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Items for the next issue should be with the Editor by 1st December 2012

Editor's Corner

A racing issue through and through this time. Whist numbers at open meetings may be lower than previous years with many sailors not going to a many events as before, when they did turn up they had an enjoyable time, even if all they did was watch! Many won their first race or event this year so it was particularly sweet for them. I love sailing on Ullswater so this year's Nationals were right up my street, though as usual in the Cumbrian Lakes the weather worked through its full repertoire. And so to next year at Weymouth. Note the dates are 11th-16th August 2012, ie there's been a slight change since the last Halo as details are steadily being finalized.

For the future your Committee is looking to the Miracle's 40th birthday. Following the August Committee meeting some research was done and the article which launched the boat was published on 2nd December 1974 in the *Daily Mirror*. The *Yachts and Yachting* boat report was in their issue of 29th November 1974 and includes a drawing copyrighted to the Daily Mirror 1974. In addition a number of measurement certificates for very early boats give a build date of 1974, including boat number 3 which is now in the hands of Dave Reed. Though more of that next



issue. My thoughts go to next year when I would love to have memories of the early years of the Miracle in each issue. Could you jot down a note or two?
*Gillan Gibson
Miracle 3670*

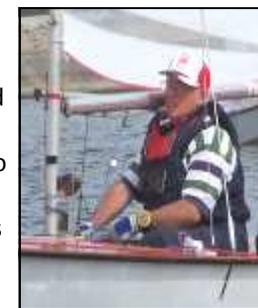
Chairman's Desk

The last of this year's events has come and gone! What have we got to look forward to? If we are to believe the forecasters not a lot. I know that some of you continue sailing into the winter months but if you are like me then this is the time to get the boat and equipment checked out before winter storage.

The next Miracle event on my calendar is a committee meeting this month when we consider and make arrangements for the Dinghy Show on 2nd and 3rd March 2013, also finalising the details for our Nationals at the Olympic Sailing Centre at Weymouth in August 2013. There are a few more details of this elsewhere in this issue but final details, including the cost and method of entry, will be in the winter Halo.

The good news, especially from my point of view, is that at the Ullswater Nationals Jon Aldous and Jon Willars agreed to take over the posts of Treasurer

and Race Organiser respectively and whilst they may not be known to you personally John Willars has introduced himself in this issue.



Research has indicated that the Miracle was conceived possibly in 1973 but the first boats were built in 1974. With this in mind we are considering celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2014 by having a bigger stand at the Dinghy Show and also arrange some special events, so if you have any idea's or you can contribute in any way please get in touch.

The next issue will be January 2013 so can I wish you an early Merry Christmas.
Ken Gibson, 3670

Nautical Sayings "Round Robin"

The origin of the name given to a tournament where every competitor plays each other in turn comes from seventeenth century France. If a petition was raised and it was preferred that the first signee was not identifiable they would use a ruban rond (round ribbon)

that the petitioners would sign and attach to the document. British sailors adopted a similar method when petitioning about grievances. The document would be signed in a way that resembled the spokes of a wheel radiating from the hub. That way any ringleaders would be anonymous.

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Introduction to our new Race Organiser Jon Willars

Having volunteered to be Race Organiser it was suggested I give a little information on myself.

I was brought up with sailing in my very early days but quickly moved towards windsurfing which took me around the country for the national circuit and to the worlds in France when I was 14. After leaving school I turned my attention to rugby as a favoured pass time.

After several injuries and now running a landscaping and grounds maintenance company I decided it was time to look for a hobby which I could share with my partner Rachel without too much risk to my ability to work.

For a while I pondered whether to have a go at sailing again but never quite got to making a decision on what and where. I was gently persuaded by close friend Andy Yates and his boss Dave Butler



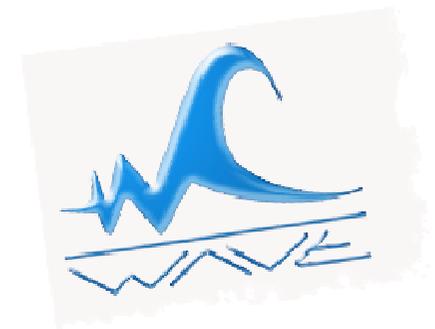
that a Miracle would be a relaxing, enjoyable and exciting way to spend our spare time! Not sure about the relaxing part!

Rachel and I have thoroughly enjoyed sailing in the fleet this season and I hope I can provide an enjoyable and practical schedule of events for 2013.

We look forward to seeing you all at as many events as you can attend.
Jon Willars

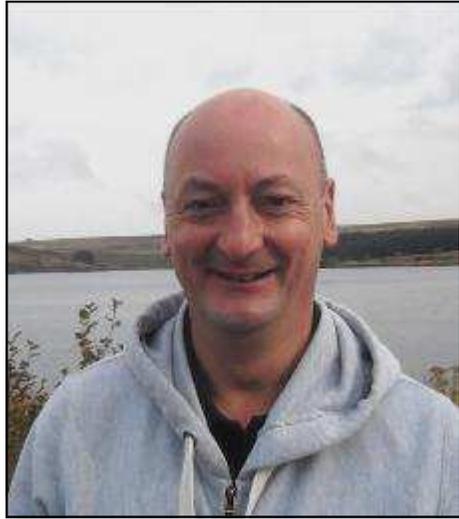
Miracle Association clothing

Would you like some clothing with an embroidered Miracle Association logo? For the Nationals the Association collaborated with Wave Clothing who produced a wide range, with polo shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies for both children and adults in an assortment of colours. They also have a range with a general logo which is available year round. A good Christmas present for the keen Miracle sailor?



