2026 MIRACLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 8th - Tuesday 11th August 2026

Sailing Instructions (Version 2.3)

The Organising Authority is South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club, with support of the Miracle Class Association.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in Notice of Race (NOR) Section 1.

1.2 Entrants and guests of entrants are temporary members of South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC) during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

1.3 Any changes to Sail numbers must be approved by the Race Officer.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 60 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 5.3) on the day it will take effect.

2.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

2.3 The changes will be numbered sequentially and indicated by flying flag L together with the appropriate numeral pennant.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 See NOR Section 3.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from flagstaff at the beachmaster's office (Adjacent to club changing rooms).

5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 45 minutes. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5.3 [DP] [NP] Boats are not permitted to launch until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed sooner than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 See NOR Section 8.4.

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be the bespoke Miracle Class Flag.

8 RACE AREA

8.1 The race area will be in the area indicated in Appendix A

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Appendix B shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal the committee boat will display the race course Type to be sailed and number of windward legs.

9.3 No later than the warning signal the Committee Boat (CB) may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

10.1 See Appendix B.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 [DP] Appendix C describes the areas to avoid and classed as obstructions

11.2 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and a prohibited area. Boats must not sail between the safety boat and the craft or competitor in difficulty.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

12.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an Orange flag will be displayed on the CB with a horn sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

12.3 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the committee boat and start marks as defined in Appendix C.

12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.

12.5 In an emergency, or adverse wind or current Race Committee (RC) starting vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark or marks or move the finishing line and remove the original mark or marks as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by original mark or marks. This adds to RRS 33.

13.2 When a change of course is signalled indicating a change of course to mark 1, marks 2 or 3 may be moved without signal to maintain the geometric axis of the course. This changes RRS 33.

13.3 Minor mark movements of up to approximately 100m or 10 degrees may be made without signalling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staffs displaying blue flags on the finish marks defined in SI 9.3.

14.2 The course may be shortened at the leeward mark as follows:

(a) When the committee boat is in its normal position and displaying flag S, the leading boat, after rounding the leeward mark [mark 3] on its required side, will proceed thereafter to the normal finish line

(b) All boats will then proceed to the normal finish line irrespective of how may rounds they have completed. Boats will be scored according to how many rounds they have completed.

14.3 'Whisky Flag' shortening

14.3.1 The RC may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course and finish (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

14.3.2 Boats that are ahead of boats finished under flag W, and have not retired from the race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes RRS A5.2.

14.4 In an emergency, or adverse wind or current RC starting vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

15 PENALTIES

15.1 If a start under RRS 30.4 is recalled or abandoned after the starting signal, the numbers of the boats identified will be displayed on the committee boat for three minutes before the next starting sequence. There will be five short sound signals when the numbers are displayed. This adds to RRS 30.4.

16 TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

16.1 The target time for the finish of the lead boat in a race is as per the table below. Failure to meet this target time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

	Target Time	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
Race duration	60 minutes	80 minutes	20 minutes

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing unless finished by the RC in accordance with SI 14.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16.3 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 The protest time limit for on water incidents is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 60.3(b)(1).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the SCYC office.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings. Hearings will be held in the SCYC Commodore's Bar, located next to the SCYC office, beginning at the time posted. Alternatively, hearings may be held remotely and may be after the event, the parties involved will be advised by email of the arrangements.

17.4 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.

18 SCORING

18.1 See NOR 14

19 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment by all competitors. It is recommended that the 'Personal Floatation Device' (PFD) is worn outside all other clothing as this can assist rescue crews in the event of a competitor requiring assistance to be retrieved from the water.

19.2 A Safety tally system will be in operation for both helm and crew.

19.3 The tally control point will be located outside the SCYC office. (unless Class choose to nominate representatives on the beach to perform tally duty?)

19.4 A competitor's tally number will be allocated to all competitors on their first day of racing.

19.5 [DP/NP] Competitors shall tally-out before going racing by going to the tally control point and collecting their correct tally band to wear visibly whilst sailing.

19.6 [DP/NP] Competitors shall tally-in immediately on returning to shore by going to the tally control and returning their tally band to the correct number on the tally board. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore so that the safety crews can be stood down.

19.7 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will require a donation to the RNLI of £10 by the offending competitors and £20 per any additional offences.

19.8 Boats not intending to race shall notify the RC or beachmaster.

19.9 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the beachmaster/RC at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the beachmasters office.

