

The Miracle and SigneT Class **National Championships** **7th to 12th August 2016**

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

Sailing Instructions

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1 ORGANISATION

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

1.2 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and the rules of the Miracle Class and SigneT 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 RESPONSIBILLITY 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 6th August 2016 and 9.00hrs to 12.00hrs on Sunday 7th August 2016.

6 MEASUREMENT

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

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 an 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 | Event | Miracle Class Start- Warning Signal | Signet Class Start- Warning Signal |
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| Saturday 6th August | Registration | 14:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs | 14:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs |
| Sunday 7th August HW 11.37 | Registration Briefing Practice Race 1 st Points Race | 09:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs 09:30 hrs 10.55 hrs 13.55 hrs | 09:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs 09:30 hrs 11.00 hrs |
| Monday 8th August HW 12.16 | 2 nd Points Race 3 rd Points Race 1st Youth Race Miracles | 10.55 hrs ASAP after 2 nd Points Race ASAP after 3 rd Points Race | 11.00 hrs 1 st points race 2 nd points race ASAP after 1 st Points Race |
| Tuesday 9th August HW 12.57 | 4 th Points Race 5 th Points Race 2nd Youth Race Miracles | 10.55 hrs ASAP after 4 th Points Race ASAP after 5 th Points Race | 11.00 hrs 3 rd points race Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race |
| Wednesday 10th August HW 13.46 | 6 th Points Race 7 th Points Race Miracles Single handed/non spinnaker | 10.55 hrs ASAP after 6 th Points Race ASAP after 7 th Points Race | No sailing, lay day. Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races on Monday/Tuesday |

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| Thursday 11th August HW 14.47 | 8 th Points Race 9 th Points Race Miracles Crews Race | 10.55 hrs ASAP after 8 th Points Race ASAP after 9 th Points Race | 11.00 hrs 4 th points race 5 th points race ASAP after 4 th points race |
| Friday 12th August HW 16.05 | 10th Points Race 3rd Youth Race Miracles | 10.55 hrs ASAP after 10th Points Race | 11.00hrs 6th points race Single handed race ASAP after 6th points race |
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11 CLASS FLAG

The Class flags will be a Miracle Class Flag and the Signet 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 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 are as indicated in Section 9 above, 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 15.00 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 31.2 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

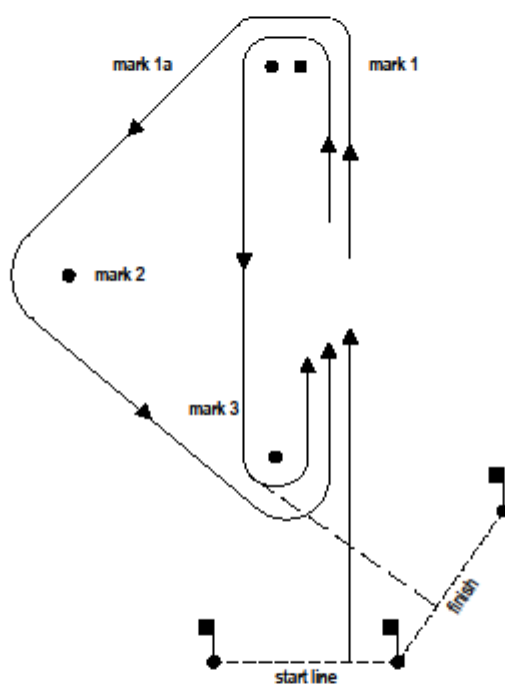
Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

26 PRIZES

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

Attachment A

COURSE DIAGRAM; TRIANGLE, SAUSAGE, SHORT FINISHING LEG



Attachment A

Lap 1 - start, marks 1, 1a, 2 & 3

Lap 2 - marks 1, 1a & 3

Lap 3 (and subsequent odd numbered laps) - marks 1, 1a, 2 & 3

Lap 4 (and subsequent even numbered laps) - marks 1, 1a & 3