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Introduction to our new Treasurer *Jon Aldhous*



attending numerous events I thought it was probably about time I put something back into the association, hence I'm here as your new treasurer.

A Plea for a crew

Philip has now progressed to University so, unfortunately I find myself without a full-time crew. If you or anybody you know would like to give crewing a go just get in touch (contact details are within this Halo), Miracle crewing experience not necessary – you just need to be enthusiastic and fearless! Anybody who knows us knows we go out in all weathers

Jon Aldhous.

Nautical Sayings "Footloose"

This word for being free-spirited derives from a ship's sail, or more specifically the bottom, the 'foot'. The 'foot' was attached

to mooring lines called 'foot lines'. When the foot lines came loose the sail began to flap freely and was said to be 'footloose.'

Courtesy of www.harbourguides.com

Measurement Matters

Two proposals came up for approval at this years AGM, the introduction of laminate sails and the use of a reduced jib sheeting angle. Both had been on trial over the past two years with reasonably positive results and were viewed as ways of either updating the Miracle or improving its performance, particularly in regard to club handicap racing. The results of these trials were published in depth in the last issue of Halo.

It was therefore disappointing that neither proposal was accepted at the AGM. However a straw poll after the vote indicated that had the wording for the introduction of laminate sails included a restriction to be "polyester only" it would have been viewed much more favourably. This would tie in with a comment made by the next days National Champion that laminate sails could be a wow factor

particularly among the young crews/helms.

Also as the numbers voting against the introduction of a reduced sheeting angle were so small it brings into question the voting rules of the Association. So I would hope that in the light of the above both can be looked at again next year and some small improvements can be made to the Miracle in time to celebrate its 40th Birthday in 2014. It would be a great target to get 40 new boats built by then and I have been encouraged over the last few weeks to have had several requests for information and orders for sets of plans. The Miracle is a great little boat but I do feel that its continued success and appeal partly depends on updating it by small changes being made on a regular basis.

Brian Jones, Measurement Secretary

RYA Volvo Dinghy Show Alexandra Place 2nd-3rd March 2013

The Association is taking a stand again and needs volunteers to help man it. If you can give an hour or two to have more people available to speak with visitors, or cover whilst others go for breaks, or to have their turn to look around, it would be

great. If you feel you could offer a day that would be brilliant and it may be you can have one of the exhibitors passes we will be issued with so would get in for free! If you think you can help please let me know.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/RYAVolvoDinghyShow.aspx>

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Miracle Association Committee

Summary of minutes

Ullswater – 11th August 2012

- A stand is to be booked for the RYA 2013 Dinghy show.
- **Ullswater Nationals 2012:** Final arrangements were discussed.
- **Weymouth Nationals 2013:** Costs were discussed and the principle of the Association subsidising the event were agreed as the Association's finances were sound.
- **Miracle history:** Initial information the Miracle was produced first in 1973 is countered by other information it was 1975, which would have implications for when to celebrate the 40th anniversary. It was felt further research to see what proof is available should be pursued.

Annual General Meeting

16th August 2012

Ullswater Yacht Club, Cumbria

- **Chairman, Ken Gibson:**
 - ◇ **RYA Dinghy Show 2012:** This had been a major success. The class was invited to take part in the Jack Holt exhibition in the West Corridor and Martin and Mavis Bathe took their boat 59. With effectively 2 stands to man members were kept busy.
 - ◇ Following their resignations thanks were extended to Wayne Atherton for his work as Race Officer and Brian Worrall for his work as Treasurer.
 - ◇ There are plans to take a bigger stand at the RYA Dinghy Show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Miracle.
- **Acting Race Officer, Ken Gibson**
 - ◇ Thanks were extended to those who helped with the Plymouth Nationals in 2011.
 - ◇ There had been a good start to the 2012 open meeting season, but with the bad weather, and perhaps the financial climate, support has tailed off.
 - ◇ Future Nationals venues are scheduled as: 2013 Weymouth; 2014 possibly Llandudno; 2015 Rutland Sailing Club.
- **Membership:**
 - ◇ Membership is down compared to last year from 169 to 145.
- **Measurement:**
 - ◇ **Scrutineering:** There had been no major issues and thanks were extended to Mike and John.
 - ◇ The latest sailnumber is 4047 and 5 boats have been built since the last Nationals.
 - ◇ **Spinnaker pole control lines within the mast:** This modification is now permitted.
 - ◇ **Laminate sails:** The proposal to permit these was rejected.
 - ◇ **Reduced sheeting angle:** The proposal to permit this was rejected.
- **Halo:** Four issues a year continue to be produced and advertising revenue remains strong. Articles have been received from a number of people, but more always welcome. There is often difficulty in getting results and reports from regattas. Members were happy with the magazine.
- **Treasurer:**
 - ◇ The Association is in a sound financial position.

