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Front Cover. You can always squeze in a Miracle. Clive Haywood at the Nathan.

## Editorial.

Hope you like this issue as much as you did the previous one. Judging by you letters it met with your approval. In answer to the two criticisms, hopefully we will get it right as we go along. The Competition attracted quality rather than quantity. Some of the slogans I have reproduced on the bottom of the pages. We are a family association and this prevents me from reproducing one of the funniest entries from Charlie Wise or was it Annabelle Blake. However, interested parties can receive a copy from Charlie in a plain envelope on request. N.B. If you are under 18 you must have your parents'or guardian's signature. The winning slogan selected by some of the Committee was:

#### MIRACLE SAILORS DO IT IN CLASS

sent by Henning Ceaser (your Tee Shirt is on its way).

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue and have nelped to make it more interesting. Please some more articles concerning Miracle Fleets, also race reports backed by photographs. Photographs of the actual racing are hard to get, I use a 200 m/m lens and they still look like flies walking up the wall.

GOOD READING.

EDITOR.

## Chairmans Notes

#### CHAIRMANS NOTES

On February 19th a committee meeting was held at my home. During the discussions it was noted that several helms had taken part in various Miracle Oper Meetings when they were not members of the Association. With the new season upon us I wish to remind Fleet Captains and Organisers of our 'Open' meetings of Rule 11 section (f). Quote 'Yor Association events, the person in charge of the dinghy and on board shall be a Member, Associate Member, or member of a family (as defined in 4(c)) holding Family Membership of the Association and shall display a current membership sticker in a

## Chairmans Notes

prominent position on the hull of the boat." Further to this subject of Open Meetings, I would like to draw your attention to the same Rule ll section G. Quote "Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all helmsmen and crews at ALL times whilst racing unless the suthority in charge of a particular event shall give specific exemption." Failure to disregard this rule is the quickest way to disqualification, especially if I am sailing in the same race. I challenged one helm during the Nationals about lack of buoyancy aide. His reply was "It is too hot." My answer to that is "It aint hot in the morgue!!" I feel I must make these remarks and ask the very small minority not to spoil the enjoyment of the other members. One fatality could ruin the whole summer for us all.

Peter Skilton, our treasurer, resigned at the end of the last financial year, 1st January 1983. I wish to thank him for all the very hard work he put in for the Association. Being a treasurer is always a thankless task and we are grateful to him for all his time he gave us.

The post has been filled by Ted Willis of the Draycote Club. I am pleased to renew contact with this Club and I am sure Ted Willis will give 110% in his new role. Welcome to the Committee Ted !!

As it draws nearer to the A.G.M. once again I am appealing to members to consider standing as committee members. Since Bob Ferguson retired from the Committee we have lost contact with the Southern Clubs. The present Committee is formed of members from clubs "North of Watford" and I would be pleased to receive nominations from some of you in the South. If you are interested do not hesitate to ring me and we can discuss any query you may have. Nominations for the A.G.M. must be in the hands of our secretary, Angela Williams, before June 16th.

In order to solve this season's crewing problem and to prevent a mutiny, on April 2nd I married Ann. All congratulatory messages on the back of a five pound note to

Your Chairman,

James Perkins.

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## Brittany Holidays With Quicksilver.

Lest there by any confusion, Quicksilver is not the name of a package tour operator. It is the name of Miracle 541, built with loving care some 6-7 years ago. Early in 1982, my family started discussing holidays for the year. We all dreamed of sunny beaches, sparkling blue seas and enough wind to make a Miracle fly.

As one of my sons was due to take his French 'O' level that year it was decided that we must mix business with pleasure and that we would holiday in France. The question was, where?

After due consideration we decided to stay on a farm near the sea in Brittany, between Brest and Quimper. A small village called Pentrez Plage was the nearest civilisation.

We decided to cross, Southampton to Cherbourg via Thownsend Thorensen, and were able to arrange a half price deal for boat and trailer. This left us with a cross country drive until we jointed Route Nationale 7 and then N7 to Brest. Never Again! Brittany Ferries, Plymouth to Roscoff in future! N7 is being converted to Autoroute standard, where completed it is good. The majority of N7 has been allowed to deteriorate to the point that at times travelling at 30mph we were still crashing hard on the bump stops.

