

2011 Miracle National Championships

13th August – 19th August

Hosted by The Mayflower Sailing Club, Phoenix Wharf

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The 2011 Miracle National Championships will be held at The Mayflower Sailing Club Plymouth from 13th to 19th August 2011. The Organising Authority is the Mayflower Sailing Club, Plymouth.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that MSC implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book, or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2 Additional Identification

- 2.1 Subject to the prior written approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta. Such a boat shall display the same declared identification number on all mainsails and spinnakers used in the regatta. [Alters rule G3].

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Miracle Class, the owner and helmsman shall be current members of the National Miracle Owners Association.
- 3.2 Entries are now invited by completing the attached entry form and sending it with the appropriate fee to: National Miracle Owner's Association, John Tippett, 31 Dyson Close, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 4LG.
- 3.3 All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to present a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration at registration.
- 3.4 Crew
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Changes may be made to the helmsman or crew by notifying the Entries Secretary on or before 14th August 2011. Permission to substitute crew after 14th 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.
- 3.7 Scrutineering
Scrutineering will take place at the dinghy park. Each boat, together with her sails and equipment shall be scrutinised prior to launching. Boats shall be presented in a dry condition and may be weighed. Only previously measured sails shall be presented at this time.

4 Fees

- 4.1

To 31/3/11	after 31/3/11
£125.00	£160.00

Note these fees include boat parking and trailer storage and parking space for one car
- 4.2 The organising authority reserves the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 13th August. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances

5 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 Registration will take place at the Mayflower Sailing Club at the times indicated or as specified on the Regatta Notice Board.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time / Warning Signal</u>
Saturday 13 th August	Registration	14:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs
Sunday 14 th August	Registration Briefing Practice Race 1 st Points Race	09:00 hrs - 16:00 hrs 09:00 hrs 10:55 hrs 13:55 hrs
Monday 15 th August	2 nd Points Race 3 rd Points Race 1 st Youth Race	10:55 hrs ASAP after 2 nd Points Race ASAP after 3 rd Points Race
Tuesday 16 th August	4 th Points Race 5 th Points Race 2 nd Youth Race	10:55 hrs ASAP after 4 th Points Race ASAP after 5 th Points Race
Wednesday 17 th August	6 th Points Race 7 th Points Race Single handed/non spinn	10:55 hrs ASAP after 6 th Points Race ASAP after 7 th Points Race
Thursday 18 th August	8 th Points Race 9 th Points Race Crews Race	10:55 hrs ASAP after 8 th Points Race ASAP after 9 th Points Race
Friday 19 th August	10 th Points Race 3 rd Youth Race	10:55 hrs ASAP after 10 th Points Race

6 Measurements

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 Rule 78.2 will be applied only under exceptional circumstances
- 6.3 Boats are required to use the same suit of sails for all Championship races. The Race officer may give permission for alternative sails to be used if application is made before use in the event of the first suit being irreparably damaged.
- 6.4 Measurement
 - 6.4.1 In addition to Nor 3.7 measurement checks may be carried out during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - 6.4.2 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b), the 'authority responsible for interpreting the rule' will be the Royal Yachting Association.

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 These will be available on registration.

8 Venue

- 8.1 Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound, normally to the north of Plymouth Breakwater.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 These will be a combination of windward leeward and triangle.

10 Penalty System

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

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The championship series shall consist of 10 races.
- 11.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 11.3 When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 The Youth and Junior series shall consist of 3 races.
- 11.7 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.8 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Prizes

12.1 FLEET DIVISION

- 12.2 The fleet will 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.

12.3 TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED

Practice Race Shield	Winning helm – Practice Race
Bell Woodworking Trophy	Winning helm - 1st Points. Race.
Trimnell Trailer Trophy	Winning helm - 2nd Points Race.
International Paints Trophy	Winning helm - 3rd Points Race.
Jack Holt Trophy	Winning helm - 4th Points Race.
Sovereign Cup	Winning helm - 5th Points Race.
Charles and Diana Cup	Winning helm - 6th Points Race.
Bala Challenge Cup	Winning helm – 7 th Points Race
Cornwall Trophy	Winning helm – 8 th Points Race
Miracle Association Cup	Winning helm – 9 th Points Race
Starboard Cup	Winning helm – 10 th Points Race
Daily Mirror Cup	Winning helm - Overall.
John Bray Trophy	Winning helm - Silver Fleet.
Bob Ferguson Plaque	Winning helm - Bronze Fleet.
Youth Championship Trophy	Winning helm – Youth Championships
Junior Championship Trophy	Winning helm – Junior Championships
West Wales Observer Trophy	Highest placed helm under 16 years.
Ullswater Cup	Highest placed helm over 15 and under 18 years.
City of Plymouth Cup	Youngest competing crew.
St Polly Plaque	Highest placed Lady Helm.
Casper Cup	Winning helm - Single-handed Race.
Crew's Cup	Winning helm - Crews Race.
Newton Crum Trophy	Winning helm - Non-Spinnaker 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 years and over.
Ton Up Trophy	Highest placed helm & crew with total age of 100+
Endeavour Trophy	Helm or crew Displaying Greatest Endeavour.
Tom Pearson Trophy	Helm in overall 16th position in Championship.
Senior Helm Trophy	Eldest helm
Bailey Family Trophy	Highest placed helm and crew siblings from the same family.
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.
Club Trophy	Club with the highest placed three boats outside the top ten.

12.4 Where age is a factor the following rules will be used:

12.5 "Age" is defined as age, in years, on the 13th August, 2011. For City of Plymouth and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.

13 Rights to use names and likenesses

13.1 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.

14 Safety Regulations

14.1 All competitors whilst afloat shall wear adequate personal buoyancy.

14.1.1 Wet or dry suits will not be considered as constituting the 'adequate personal buoyancy referred to in rule 1.2.

14.2 Tallies.

These requirements are specified for the safety of competitors.

- The Tally System is based on competitors dinghy trolleys, anyone not using a launching trolley or launching from a location other than Mayflower Sailing Club must advise the Beachmaster for alternative safety arrangements.
- Trolley Tally numbers will be issued at registration.
- Competitors retiring, not competing or taking a turns penalty (rule 44) must declare this on the relevant sheet at the Race Office within one hour of the last race.

14.3 Boats will not launch until released by the beachmaster.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17 Contact Information

17.1 The Championship Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

Mayflower Sailing Club
Phoenix Wharf
Maderia Rd
Plymouth
Devon
PL1 2NX,
Tel:- 01752 662526
Contact - Race Officer – Dave Curno
Mobile: 07966 174 277
Email: dave@davecurno.co.uk

The National Authority may be contacted at:

Royal Yachting Association,
RYA House, Ensign Way,
Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA
Tel: 0845 345 0400; Fax: 0845 345 0329
Email: admin@rya.org.uk

The Class Association may be contacted at:

Mr. John Tippett
National Miracle Owner's Association,
31 Dyson Close
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 4LG
Tel: 01788 572129