Miracle Association Committee

Summary of minutes (cont.)

◇ The *Halo* is proving cost effective with production costs less than advertising revenue.

• **Committee:** The following were appointed:

Chairman	Kenneth Gibson
Secretary	John Tippett
Treasurer	Jon Aldhous
Measurement	Brian Jones
<i>Halo</i> Editor	Gillan Gibson
Trophy Officer	Tracy Amos
Member	Sam Mettam
Member	Peter Cuthbert

• **Honorary membership:** Dennis Southwell was elected an Honorary Member of the Association.

• **Any other business.** The following suggestions were made:

- ◇ Subsidising attendance at open meetings;
- ◇ Having coaching sessions, on and off the water, at the Nationals;
- ◇ .Having a lay day a the Nationals.

Copies of the full minutes of meetings are available from the Secretary on request.

Miracle National Championships

Ullswater Yacht Club, Cumbria

12th to 17th August 2012

41 boats arrived at Ullswater Yacht Club for a weeks racing at this family friendly venue in the glorious Lake District.

Day 1 - Sunday - Practice race and Race 1

Winds across the width of Ullswater are a Race Officers nightmare as the direction and speed can swing in the blink of an eye – and they did that first day of sailing. The fleet was taken to Sharrow Bay to find the best conditions, but it was still a challenge to follow the shifts and make the best of what was on offer.

Practice race

The shifting winds resulted in major opportunities for loses and gains, many boats finishing well above or below their usual positions. In the end the winners were Ally and Harry Jones (3847), with Nic and Indigo Smith (3805) second and Jack Hopkins and Angela Sweeney (3835) third.

Race 1

The windshifts continued, but the fleet was working them out and more usual positions were the rule. Winners were Martyn and Jack Lewis, followed by David and Ross Southwell (4010), with Eamon and Lauran Cuthbert (4016) third.

Gillan Gibson

Day 2 – Monday – Races 2 & 3

Overcast skies to start the day but there was a promising wind blowing down the lake, rather than across it. A postponement was raised at 10:30 to allow the wind to settle and moderate slightly.

Eventually the fleet was released from the

shore for run to the start under fighter escort as 2 RAF Tornados flew JUST over the mast heads.

Race 2

Race 2 got underway with more than a little port end bias leading to some overcrowding at the pin end, however, the fleet got away cleanly. Martyn and Jack Lewis (3834) led at the windward mark followed closely by Richard & Katy Byne (3678) and Ally & Harry Jones (3847). A raft formed at the gybe mark allowing the leaders to pull out a nice lead. A wind shift led to a one sided beat up the next leg. On the last lap a cruel wind shift upset the applecart allowing Nick and Indigo Smith (3805) to take second.

Race 3

Race 3 started with a lot less line bias but more breeze. Peter Cuthbert and Mark Atherton (3747) led at the windward mark after going hard right, closely followed by Neal Gibson & Keith Macey (4040) and Dave & Ross Southwell (4010). By the gybe mark Martyn and Jack Lewis had climbed to 5th after getting stuck out on the left in one of Ullswater's famous holes.

Up the next beat Marytn and Jack pulled through to second, then first, by the windward mark closely followed by Neal and Keith. Ally and Harry Jones were on a mission and picked up a big gust and arrived at the gybe mark to find Martyn & Jack and Neal & Keith parked up in no breeze. Martyn & Jack got to the breeze first followed by Ally and Harry, demoting Neal and Keith to third. Up the last beat Martyn & Jack rounded first followed by

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Neal & Keith and Ally & Harry. Martyn and Jack took the gun followed by Neal & Keith and Ally & Harry.

Neal Gibson

Day 3 – Tuesday – Races 4 & 5

The day dawned with a steady breeze blowing down the lake, a perfect direction for Ullswater. As the fleet launched the breeze died and a drift to the start ensued. After waiting for all the boats to arrive at the start the breeze filled back in again on cue as the gun went.

Race 4

With a heavy starboard bias on the line the fleet were slightly eager to get going so after 2 general recalls the line was re-laid with a hint of port bias and a black flag to keep the fleet in check. Nick and Indigo Smith took advantage of the line sag to get a clear start and sail off into the distance not to be seen again till the finish. 2nd round the windward mark was Ian and Molly Southwell (3496) who sailed well left and played the shifts up the bank, closely followed by Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson (3692).

On the second beat Martin and Jack Lewis pulled through the fleet after being forced out at the pin. On the sausage leg downwind Ian and Molly slipped down the fleet as a non-spinnaker entry and Martin and Jack sailed though to second.

Race 5

With the wind still light a good start was key to success, unfortunately this led to another general recall so the race officer decided that the black flag was required

straight away on the restart. One boat fell foul of the black flag and headed home early. Dave and Ross Southwell rounded the windward mark first followed by Martyn and Jack Lewis, and the following pack consisting of Richard & Katy Byne, Eamon & Lauren Cuthbert (4016), Nick & Indigo Smith and Richard & Fergus Pye (3330).

Down the first reach Eamon and Lauren sailed high to hold off Nick and Indigo whilst covering Richard and Fergus. Neal Gibson and Keith Macey took advantage of the pack sailing high and picked up a gust and sailed low to the gybe mark to move to 4th place behind Richard and Fergus.