We finally reached the farm at 10p.m. Despite the fact that they spoke no English, madame was able to convey that they had given us up for lost. She soon provided the first of some of the best French meals I have ever had.

The next day dawned bright and sunny. We soon rigged the boat, and braving the breakers gave Quicksilver her first taste of salt water. For the next 10 days the weather remained fine with a stiff breeze giving us excellent sailing. We found it possible to take the car onto many of the beaches and launch from the beach. We soon found that a town called Morgat, about 5 miles away, was the local sailing centre. From Morgat, we were able to launch into deep water from a ramp used by the local sailing school. They were very helpful and impressed by the performance of the first Miracle they had seen. Apart from the ramp, Morgat has an advantage as a centre as there are a few harbourside bars and restaurants.

After 10 glorious days, reluctantly we had to return home, where we arrived about 2a.m. By 9a.m. that day we were at Redditch for their open meeting, one of the first of the season. This was the pattern for 1982 where we made many new friends at Hoveringham, Llandudno, Bala, North Lincs and Ullswater to name but a few.

Peter Gibbs (541 3313)

PS. If any one would like details of the farm, please contact me on 021-744 1672.

MIRACLE SAILORS DO IT ON A PLANE

## SPINNAKER POLE STOWAGE

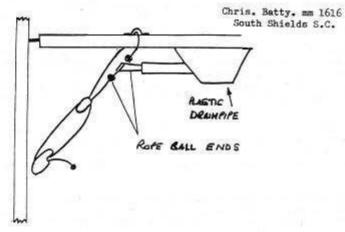
Having decided to adopt the spinnaker last winter, the immediate problem was where to put everything and keep it in class. One such problem can be easily solved. There are only two places to stow the pole :-

- (1) on the boat floor, or
- (2) under the boom.

Stowage on the floor leaves a lot to be desired, you keep kicking it out, it can be easily lost, and its partially under the thwart.

The boom is the place, and on thinking of all sorts of methods, came up with this very simple and cheap solution. I shortended the simple kit kicker and put in a small block to give increased purchase. Tie two fig. 8 knots on one side and push a rope ball end over each. Gauge the distance of each knot in relation to where the pole will lie in the plastic drainpipe. The pole is merely slipped through the pipe and the forward piston end is clipped between the knots holding the pole in place. Apart from the block, the piece of pipe cost 90p. and the rope ball ends 12p. each. You must ensure, of course, that the ball ends are larger than the gap in the piston. (Ha: Ha!) I've used this all season without any problem. I find that varying the kicker tension hardly moves the position of knots, and the pole can be put away or taken out very easily.

P.S. I don't know if this has been thought of or published before, but it certainly works well. Sorry for the poor drawing, I'm no artist, perhaps you could improve it for me, if you decide to publish.



Heard on B.B.C. Radio; do you know where I keep my Spinnaker? No. In my flat in London.

MIRACLE SAILORS DO IT ON WATER

## MIRACLE CLUBS Nº2.

## Leigh Sailing Club.

The township of Leigh in Lancashire was, in the past, a cotton mill and coal mining town. These activities do still continue although to a lesser extent. Many years ago an area of ground on either side of the Glaze Brook gradually subsided, due to mine workings, and formed a 'flash' or small lake. This occurred in the Pennington district of Leigh adjacent to the old village of Lowton St Mary's. The lake became known as 'Pennington Flash'.

In 1953 a group of ten people met at Leigh Cricket Club to form Pennington Sailing Club with the object of building and sailing a boat - that boat to be an 18 foot Flattie.

In January 1954 a meeting was held to form the club rules and it was resolved that the club's burgee should disclose a blue star on a white field which was the Pennington family's quarterings on the town's coat of arms.

The new sailing club leased a field on the edge of the Flash although there was some argument as to whether it was wise to enter into a seven year lease. Things progressed in those early years and in 1956 a 20ft x left hut was purchased for £203 as the new clubhouse. The club organised its first open meeting and ran organised club handicap racing at week-ends throughout the season.

In 1956 the club changed its name to Leigh Sailing Club. At this time, the club not only shared the sailing water with Lowton Sailing Club and Manchester University Sailing Club as it does to the present day, but it also shared the cold water tap at the top of the field with the same clubs.

