

2021 Miracle/SigneT National Championships
8th August – 13th August 2021
Hosted by Rutland Sailing Club.

The 2021 Joint Miracle and SigneT National Championships will be held at Rutland Sailing Club. The Organising Authority is the Miracle Association and Rutland Sailing Club.

The notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.2

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 -2024*.
- 1.2** Class Rules are available on the relevant Class Association web site and apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available at the latest at registration. These may be published before on class association and/or Rutland Sailing club websites.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication. [DP]

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to all boats of the Miracle and SigneT classes. The helmsman of the dinghy shall be a full member / family member, youth or Junior Member of the Association.
- 4.5** Miracle - Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to the Miracle Class Treasurer: Ken Gibson, 13 Fenwicks Street, Boldon Colliery, Tyne and Wear, NE35 9HU.
- 4.6** SigneT - Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to SigneT sailing secretary, 4 Buckeridge way, Bradwell on Sea, CM0 7QQ.
- 4.7** Late entries will be accepted with the agreement of the Class Representative and the Race Officer.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 30 th May 2021	Entry Fee until 30 th June 2021	Standard Fee
<i>Miracle</i>	£150	£175	£200
<i>SigneT</i>	-	-	£175

This does not include social functions.

5.2 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 in section 4 above.

Payment can either be made by accompanying Cheque made payable to the appropriate Association or by Bank Transfer (see Entry Form for details of electronic payments).

5.3 The class associations reserve the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 31st July 2021. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances

5.4 Other fees:

[Feb-21: Due to uncertainties around the current Covid restrictions the above entry fees exclude costs for social events and food. Further information to follow in due course from the caterers at Rutland SC].

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 The following crew limitations apply:

6.1.1 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.

Changes may be made to the helmsman or crew by notifying the Entries Secretary on or before the 7th August 2021. Permission to substitute crew after 7th 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

6.1.3 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.

6.1.2 The maximum age for entry to the youth races is 21, on 7th August 2021.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. This shall be displayed as by the organising authority. [DP]

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration will be at Rutland Sailing Club (exact arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time - this may change and if this occurs a notice will be posted near the club front door):

Date	From	To
7 th Aug 2021	1400hrs	1800hrs
8 th Aug 2021	0900hrs	1200hrs

8.2 Equipment inspection and measurement will take place in the main car park information will be available at registration.

8.3 Racing Schedule:

Date	Miracle Class		SigneT Class	
	Event	Time	Event	Time
Sun 8th Aug	Briefing	10:00	Briefing	10:00
		Warning Signal		Warning Signal
Sun 8th Aug	Practice Race	11.15	Practice Race	11.20
	1st Points Race	ASAP after Lunch	1st Points Race	ASAP after Lunch
	1st Youth Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race	-	-
Mon 9th Aug	2nd Points Race	10.25	2nd Points Race	10.30
	3rd Points Race	ASAP after 2nd Points Race	3rd points race	ASAP after 2nd Points Race
	2nd Youth Race	ASAP after 3rd Points Race		
Tues 10th Aug	4th Points Race	10.25	4th points race	10.30
	5th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race	5 th Points Race	ASAP after 4th Points Race
	3rd Youth Race	ASAP after 5th Points Race	Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race	ASAP after Miracle Class 5th Points Race
Wed 11th Aug	6th Points Race	10.25	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 12th Aug	8th Points Race	10.25	6th points race	10.30
	9th Points Race	ASAP after 8th Points Race	7th points race	ASAP after 6th points race
	Crew's Race	ASAP after 9th Points Race	Single Handed Race	ASAP after 7 th points race

Fri 13th Aug	10th Points Race	10.55	8th points race	11:00
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8.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Miracle and SigneT practice and first race is set out in the table above. All other times are to be taken as indicative with confirmation in the SI's.

8.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

9.2 Rule 78.2 will be applied only under exceptional circumstances. This will be determined by the class association. [NP]

9.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection following registration. [DP]
[NP]

9.4 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event at the discretion of the race committee. [NP]

9.5 The following Miracle equipment will/may be inspected or measured:

One set of sails will be inspected and stamped with an event marker, only these sails can be used during the event. The Race Officer may give permission for alternative sails to be used, if the sail is irreparably damaged and the application is made before their use in any race.

Any other equipment specified under class measurement rules may be inspected at the discretion of the measurement secretary.

9.6 All SigneT measuring is prior to the event.

9.7 It is advisory for boats to carry a towing line of at least 10m in length. However, this is not mandatory for this event. [NP]

9.8 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

10.1 RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) will apply at all times whilst afloat.

11 VENUE

11.1 Racing will take place on Rutland Water. The shore base will be Rutland Sailing, Gibbert Lane, Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8HJ, Website:
<http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk>

12 COURSES

12.1 Will be specified in the SI's.

12.2 The marks that will be used will be specified in the SI's.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

14 SCORING – Miracle

14.1 The National Championship shall consist of 10 races.

14.2 National Championship Event - 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 In the National Championship Event

(a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) 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.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.4 The Youth and Junior Event shall consist of 3 races.