Up the next beat Martyn and Jack sailed past Dave and Ross to take the lead and Neal & Keith passed Richard and Fergus. Places remained unchanged down the run. On the final beat Nick and Indigo played the shifts to pass Neal and Keith and held the position down the run to the finish.

Day 4 – Wednesday – Races 6 & 7

The forecast was for big breeze later in the day. So a prompt start was planned with 2 short races to get them in before the breeze. The fat boys had other ideas and wanted to wait for the breeze so two general recalls later the black flag made its appearance, not for the first time.

Race 6

A heavily biased port line eventually got the fleet away for the 2 lap course. Richard and Fergus Pye led at the windward mark

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followed by Martyn & Jack Lewis and Neal Gibson & Keith Macey. A tight first reach allowed Martyn and Jack to catch Richard and Fergus by the gybe mark and pass him on the next reach. At the leeward mark Martyn and Jack led from Richard & Fergus and Neal & Keith. Up the next beat Ally & Harry Jones and Dave & Ross Southwell passed Neal and Keith at the windward mark. Down the run the gusts started to come through and Neal and Keith picked a big gust all the way down to the leeward mark to pass Dave and Ross and almost catch Ally and Harry.

Race 7

With the wind still on and the line still set for heavy port bias the black flag was raised straight away. A longer course was set as the wind hadn't increased as much as forecast.

Richard and Fergus Pye won the pin but Ally and Harry Jones were first to round the windward mark. The first reach was tight and breezy and some fast planning was had by all. Nick and Indigo Smith were moving fast, but unable to carry the big gusts past some of the leading boats.

Capsizes led to some place changes throughout the fleet. By the last lap Ally and Harry had extended to a seemingly unbeatable lead coming down the last reach. Nick and Indigo were flying their kite and just keeping their boat in the water, further back Jack Hopkins and Angela Sweeney (3835) opted not to fly the kite which allowed Dave and Ross Southwell past. Up the next beat Ally and

Harry went the wrong way allowing Nick and Indigo, in her glamorous PINK BOUYANCY AID, to slip into first followed by Dave and Ross Southwell.

Neal Gibson

Day 5 – Thursday – Races 8 & 9

After the rain the previous afternoon it was nice to see the sun make an appearance, then promptly disappear behind a rain cloud and appear again, then disappear, setting the scene for the day.

Race 8

This day the fleet decided to behave and so the black flag stayed away. The fleet got away off the port biased line and split left and right as both sides appeared even. At the windward mark Martyn & Jack Lewis and Richard & Fergus Pye made a clean get away from the windward mark. As the race progressed the wind died and switched left and right allowing the tactical prowess of Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson to sail past everyone upwind and round the windward mark in 3rd behind Martyn & Jack and Richard & Fergus. The leaders sailed away down the last run leaving the chasing pack to fight over 4th.

Race 9

With the nationals won by Martyn and Jack Lewis 2nd place was the one to play for in race 9. The fleet got away cleanly again in an increasing breeze. Half the fleet headed left into lighter breeze and half split right towards more breeze. First round the windward mark were Martyn and Jack Lewis followed by a pack of 5 boats all close together. Up the next beat

the boats that went right climbed places over those who opted for left. Down the first sausage the leeward mark was being moved which caught out a few who had opted to go right down the run. Martyn and Jack were still leading, closely followed by Jack Hopkins and Angela Sweeney. The beat stayed an even affair as the boats spread out. Down the last leg Ally and Harry Jones sailed past Jack Hopkins and Angela Sweeney to take 2nd.

Neal Gibson

Day 6 – Friday – Race 10

Shifting winds, both in speed and direction reappeared and the fleet was held ashore until the situation settled.

Race 10

Steadily increasing winds set a challenge and it was Nick and Indigo Smith who made the best of it to finish first, with Martyn and Jack Lewis 2nd and Ally and Harry Jones 3rd.

Gillan Gibson

Notes from the Bronze Fleet

You don't have to be at the front of the fleet to have good racing, places were just as hard fought at the back. Race 9 finished

with the last 3 boats finishing within seconds, having raced as hard as they could for the those three places. On those occasions where bronze fleeters do have a success it is particularly sweet, especially if it involves a good start into clear air. Finding that clear air is a particular challenge at the back as those in front generally take the best wind, but then at the back you can watch what is happening and take advantage of a developing situation.

Having someone to chase and someone to keep behind is the racing that rear fleeters appreciate. There is also the enjoyment of a superb venue, the scenery of Ullswater is particularly spectacular and the catering at the club definitely to be sampled and enjoyed. As is the company. Sailing with friends and chatting ashore are a great deal of what sailing is about – and there was plenty of that at Ullswater.

Next year we're going to be at the Olympic venue at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Centre. Us back fleeters on the same waters as Ben Ainsley and his fellow medal winners, something to be really looked forward to.