Leigh Sailing Club continued to grow with Herons, G.P.14's, Enterprises, Merlin Rockets and Mirrors. One or two other classes had brief lives but faded. The Mirrors had a successful run mainly helmed by fathers with young children, or by young teenagers. The inevitable search for something bigger and faster led one or two people to move up into the other classes and then came the Miracle.

There was some intensive lobbying in 1977 to have the Miracle accepted into the club - the pressure group being led by Alec Sinkinson and Dennis Southwell. Alec 'put his money where his mouth was' and built Miracle No. 19. The first glimpse of his finished boat made instant converts with several other club members.

It took twelve months of perseverance and the promise of new members to the club before the Miracle was finally adopted as a class. (The club did not have a mixed menagerie class and the Miracle could not, therefore, be sailed until it had been formally adopted).

The Miracle fleet grew rapidly to approximately 32 boats (the largest fleet in the country) and with a few fluctuations, has remained in the 20's.

MIRACLES MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Leigh Sailing Club is a recognised RYA teaching establishment and organised elementary courses were recommenced in 1981 following a gap of a few years. This has been an excellent introduction for potential members to the club and some Miracle instructors have been known to give unbiased advice to prospective boat buyers by steering them towards the Miracle Class Notice Board.

Leigh Sailing Club held its first Miracle Open Meeting in 1979 which was a great success and following an extensive rebuilding operation on the changing facilities and galley at the clubhouse, the Miracle Northera Area Championships were held there in 1980. Now being firmly part of the Miracle Open Meeting circuit, Leigh Sailing Club looks forward to meeting friends old and new during 1983.

J.B.Kelly. (2185)

EDITOR'S NOTE: I sailed in last years 'Open' and a grand time was had by all. The food in the galley was excellent to say nothing of the bar!

#### THE CRYSTAL PALACE DINGHY EXHIBITION, MARCH 12/13

On behalf of The Mirscle Association I would like to express our thanks to all the members who assisted on the stand with particular reference to Peter Wareham and his team from Crawley Mariners and Christopher Gibbs from Olton Mere.

Our thanks must also be expressed to Mr. Bridgement of Practical Designs for the loan of and his help in setting up one of his 'Quick Lift' launching trolleys. The trolley is well made and would certainly be beneficial to anybody car topping a Miracle.

The stand was much more cramped than last year at Picketts Lock and was difficult to find until the organisers erected more directions to the Cricket Hall.

Despite this we were favoured with visits from Ian Pinnell, Graham Castle, David Southwell, Jack Holt, Peter Nunn, Terry Castle and our Membership Secretary John Wilson. Regretably our Chairman was unable, at the last minute, to attend due to ill health. We were also pleased to welcome some handicapped members who sail Miracles at Datchet Water Sailing Club. They were assisting on the Challenger Trimaran for the disabled stand.

Much interest was shown in the Dinghy on show, both by members of the public, several of whom stated that they intended to buy a Miracle, and by Miracle owners interested in the Control Systems fitted.

Fishlly, Christopher and I would like to express our personal thanks to Sue and Peter Wareham for their excellent hospitality over the week-end.

We look forward to making more new friends at the Open Meetingsin 1983.

Good Sailing.

Peter Gibbs. M541, M3313.

MIRACLE SAILORS DO IT IN OILSKINS

## WORTHING OPEN

12 Franklands Close,

Worthing.

27th February 1983.

Dear Editor, (Jim?)

I was more than slightly surprised that on receipt of the January issue of the Halo, there was no report of the Worthing Open held over the weekend of September 18th and 19th last year.

I have therefore enclosed a copy of the report which you may like to reproduce even though it is now a bit out of date. Unfortunately I sent a whole group of photographs and I cannot get copies, but perhaps Phil Twinning has them and forgot to pass them over.

Whilst writing, I should like to confirm that the Southern Championship will be held at Worthing over the weekend of September 24th and 25th. I will write later with details of our club, a poster and a map.

Finally, good luck with the editorship of the Halo, certainly the people I have spoken to liked the new format.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Smale.

Miracle Class Captain. Worthing Yacht Club.

