

# *The Halo*

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### **Halo deadline**

Items for the Summer 2010 issue should be with the editors by 1st June 2010.

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Oops!!! - the observant amongst you, especially those with an interest in spinnakers and the Draycote results, will have noticed the gremlins got into the spring magazine so parts of the articles were repeated and others were just not printed at all! Sorry, but to try and make up you will find a separate sheet in this magazine with the correct pages so you can put it in with the spring *Halo* if you wish.

On a more positive note plans are well ahead for the Nationals at Beaumaris in August and you will find the programme for this season's Open Meetings in this issue. We've already marked our calendar with the ones we can get to. If so far you've only thought about going to an open meeting, but have not done so yet, why not give it a go. There's an article to give a bit of an idea what to expect, but there's always people around to help. A look at the results of the Travellers Trophy shows boats of all ages join in—so why don't you?

*Gillan and Kenneth Gibson 3670*

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# Chairman's Chunter



**Nationals**—I have tried to delay writing this chunter until the last possible moment, not because I didn't want to say anything, but to see how many National entries came in before the deadline at the end of March. At the time of writing in the middle of March we have twenty entries. By the time you read this we will either have had such an influx we will have had to impose a maximum entry limit and pleaded for "no more please", or we have had only the minimum entries and I am about to throw myself off Beaumaris pier and wonder what went wrong! I suspect you are all hanging onto your money a little longer and I will be pleasantly surprised.

**Dinghy show**—Once again our stand at the Dinghy Show proved to be very successful with a busy two days. Many thanks to all the volunteers who manned the stand and to Dave Butler for providing the two boats. We enjoyed meeting lots of our members and indeed lots of people who are not members but who still retain an affection for the Miracle having owned or sailed one in the past. (The earliest number still owned and sailed

is number 3 !)

I am pleased to report that Dave sold two boats, one FRP and one wood, which means that if you want to take advantage of the special offer on the FRP Miracle then act sooner rather than later! and talk to Dave Butler.

**Open meetings** —You will by now have seen the sailing venues for the new season, organised by your Race Officer Wayne. Just remember you are not expected to go to every one, but if you decide to go to only one more than you did last year then the turnout would be great. Most venues have camping facilities at the club and are great fun and very sociable. There are two new venues: Winsford, nice to see this venue back after an absence of a number of years; and Clywedog in mid Wales, a brand new venue for the Welsh Areas in a beautiful part of the country.

**Second hand Miracles**—And now for another of my favourite subjects - second hand Miracles, for sail or wanted. We get many enquiries via the website for people wanting second hand Miracles ranging from basic boats to full racing spec. There must be a number of Miracles at clubs that have not been on the water for some time, for various reasons. It would be nice to get these boats back sailing, possibly racing and hopefully into the Association. So take a look round your own clubs and if there are any that the owner may wish to sell, then either put it on the website or let me know the details by e-mail and I will see what I can do.

That's it for now-see you on the circuit.

*David Reed*

# Race Officer's Report



Hello all, The start of another sailing season is upon us! We hope those of you who choose to sail during the winter enjoyed it

and that everybody is ready to hit the circuit in April - we have a full calendar with a few new venues for you to try - see the website for details!

The entry forms for the 2010 Nationals at Beaumaris have been sent out and hopefully we can beat the total number of boats that we had last year. Don't forget that you will need to get your accommodation booked as soon as possible as Beaumaris is a popular holiday venue.

Hope to see you all at North Lincs over the Easter weekend for the first event of the year!

*Wayne Atherton*

*Miracle 3383*

## Calendar 2010

<b>North Lincs</b> North East Areas (DN18 5RB)	<b>3rd &amp; 4th April</b>	<a href="http://www.nlsail.co.uk">www.nlsail.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:keith.lown@btinternet.com">keith.lown@btinternet.com</a>
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