Gillan Gibson

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Miracle National Championships 2012 - Ullswater Yacht Club Results Part 1

Pos	Club	Sail	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Pts
1st	Martyn & Jack Lewis	3834	G	1	1	1	(2)	1	1	(5)	1	1	2	9
2nd	Nick & Indigo Smith	3805	G	6	2	(15)	1	3	(DNF)	1	4	4	1	22
3rd	Ally, Harry & Phoebe Jones	3847	G	4	6	3	(15)	(7)	3	3	5	2	3	29
4th	David & Ross Southwell	4010	G	2	9	(OCS)	5	2	5	2	(13)	5	4	34
5th	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey	4040	G	5	7	2	(12)	4	4	(10)	8	6	8	44
6th	Eamon & Lauren Cuthbert	4016	G	3	5	5	(9)	6	(13)	6	6	7	7	45
7th	Jack Hopkins & Angela Sweeney	3835	G	8	4	4	(11)	(11)	9	4	11	3	10	53
8th	Wayne Atherton & Liz Evans	3383	G	(12)	8	6	4	(9)	6	8	7	8	6	53
9th	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson	3692	G	(11)	10	10	3	10	7	9	3	(19)	5	57
10th	Richard & Fergus Pye	3330	G	9	(16)	11	7	8	2	(DNF)	2	10	9	58
11th	Jon & Phillip Aldhous	3794	G	15	12	7	10	(20)	(16)	7	12	9	14	86
12th	Peter Cuthbert & Mark Atherton	3747	G	(14)	14	8	8	(DNF)	8	12	14	14	11	89
13th	Stan Lubner & Brian Henline	4043	G	10	11	16	18	13	(DNC)	(DNF)	17	18	17	120
14th	Dave Butler & Dave Smith	4045	S	(24)	(27)	12	21	18	18	11	19	12	13	124
15th	Iain & James Wilkinson	3480	S	22	(35)	9	14	17	17	14	(DNF)	13	23	129
16th	Ian & Molly Southwell	3496	B	19	22	(DNC)	13	(DNC)	11	15	15	15	19	129
17th	John Tippett & Kathy Boulton	4020	G	(DNC)	13	14	16	14	15	(DNF)	16	20	21	129
18th	Brian Jones & John Green	4021	S	20	21	(29)	22	12	10	16	9	(DNF)	25	135
19th	Emily & Lawrence Wride	4035	S	17	(33)	19	19	15	12	(DNF)	18	16	22	138
20th	Louis Moulden & Jake Beckford	4036	G	18	15	20	23	22	14	20	10	(DNF)	(DNF)	142

DNC - Did not come to the starting area OCS - On course side DNF - Started but did not finish DSQ - Disqualification

Fleets: Gd - Gold Sv - Silver Bz - Bronze

Miracle National Championships 2012 - Ullswater Yacht Club Results Part 1

Pos	Club	Sail	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Pts
21st	Ashley Southwell & Lauren Wilkinson	4011	S	23	18	23	17	(25)	(25)	13	24	17	12	147
22nd	Jon Willars & Rachel Day	3793	S	13	(28)	21	20	16	(34)	19	20	26	15	150
23rd	Richard & Kathy Byne	3678	G	7	3	13	6	5	(DNF)	(DNF)	DNC	DNV	DNC	160
24th	Sam Donaldson & Dave Rowlands	2166	S	25	17	17	(26)	21	(26)	17	26	23	18	164
25th	Cathy Goodwin & Cerys Murphy	1667	B	16	20	28	(29)	19	19	(DNF)	23	22	24	171
26th	Matt & Tom Donaldson	4022	S	27	(30)	18	27	23	(29)	23	29	11	29	187
27th	Richard & Mike Smith	3493	S	(DNC)	19	22	(36)	32	21	18	21	28	26	187
28th	David Herbstritt & Josie Airms	3770	B	21	(34)	(30)	24	26	20	24	25	21	27	188
29th	David & Jean Reed	3725	G	(26)	26	26	(28)	24	22	25	22	25	20	190
30th	Richard & James Hewitt	2323	B	28	32	24	30	BFD	24	21	DNC	24	16	199
31st	Paul Beckford & Rene Savelli	3414	S	(33)	23	25	25	(31)	23	22	27	27	28	200
32nd	Martin & Mavis Bathe	59	B	30	24	27	(DNF)	30	(33)	27	28	31	32	229
33rd	Simon Reddecliffe & Liz Lee	4007	B	29	25	31	31	27	27	26	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNC	238
34th	Steve & Matt Bloomfield	2018	S	32	29	(35)	32	29	31	30	31	30	DNC	244
35th	Paul & James Robinson	3655	B	(35)	31	32	(34)	33	28	29	33	33	30	249
36th	Gillan & Kenneth Gibson	3670	B	34	(38)	34	(37)	34	30	28	32	34	34	260
37th	Deborah Massey & Wendy Gaddes	445	B	(DNC)	36	33	35	35	(DNF)	31	30	32	31	263
38th	Gaye & Joanne Lamb	3786	B	31	(DNF)	(DNF)	33	28	DNC	DNS	DNS	29	DNC	289
39th	Caroline Noel, Christine Silver & Greg Jones	3839	B	(DNF)	37	36	38	36	32	(DNF)	DNF	DNF	33	296
40th	Angela & Paul Featherstone	3720	B	36	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	330
41st	David Smith & Giles Therkelson-Smith	4031	B	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	336

Girton **26th & 27th May 2012**

In the midst of storms, floods and tempests (at the time of writing we hadn't had the plagues of locusts and frogs) Girton's weekend stood out like a beacon of hope for future events weather.