## Looking Back To 1982

Worthing Yacht Club hosted their open event over the weekend of September 18th and 19th and were very pleased to welcome eight visitors among the nineteen entrants.

The first race on Saturday was held in brilliant sunshine with little or no wind. The few boats that managed to start on time took the inshore route only to find themselves stranded by a wind bend which allowed the late starters to catch up. Des Jones was the first to spot the bend and rounded the windward mark in the lead followed by Richard Paish. Off wind Paish took the lead and from then on opened a considerable gap to take the winning gun from Richard Smale and Jones. Meanwhile, John Wilson had fought his way back through the fleet to finish fourth.

On Sunday the weather was overcast and very changeable. In the morning race, Phil Sowden broke clear at the start and built up a good lead. Behind Sowden, Paish eventually passed Julia Pipe and in a freshening breeze started a late but unsuccessful challenge. Wilson again passed several boats up the last beat to finish third in front of Pipe.

The afternoon race was delayed due to a very shifty and now very light wind. Eventually the race got under way in a freshening breeze and threatening thunderclouds. Frank Riddle stormed up the first beat to round the windward mark in the lead, closely followed by Sowden, Smale and Paish. Sowden and Paish then battled it out for the lead with Paish eventually establishing his superiority in an increasing wind strength and torrential rain. Paish took the winning gum, thereby clinching the meeting, followed by Sowden, Smale and Riddle. Pipe revelled in the stronger winds to pull through to fifth on the final beat.

In spite of the weather, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Prizes were awarded to the first five and in addition a furthest travelled trophy was awarded to John Wilson who came all the way from Redditch for the weekend.

#### WORTHING OPEN - RESULTS

lst	R. Paish/S. Paish (Segas)	34	2*	ž	13
2nd	P. Sowden/ A. Reeve (ICI Slough)	8*	4	2	2
3rd	R. Smale/ J. Smale (Worthing)	2	6*	3	5
4th	J. Wilson/A. Wilson (Redditch)	4	3	6.	7
5th	J. Pipe/ B. Hoad (Sovereign)	R.	4	5	9
6th	D. Jones/S. Wheat (Worthing)	3	12*	7	10
7th	F. Riddle/P. Riddle (Worthing)	10	R*	4	14
8th	D. Russell/S. Davies (Datchet)	7	10	10*	17
9th	A. Best/ (ICI Slough)		9	8	17
10th	P. Wareham/M. Wareham (Crawley)	••	5	12	17
llth	P. Gerrard/J. Gerrard (Worthing)	5	13	16*	18
12th	R. Harper/ M. Parker (Newhaven and Seaford)	11	8	R*	19
13th	J. Bishop/J. Bishop (Worthing)	6	14	14*	20
14th	V. Smith/S. Smith (Worthing)	12*	11	11	22
15th	J. Woodhams/P. Woodhams (Worthing)		7	16	23
16th	R. Hart/R. Hart (Worthing)	DNS*	16	9	25
17th	G. Russell/ C. Russell (Worthing)	R*	17	13	3000
18th	A. Bishenden/S. Bishenden (Worthing)	9	DNS		30
19th	L. Kimmins/ M. Kimmins (Worthing)		15	DNS*	- 15 - 15

## HALO ITS A MIRACLE

## MEASURERS LAMENT

A year in the life of a measurer, Is sadder than anyone knows. What with damage to tapes and equipment As they land under customer's toes.

Or putting back bubbles in levels
Which I buy since our goldfish died,
My tautline has gone back to fishing,
My temper is so sorely tried.

You'd think they built boats in the winter
And I measured them all in the Spring,
So that cer-tif-i-cation is valid,
Before the racing begins.

It's not so, I tell you dear reader, As you sail on the waters sublime, And sign the club declation You've conformed to the rules every time!

What happens, it gets near the Nationals
The excuses are all so well worn,
'I think it was finished last Tuesday'
(But it raced in the club since last June).

The fact that the number is old, Tom,
Is that building just went on and on,
The water you found in the tanks, Tom,
- Condensation - look it's already gome.

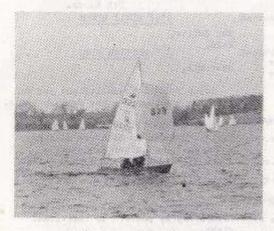
I promise I'll fit it by Sunday
Before the first race in the morn,
Why are there no bands on the mast, Tom,
You can see the feint marks where they're gorn.

