helm of non-spinnaker boat in Championship.
G.R.I.D. Spoon	Highest non placed Husband and Wife Team outside the top five

Club Trophy	Club with the highest placed three boats outside the top five.
Gracie Trophy	Highest placed Helm over 70 years of age, not having collected any other prizes in the Championships

OTHER RACES

Youth Championship Trophy	Winning helm and crew – Youth Championships 16 to 21 years old on 5 th August 2018
Junior Championship Trophy	Winning helm and crew – Junior Championships 15 years old and under on 5 th August 2018
Young Junior Championship	Winning helm and crew – Young Junior Championships 13 years and under on 5 th August 2018
Crew's Cup	Winning helm - Crews Race.
Casper Cup	Winner Single Handed Race
Newton Crum Trophy	Winning helm and crew - Non-Spinnaker Race

Where age is a factor the following rules will be used: "Age" is defined as age, in years, on the 5th August 2018. Michael Robinson Trophy and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.

12.2 Prizes (SigneT)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED

Practice Race Trophy	Winning helm & crew – Practice Race
Race 1 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 1
Race 2 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 2
Race 3 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 3
Race 4 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 4
Race 5 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 5
Race 6 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 6
Mabel Field Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 1
Solo Trophy	Winning helm – Single handed race
Sunday Times Trophy	Overall Championship winning helm
City of Plymouth cup	Overall Championship winning crew
Junior Trophy	Highest placed helm under 21 years of age
Marlow salver	Highest placed home-built boat
Signet Rose Bowl	Highest place helm not competing in the points series
Muddy Jackpot	Championship runner-up helm and crew
RG-G Trophy	Winning helm in the crew invitation race
Pegasus Trophy invitation	Highest place non-regular helm in the crew
Rockall cup	Winning helm in the helm invitation (race 4)
Team Trophy	Winning team, based on selection TBD
Pryor Seamanship Trophy	Awarded for notable display of seamanship
Les Shepherd Memorial Trophy	Awarded for services to the fleet during the past year
Clown Trophy	Awarded for spectator amusement
Venus Trophy	Highest placed newcomer
Helmswoman Trophy	Highest placed lady helm
Tail End Trophy	Last place helm & crew

- 13 Rights to use names and likenesses and Advertising
Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event
- 14 Safety Regulations
- 14.1 All competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy. Wet or dry suits will not be considered as constituting the 'adequate personal buoyancy' referred to in Rule 1.2
- 14.2 No Race shall be started in less than 5 Knots of wind or more than 25 Knots of wind.
15. Risk Statement
Competitors attention is called to the following RYA Risk Statement

RISK STATEMENT*

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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees & 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f).The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g). It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

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 UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

(* Based upon recommendations given in RYA GUIDANCE RISK STATEMENT, 2017)

- 16 Insurance
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17 Contact Information

17.1 The sailing club may be contacted at the following address

Bala Sailing Club
The Foreshore
Bala
Gwynedd
LL23 7BS

Website: <http://www.balasc.org.uk>

Contact: Mrs Jenny Hull
Tel: 01244 376923, 07935 10586
Email: kenjenhull@gmail.com

The National Authority may be contacted at:
Royal Yachting Association,
RYA House, Ensign Way,
Hamble,
Southampton,
SO31 4YA
Tel: 0845 345 0400; Fax: 0845 345 0329
Email: admin@rya.org.uk

The Miracle Class Association may be contacted at: -
Mrs Gillan Gibson
Miracle Association,
13 Fenwicks Street
Boldon Colliery
Tyne and Wear
Tel. 0191 537 1712
Email: gillan_gibson@yahoo.co.uk

The Signet Class Owners' Association may be contacted at:-
Mr Patrick Overs
Sailing Secretary, SCOA
42 Little Paxton Lane
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PE19 6EP
Tel. 01480 211124; Mobile 07812 124690
Email: pat@overs.org.uk

18 Accommodation

Information re accommodation can be found at <http://www.balasc.org.uk>

19 Restrictions

19.1 Dogs are allowed inside the Building, but must be kept under control at all times & on a lead.