Saturday:- Warm sunshine, north easterly breeze of two to three with small gusts of around four. Eleven boats signed on and ready to go.

First race and the two visitors from Redoubt, Neal Gibson & Keith Macey (4040) and Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson (3692) laid down the gauntlet with a first and second respectively. Race two however proved more difficult with David and Michelle Raines (3740) upsetting the party with a first and Eamon and Thomas Cuthbert (4016) from Leigh and Lowton registering a good third. Richard and Katy Byne (3678) from Draycote kept themselves in touch with the leaders with a third and a fifth.

Sunday:- The same wonderful sunshine with more gentle breezes moving around to the east. With a new course set and a further three boats added to the fleet it was all to play for. Only four points separated the first four boats. In the first race of the day David and Michelle Raines



continued their good form with another first. Neal Gibson and Keith Macey had to contend with a

second whilst Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson were pushed back to fifth by some good sailing by Richard and Katy Byne (third) from Draycote, and a resurgent Jon Aldous and Geoff Phillips (3794) who gained a fourth.

Three races gone and the points gap of the top four boats had narrowed to three. Race four – and back came the boats from Redoubt with a bang with the same results as race one only the other way round. Tracy and Gemma with a first and Neal and Keith a second. This time it was David and Michelle that had to make do with a third whilst Richard and Katy were outsailed by Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeney (3383) who had joined the fleet that day.

One more race and the top three boats were now separated by only one point!

The final throw and the boats from Redoubt took no prisoners--- first and second for Neal & Keith and Tracy & Gemma respectively. David and Michelle fought hard to try and take third place but were beaten into fourth by one of their own crew from Leigh, Eamon and Thomas Cuthbert who registered their second third of the series.

After discards the overall winners were Neal Gibson and Keith Macey followed by David and Michelle Raines (after countback) and Tracy Amos and Gemma Gibson in third.

An excellent weekend with fantastic weather, good sailing, good company and I am praying for the same next year (only with better results for my boat).

Dave Reed, Miracle 3725



Girton **26th & 27th May 2012**

Pos	Club	Sail No	Pts
1st	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey	Redoubt 4040	4
2nd	David & Michelle Raines	Leigh & Lowton 3740	5
3rd	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson	Redoubt 3692	5
4th	Eamon & Thomas Cuthbert	Leigh & Lowton 4016	11
5th	Richard & Kathy Byne	Draycote 3678	11
6th	Wayne Atherton & Angela Sweeney	Leigh & Lowton 3383	18
7th	Jon Aldous & Geoff Phillips	Beaver 3794	18
8th	Richard & Todd Brameld	Beaver 3131	20
9th	David & Jean Reed	Girton 3725	22
10th	Colin Lown & Alan Smallbones	Wilsonian 206	27
11th	Dave Butler & Ross Flemming	Welton 3383	28
12th	Jon Willars & Rachel Day	Welton 3793	28
13th	Richard Woodhurst & Rob Young	Girton 4041	32
14th	Gillan & Kenneth Gibson	Thornton Steward 3670	35

Burton
9th & 10th June 2012

Eight visiting boats joined local sailors Grant Pollard and Jessica Leek for the Burton Sailing Club Open, two races were planned for Saturday and three on Sunday for what turned out to be a tale of two days.

At the briefing Bill Hooton, the Race Officer, explained that although there was plenty of wind for Saturday's racing, little or no wind was forecast for Sunday. He proposed and the fleet agreed that he should run three races on Saturday and then consider what should be done if additional crews turned up to sail on the Sunday. So we set out to sail Race 1 with Races 2 and 3 to be sailed back to back under a testing and variable westerly wind of force 2 or 3, with gusts at the top end of force 4. There were grey and overcast conditions which continued all day for the racing round the Club marks.

Race 1 - Was won by Hanna and Nick Smith (3805) who started at the pin end in front of Martyn and Jack Lewis (3834). They initially favoured the left side of the course and then played all the wind shifts right to reach the windward mark first with a considerable lead over the chasing pack. Their lead was maintained as the race progressed and at the gun they finished well in front of Martyn and Jack Lewis followed by Brian Jones and John Green (4021) who just piped Richard and Katie Byne (3678) by about half a boat length. There were no capsizes despite the gusty winds, but John Tippett did amuse the fleet again with an unusual disembarkation from his vessel on the slipway!

Race 2 - Again, the pin end was again favoured and the Lewis's led the charge this time to round the first mark in pole position with Brian and John second and the Bynes third. Martyn and Jack hung on to their lead

throughout the race gaining distance on the off wind legs. Behind them positions changed all through the fleet as the shifty conditions favoured first one side of the course and then the other. At the finish Richard and Katie were second with Brian and John third after stealing the place from Hannah and Nick following a tremendous tactical duel.

Race 3 – Richard and Katie started in the lead at the favoured pin end to work the left hand side of the course and round ahead of the Lewis's at the next gybe mark. However, Martyn and Jack rounded inside to take the lead. Behind them Ally and Phoebe Jones (3847) were having quite a battle with the Bynes until the last gybe mark where the Jones's gained the advantage and then covered Richard and Katie all the way to the finish line.