The sails I got in a rush, Tom,
Why my old set were spoiled at the Club,
Tom, - can you please do a rush job
When you've finished eating your grub!!

They say I'm somewhat of a cynic, Or even a bit of a fool, I don't do this for a living, And it's the members that wote for the rules!!

> (With apologies to R.Y.A. Adapted from their magazine by Ann Fell (347) MWYC & DWSC).

## Nathan Silver Salvers Pursuit Race



Harry and John Prangnell

Light winds favoured the early starters which made it possible for a Mirror and a Topper to dictate the pace throughout. The Topper being the eventual winner with the Mirror second, Harry Prangnell helmed a superb race to finish amongst the prizewinners at 9th place. Philip Sowden was a very creditable 15th, local sailors Harry Barlow 45th and Clive Haywood 98th.

Our congratulations to Harry and John Prangnell, Philip Sowden and Gordon Jones for being well placed when they represented the Miracle Association in the Nathan Silver Salvers Pursuit Race at Draycote Water Sailing Club. There were four Miracles sailing in the event, two nominated by the Association and a further two boats helmed by Harry Barlow and Clive Haywood for the host club.



Philip Sowden and Gordon Jones

G.J.P.

## POST BAG

21 Berrisford Close, Market Drayton, Shropshire. FF9 1LF Feb. 10th 1983.

Dear Ed.

May I, on behalf of the Miracle Class at Shropshire S.C. invite Miracle Owners to our Open Meeting at Whitemere on May 22nd.

I hope by now that all the more 'local' clubs will have received notices and forms but if you have not, then please do not hesitate to contact me at 0630 - 3986.

As can be seen from the photographs in Issue 27, we sail on a most attractove water, with some interesting wind patterns.

Although we are sharing the water with our Mirror flest we expect to run some entertaining racing without, this year, the 'pressures' of a Championship tag.

I would be pleased if you could include the enclosed note in the next 'Halo' issue (provided of course that the issue date is expected to be prior to May 22nd,)

Thanks,

Nick Richards.

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Windsor 60287.

8 Little Buntings, Clewer Hill Road, Windsor, 7th March.

The Editor, Halo.

Dear Sir.

Sorry for the formality but you do not give your name in the January issue.

Just a line to say that Datchet's Miracle Open is on Saturday 21st May which is a week after Kingsmead. Boats wishing to attend both meetings can leave their boats at Datchet after Kingsmead with pleasure.

Further details will be advertised separately by posters to individual clubs.

It may be of interest but I have just been advised that the Miracle is to be one of Datchet's recognised fleets and it is to be hoped that we can increase our numbers.

Yours truly,
David Russell.
Datchet. Miracle.

David's letter is the reason for Page No. 1. Thank you for pointing it out.

Cuddington. 24th February 1983.

To The Editor, HALO. 127 Yarningale Road, Willenhall Wood. Coventry.

Dear Jim.

The Miracle Open Meeting at Winsford Flash Sailing Club will take rlace on 5th June 1983 and I should be much obliged if you would insert the enclosed invitation and entry form in the next issue of HALO. Needless to say I would be delighted if you could come too.

With best regards, Yours sincerely,

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denning Caeser.

NORTH LINCS S.C.

Barrow Mere, South Eumberside.

OPEN MEETING

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th May 1983.

## RACING PROGRAMME

Saturday 28th - 2.00p.m. - Practice Race.

3.30p.m. - 1st Points race.

Sunday 29th - 11.30a.m. - 2nd Points race.

2.00p.m. - 3rd Points race.

3.30p.m. - 4th Points race.

If 4 points races are sailed - one discard.

If fewer points races are sailed - no discard.

#### ENTRY Fee - £4.00

Insurance - Third party cover to £250000 is obligatory.

Proof of Association Membership required.