14.5 Youth and Junior Event - 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.5 In the Youth and Junior Event

A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

When 3 have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SCORING - SigneT

15.1 The National Championship series shall consist of 8 races.

15.2 National Championship Event - 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 In the National Championship Event

(a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total

of her race scores.

(b) When 3 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support person vessels are not permitted at this event.

17 CHARTER OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. Such a boat shall display the same declared identification number on all mainsails and spinnakers used. This changes RRS G3.

18 DATA PROTECTION

18.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18.2 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.

19 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Rule 3 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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;
- (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;
- (h) Their boat has adequate insurance with cover of at least £3,000,000 for Third Party liability risks

19.2 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the RSC/OA COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. [DP] [NP]

19.3 Rutland Water is the subject to statutory requirements to stop the spread of invasive specie's. Details of requirements are contained in further information and Appendix 1. [DP] [NP]

20 INSURANCE

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

21 PRIZES – Miracle Fleet

21.1 FLEET DIVISION

The fleet may 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.
Trimmell 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 7 th August 2021
Junior Championship Trophy	Winning helm and crew – Junior Championships 15 years old and under on 7 th August 2021
Qui C'est Ca (Who is that)	Winning helm and crew – Young Junior Championships 13 years and under on 7 th August 2021
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 7 th August 2021. Michael Robinson Trophy and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.	
Team Races {further details to follow, using existing race results}	

22 PRIZES – SigneT Fleet

22.1 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
Race 7 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 7
Race 8 Trophy	Winning helm & crew – race 8
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	Highest place non-regular helm in the crew invitation
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

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

1 For further information contact details are as follows:

Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbert Lane, Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland
LE15 8HJ Website: <http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk>
Contact: Matt Lea
Tel: 01780 720292

The Miracle Class Association may be contacted at: -
Mr Ken Gibson
Miracle Association, 13 Fenwicks Street, Boldon Colliery, Tyne and Wear
Tel. 0191 537 1712
[Email: kengillian2@yahoo.co.uk]

The Signet Class Owners' Association may be contacted at:-
Mr Mike Overs
Sailing Secretary, SCOA
4 Buckeridge Way, Bradwell on Sea, Essex, CM07QQ
07843816139
Email: sailingsec@sailsignet.org.uk

2 Invasive Species.

In order to comply with Anglian Waters bye laws for Rutland Water all visiting boats must comply with the **CHECK, CLEAN & DRY** procedure **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT RSC**. Details are contained in Appendix 1.

3 COVID STATEMENT

We should like to express our thanks to RSC for all their help in putting this event on, together with all the volunteers who have offered to help us. There may be significant changes in Government COVID-19 guidance, regulation and operating procedures between the issue date of this document and the event date, we will endeavour to keep competitors informed. We would, however ask that all competitors and volunteers take action to keep themselves informed of any changes in both the regulations and guidance. Part of our operational plan is shown below

We will, as an Organising Authority, take a considerate and conservative approach to the racing and the wind strength, sea state and the ability of competitors. This may mean postponements to starts. We will however endeavour to meet the programme as laid out in the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

We have to maintain control of launching/recovery and the dinghy park. There may be special requirements for launching, recovery and the hygiene of boats and equipment, it is the responsibility of every competitor to make themselves aware of those procedures and to follow them.

Competitors and other persons attending in connection with the event should be prepared to provide their own PPE, should Government guidelines change. This may include amongst other items, hand sanitiser and face masks. Please make yourselves aware of the current regulations and guidance.

Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulations and guidelines, including any mitigation.

The changing facilities onsite may be closed, except for the toilets.

Catering facilities may be available, however, only card payments are accepted.

In line with current regulations for track and trace, **all attendees** are required to register each day that they are entering the site. There are QR codes at every entrance to enable people to do this.

To aid social distancing requirements by keeping the overall footfall to a minimum, it would be helpful if the number of persons attending in a support capacity be kept to a minimum.

Competitors should note that all communication for this event may be online and that the RSC WIFI system may not be accessible. Competitors' are advised that they may wish to have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.

- 4** No Dogs are allowed on site.
- 5** There is no camping on site. For further information relating to accommodation, catering etc, please refer to the Rutland SC web site www.rutlandsc.co.uk or contact the Rutland Sailing Club office on 01780 720292 or e mail sailing@rutlandsc.co.uk.

APPENDIX 1



Check, Clean & Dry Procedure for visiting ribs, dinghies & cruisers.

In order to comply with Anglian Waters bye laws for Rutland Water all visiting boats must comply with the **CHECK, CLEAN & DRY** procedure **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT RSC.**

Check your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly, use hot water where possible. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them. (Cleaning & washing must be done away from Rutland Water when visiting the Club)

Dry all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Visiting boats will be randomly checked on arrival and if found to be in a condition that causes concern, will not be allowed to be brought on site. All sailors & rib drivers will be expected to sign a statement to confirm that they have Checked, Cleaned and Dried their boats before arriving at RSC. This will be normally included with the race entry form or the rib registration form that must be signed before racing starts.

Additional Information.

Ribs. Any ribs that have flooding hulls are not allowed to be brought to the club. Engines should be flushed out with hot water before they are brought to Rutland water.

Launching Trollies/Trailers should not be left in the water for any longer than is necessary to launch & recover the boat

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