Sunday dawned with the first race scheduled for 10.00 am, and as predicted the campers awoke to a dead calm lake, not even a ripple, but now with broken cloud and some warm sunshine. Race 4 was postponed until 11.00 am but still no change, at 12.00 noon the fleet and The Race Officer agreed to abandon any further racing. These two hours of waiting were not wasted. Sails were measured, lots of social chat and catching up, and serious discussions regarding Brian Jones's excellent upwind performance on the water with his inboard sheeting trial, together with suggestions for improvements to the arrangements. No doubt giving Brian much food for thought.

The full results allow for a discard as per Burton Sailing Club Sailing Instructions. Our thanks must go to all involved in running the event, particularly Bill Hooton who had the foresight to run the 3 races on Saturday.
John Tippett, 4020



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Burton
9th & 10th June 2012

Pos	Club	Sail No	Pts
1st	Martyn & Jack Lewis	RYA	3834 2
2nd	Hannah & Nick Smith	Thornbury	3805 5
3rd	Richard & Katheryn Byne	Draycote	3678 5
4th	Brian Jones & John Green	Maidenhead	4021 5
5th	Ally & Phoebe Jones	Draycote	3847 7
6th	Graham Watts & Sally Massie	Staunton Harold	3840 10
7th	John Tippett & Kathy Boulton	Draycote	4020 14
8th	David & Jean Reed	Girton	3725 16
9th	Grant Pollard & Jessica Leek	Burton	1300 18

1st National Sprint Championship North Lincs. 23rd & 24th June 2012

And now for something completely different!

As a first North Lincolnshire and Humberside Sailing Club ran a "sprint" competition which was 11 short races, rather than the usual 5 races of 1 hour. At 20-30 minutes each it was fast and furious with a premium on starts and not making mistakes – but if you did make a mistake there was quickly another chance to have another go. OK, the dire weather forecast of rain and wind (plus a couple of previous injuries to helms) dropped the entries somewhat, but those that did come to sail or watch had a stupendous time.

4 boats register and 3 sailed. It looked like Stan Lubner and Brian Henline's weekend when they won the first 3 races, not least due to a capsized by Richard and Todd Brameld near the end of the last lap in race 2, which allowed them to jump through to the finish.



However, after lunch, with all to play for, spinnakers were flown despite the wind and it was Richard and Todd who took the wins in races 4, and 6. John Willars and Rachel Day took the win in Race 5. Both crews were delighted as for each it was the first time they had won a race at an open event.

Sunday the wind moderated and there was more emphasis on sailing skill rather than survival. Places swapped and the only way to know who would finish where was to wait for the finish. With 1 discard and finishing places swapping there was all to play for in the final race. Whilst Richard and Todd held the series lead, they could not afford to make mistakes. The end came and overall it was Richard and Todd first, Jon and Rachel second, followed by Stan and Brian third and especially commissioned trophies were presented.

Gillan Gibson

National Sprint Championship North Lincs - 23rd & 24th June 2012

Pos	Club	Sail No	Pts
1st	Richard & Todd Brameld	Beaver	3131 16
2nd	Jon Willars & Rachel Day	Welton	3793 20
3rd	Stan Lubner & Brian Henline	Welton	4043 23
4th	Gillan & Kenneth Gibson	Thornton Steward	3670 50

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Race 11
Richard & Todd	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1
Jon & Rachel	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	2
Stan & Brian	1	1	1	3	3	DNF	3	2	RTD	1	3
Gillan & Kenneth	DNS	DNS									



Leigh and Lowton **16th June 2012**

Pos	Club	Sail No
1st	Wayne & Mark Atherton	Leigh & Lowton 3383
2nd	David & Michelle Raines	Leigh & Lowton 3740
3rd	Eamon & Thomas Cuthbert	Leigh & Lowton 4016
4th	David & Ross Southwell	Leigh & Lowton 4010
5th	Ian & James Wilkinson	Leigh & Lowton 3480
6th	David & Jean Reed	Girton 3725
7th	Ashley Southwell & Lauren Wilkinson	Leigh & Lowton 4011
8th	Dave & Jo Herbstritt	Shotwick 3770

Wigan **17th June 2012**

Pos	Club	Sail No
1st	Wayne & Mark Atherton	Leigh & Lowton 3383
2nd	Robert & Hannah Cocking	Delph 3077
3rd	David & Jean Reed	Girton 3725

Welsh Championships **Bala** **23rd & 24th June 2012**

We were greeted by very windy and wet conditions at Bala Sailing Club, just the three Miracles for the racing on Saturday. At the briefing competitors of other classes wanted to make the most of these "great" conditions and sail 3 races on both days! The first race saw just two boats starting, those of Jon & Philip Aldhous (3794) and Cathy & Cerys Goodwin (1667). Racers were faced with a steady force 6 gusting into force 7, Jon and Philip led from the start of the race and held the lead until the

end. Cathy did very well to finish the race despite having a very young and lightweight crew. After gentle persuasion over the lunch break the third miracle of Dave Herbstritt and Josie Airns (1667) joined the others for the second race. Again Jon and Philip Aldhous led from start to finish with the other two boats battling for second and third position. Cathy and Cerys did well to hold onto second position with Dave and Jo not too far behind in second. By the third race wind speed had