## ACCOMMODATION

Free sites for tents and caravans are available at the club which has good launching and rescue facilities. Clubhouse amenities include bar and kitchen with excellent views of the racing for spectators. Any competitors not wishing to camp should contact the undersigned to arrange overnight accommodation with N.L.S.C. fleet sailors. Barrow Mere is a flooded clay pit of about 100 acres offering safe, enjoyable racing in a very wide range of wind strengths. Please note May 30th is a Bank Holiday and visitors will be welcome to stay over and participate in Club racing on Monday.

FLEET CAPTAIN

Peter Skilton.

Telephone Brigg 52075.

	Helm	Club	Race 1	2	3	4
1st	David Southwell	Leigh	3*	2	1	22
2nd	Graeme Castle	Draycote Water	2	1	3*	24
3rd	David Fitton	Leigh	1	6*	4	43
4th	Harry Yule-Smith	North Lines.	5*	3	2	5
5th	Phil. Sowden	I.C.I.(Slough)	4	5*	5	9
6th	John Wilson	Bartley	7	4	8*	11
7th	Dick Clarkson	Leigh	6	7*	7	13
8th	Peter White	Redditch	RTD*	9	6	15
9th	Dennis Crowe	Bartley	12*	8	9	17
lOth	Steven Fischer	I.C.I.(Slough)	8	11	10*	18
llth	Jonathan Ward	Hoveringham	10	10	13*	20
12th	Nick Richards	Shropshire	9	12	14.	21
13th	Roger Owen	Bartley	13	14*	11	24
14th	Chris Gibbs	Olton Mere	14.	13	12	25
15th	Jim Gibbs	Olton Mere	11	15	RTD*	26
16th	Sid. Bagshaw	Redditch	15	16*		
17th	John Tippett	Draycote	16	17*	15 16	30 32

\* indicates discard

## MIRACLE MART

WANTED	Sail No. 3000 + must be in good condition.
	Full details to : Ann Fell, 489 Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa. Warwickshire.
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## Holidaying In Sussex?

## EASTBOURNE SAILING CLUB - PROGRAMME FOR 1983

The Redoubt, Royal Parade, Eastbourne. (Tel. 22217)

23/24 April

Sailboard Open Meeting

3rd July

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6/7th August

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24/25th September

505/FD/Contender/International Open

Three Camp Sites are three miles to the east of the Club at Pevencey.

Adjacent to the Club is Treasure Island - a play centre for children.

For any other details please contact Albert Moatt on Eastbourne (0323) 31012 or just come along on the day.

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## MIRACLE DIARY

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DATE	CLUB	EVENT	CONTACT
May ?	M.W.Y.C.	OPEN	Norman Seaton - Leamington Spa 28899
8	CROSBY	OPEN	Bob Miller - 051 - 931 - 2132
14	KINGSMEAD	OPEN	Terry Cherril - 0923 - 775842
14/15	HOVERINGHAM	MIDLANDS	Peter Ward - 0636 - 76437
15	WILSONIAN	OPEN	Paul Absolon - Medway 579383
21	DATCHET	OPEN	David Russell - Windsor 60287
22	SHROPSHIRE	OPEN	Nick Richards - 0630 - 3986
28/29	NORTH LINCS. S.C.	OPEN	Peter Skilton - Brigg 52075
29	REDOUT S.C.	MIRACLE & MIRROR	E.T. Burren - Lyminge 862791
29	MAIDENHEAD S.C.	MIRACLE & GRADUATE	John Dacker - Wokingham 781273
June 5	WINSFORD FLASH	OPEN	Henning Casser - 0606 - 882682
11/12	WIGAN	NORTHERMS	Malcolm Luna - Skelmeredale 25898
11/12	SOVEREIGN S.C.	OPEN	Julia Pipe, 23 Loveletts, Gossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex.
25/26	GRAPHAM	INLANDS	P. Wagham, Grafham Water S.C. West Perry, Huntingdon, Camba.
July 2/3	SUTTON BINGHAM	SOUTHWEST	Edwin Francis, 7 Keens Close, Street, Somerset.
24/29	MAYFLOWER	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Entry Form Page 20.
30/31	HASTINGS and ST. LEONARDS	OPEN	Hastings 435413
Sept. 24	LEIGH	YOUTH & JUNIORS	Dennis Southwell - 061 - 748 - 4940
25	LEIGH	OPEN	Dennis Southwell - 061 - 748 - 4940
24/25	WORTHING	SOUTHERMS	Richard Smale - Worthing 63445
Oct. 1	SLOUGH	PUDDLEDUCK	

<sup>·</sup> NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON THE DAY

MIRACLES MAKE IT HAPPEN

## MIRACLE EXTRAS

The standard Miracle Dinghy as supplied by the Daily Mirror can truly be said to come complete with all equipment ready to sail but at the same time, within the prescribed limits of the Class Rules, there are a number of very useful optional "Extras" which may be fitted to a Miracle. Whilst it must be admitted that these are mainly aimed at meeting the extra demands of the region region within the same of these are mainly admitted to the region of the region o racing sailor, many of these extras can make a significant contribution to the safety and convenience aspects of Miracle sailing.

With this in mind the following is a summary of the most popular extras with an indication of their particular category of usefullness.

* The state of the			
	Safety	Convenience	Performance
Section 1/ HULL FITTINGS			
Keel Band in Alloy or Plastic		x	120
S.S. Mainsheet Horse Slide	x	2	v
Transom Corner Stiffeners	23	x	^
Transom Flaps		X	
C.B. Case Support Knees	-	-	x
Self Bailers	x	x	x
Jibsheet Jamming Cleats	x	x	
Mast Heel Locating Blocks	2	x	X
Buoyancy Tank Inspection Hatches	-	x	X
Anchor Fairleads & Sampson Post	X	x	·
Compass	x	^	
Transom Protection Pads for Outboard	~	2	X
Section 2/ SAIL CONTROLS	0.717	X	-
Mainsail Adjustable Outhaul			
Mainsail Tack Downhaul	- F5	X	X
Sail Telltales (Woollies)	S	X	x
3 t I Purchase Mainten		x	x
3; 1 Purchase Mainsheet System	-	x	×
Wind Indicator (Burgee)	*	x	x x
Burgee Hallyard, Cleat & Bulls Eye Window in Jib	( <del>7</del> 00	X X	<u></u>
	X	X	-
Wire Hallyards (Main & Jib)	<del>2</del>	x	x
Jib Hallyard Tension Lever	X	X	X X X
Hook Up Rack	-		X
Pin Rack Shroud Adjusters	-	x	X
Mast Sheeve Box Mount	x	X	
Jib Booming Out Stick	-	x	X
Section 3/ CENTREBOARD & RUDDER			
C.B. Plastic Laminate Checks	9.5	1050	x
C.B. Uphaul Control	X	X	
C.B. Downhaul Control	8	x	X
Door Stop type C.B. Handle	-	X	
Rudder Blade Plastic Cheeks	-	2 <del>-</del> 2	x
S.S. Rudder Fittings (old boats)	X	31 <del>4</del> 73	223

Special Note:-

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It is extremely important that before you commence to purchase or fit any of the above, or other additions to your Miracle that you check very carefully with the CURRENT CLASS RULES to ensure that any fittings used and the fixing position and methods conform precisely to the rules. Failure to observe this may result in disquallification at a race meeting and even worse, if the fitting is of a permanent nature or fitted incorrectly it could have a detrimental effect on the eventual result value of your Miracle. eventual resale value of your Miracle.

This list of options is not entirely complete but will be up-dated from time to time and further copies will be available on request by sending an S.A.E. to B.G. Boat Gear, 58 Seeleys Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks. HP9 1TB.

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Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS
PLEASE ENTER MY MIRACLE FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sail Number Name of Boat
Colour of Hull
Full Name of Helm Age if under 18:
Address of Helm
Name of Club
Full Name of Crew Age if under 18:
I declare that I hold a valid registration certificate for the dinghy entered above and that it is currently insured with a minimum third party liability of £250000. I agree to abide by the I.Y.R.U. rules and R.Y.A. prescriptions and rules of the Class. Also, I agree with any addition or alteration that may be contained in the Sailing Instructions, or by supplementary instructions displayed at the Race Office.
agree to produce on arrival, eveidence of membership of the Miracle Class Association.
Signed Date
heques should be made payable to : MAYFLOWER SAILING CLUB
ompleted entry form to be sent to : M. Dodwell Hon. Sailing Secretary Mayflower Sailing Club Phoenix Wharf The Barbican

Plymouth Devon -20-



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