increased to around 35mph so Dave decided not to start and Cathy and Cerys started the race only to decide the windward mark was too far away so headed back to the beach. This left Jon and Philip Aldhous to sail around by themselves to take first place. Sunday brought a tad more sunshine and another competitor, Wayne Atherton and Angela Sweeney (383). The first race saw a steady force 5 with all 4 boats on the start line. After a very tight first beat Jon & Philip and Wayne & Angela arrived at the windward mark together. A slight change in wind direction was enough to see Jon and Philip squeeze Wayne and Angela onto the mark resulting in penalty turns. Jon and Phil managed to sail clear and Wayne and Angela found themselves with work to do after doing their turn. They managed to battle through and claim second place, Jon and Philip finishing first, Cathy and Cerys

third and Dave and Jo in fourth. In the second race Jon and Philip again led from the start and kept the fleet behind to take first place, Wayne and Angela were in second with Dave & Jo and Cathy & Cerys behind. After the lunch break the consistent boat of Jon and Philip led again for the first lap. A lapse in concentration meant they missed the gate allowing two boats to pass at the start of the beat of the second lap. By the top of the long beat Wayne and Angela were leading the way but Jon and Philip had snuck past Dave and Jo to put their boat in second. Dave and Jo reached the mark in third with Cathy and Cerys not too far behind in fourth. Down the next leg some good spinnaker work from the Aldhous boat saw them sail under Wayne & Angela and retake first place and that was how the race finished.
Philip Aldhous, 3794

Welsh Championship **Bala - 23rd & 24th June 2012**

Pos	Club	Sail No	Pts
1st	Jon & Philip Aldhous	Beaver 3794	4
2nd	Wayne Atherton & Angela Sweeney	Leigh & Lowton/ Delph 3383	11
3rd	Cathy & Cerys Goodwin	Port Dinorwic 1667	11
4th	David Herbstritt & Josie Airns	Shotwick Lake 3770	13

Hints and tips

**Do you have any ideas that would help others?
Let the editor know and they can be shared.**

Heavy weather. As soon as both you and your crew are hiking out, the kicker needs to be pulled on very hard, without letting the top tell tale stall for more than 50% of the time. *Sam Mettam*

In winter keep yourself warm, as warm muscles, tendons and ligaments are less prone to injury.
Josie Airns

Midland Area Championships
Draycote
14th & 15th July 2012

The Midland Area Championships were held at Draycote Water Sailing Club in July, 3 weeks before the National Championships at Ullswater. Maybe it was the proximity of the nationals together with the cost of petrol; maybe it was a lack of advertising, who knows what the reasons were, but only 3 visitors turned up...Instead of the fleets of 25-30 boats that we've had in the past, we had a fleet of 11 taking part this year, very disappointing.

Anyway, the small numbers didn't stop a really interesting contest developing over the weekend as four different boats shared the winning spot over 5 races. The two Saturday races were sailed in very light airs, sometimes the breeze dying altogether. In the first race, 7 of the 11 boats taking part held the lead at some stage! Richard and Katy Byne (3678) building a several hundred yard lead at one point only to see it swallowed up as they got stuck in a 'hole'. More, one suspects through stamina and determination than anything else, Ally and Harry Jones (3847) managed to be in the lead when the finishing line was crossed. The second race was very similar with no boat able to get and stay ahead. Coming done the last leg, John and Phil Aldhous (3794) led a clutch of 6 boats. Richard and

Katy Byne lying in 6th position spotted a thermal and altered course dramatically to get some wind. They build up enough boat speed to challenge John and Phil right up to the line, but had to be content with their second second place of the day.

Sunday saw us with more wind but still with some tricky shifts. The racing was considerably faster which saw the fleet spread a bit more. At the head of the fleet, the three races were won by different boats, Ally and Harry won race 3, Pete Burfield and Barbara Green (4034) won the fourth race and Richard and Katy Byne finally got the reward of a win, having been challenging at the front of the fleet all weekend. At the back of the fleet Jon Willars and Rachel Day (3793) demonstrated the fast progress they're making as newish sailors to Miracles, whilst David Sneed and Alex Stasinski (3623) narrowly won a great fun tussle with Caroline Ramsey and Rachel Palmer (4037). Godfrey Winn and Chris Silver (2845) just held off the fast improving Caroline Noel and Hamish Brown (3839). Even at the back of the fleet competition, fun and improving made joining in an open event on the Miracle circuit really worthwhile.

Caroline Ramsey

Midland Area Championship
Draycote - 14th & 15th July 2012

Pos	Club	Sail No	Pts
1st	Ally & Harry Jones	Draycote	3847 4
2nd	Richard & Kathy Byne	Draycote	3678 5
3rd	Jon & Phillip Aldhous	Beaver	3794 6
4th	Peter Blenfield & Barbara Green	Draycote	4034 8
5th	John Tippett & Kathy Boulton	Draycote	4020 12
6th	David & Jean Reed	Girton	3725 14
7th	Jon Willars & Rachel Day	Welton	3793 18
8th	David Sneed & Alex Stasinski		3623 23
9th	Caroline Ramsey & Rachel Palmer	Draycote	4037 24
10th	Godfrey Winn & Christine Silver	Draycote	2895 28
11th	Caroline Noel & Hamish Brown	Draycote	3839 29

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