19.10 Any injuries to competitors should be reported to the RC, Safety boat or the beach master as soon as possible. Any injury must be logged in the SCYC accident book.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Unless otherwise specified in class rules, for the series of races comprising this event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21.EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 See NOR 9.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS – Not used

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 A written description of official boats will be posted on the ONB by 1200 Saturday 8th August 2026.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

24.1 See NOR 15.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 [DP] Trash may be placed aboard official boats. SCYC and the Miracle Class are committed to reducing single use plastic and would strongly ask competitors to use re-useable bottles and packaging.

26 BERTHING

26.1 See NOR 16

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Not used

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLATIC POOLS - Not used

29 PRIZES

29.1 See NOR 20

30 RISK STATEMENT & INSURANCE

30.1 Boats are reminded of their responsibilities issued in the Risk Statement in NOR 18 and Insurance NOR 19

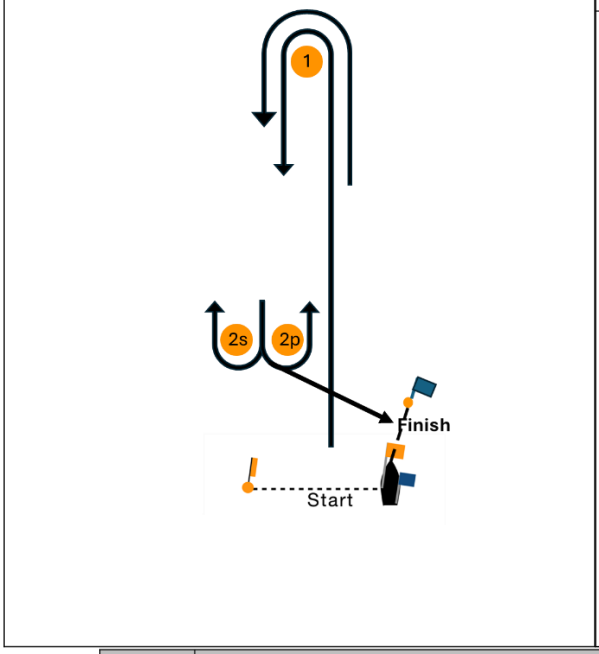
APPENDIX A - Race Area

In the bay Outside of Moorings in front of Club

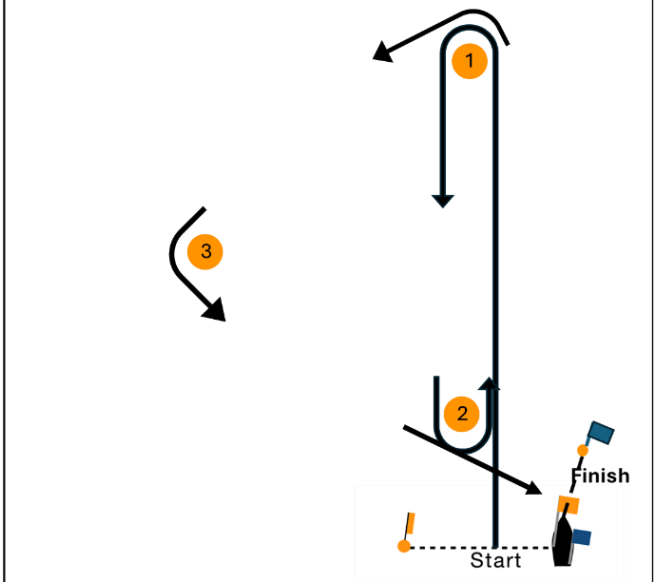
APPENDIX B - Courses, marks and starts

B3.1 Courses

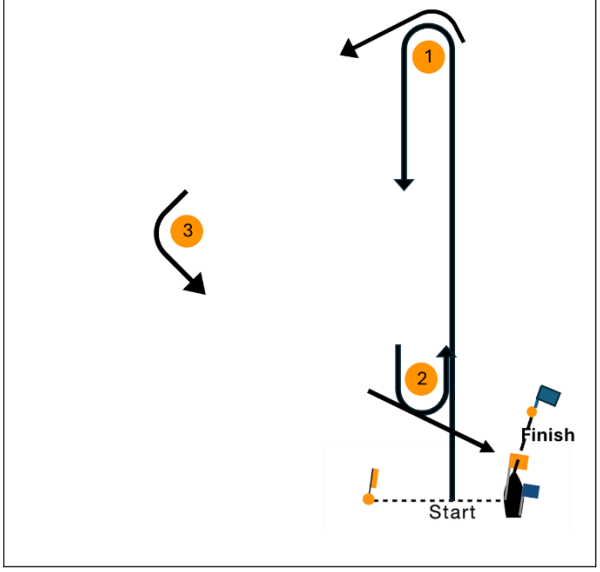
Course L	COURSE: Windward - Leeward
Signal	**Mark Rounding Order**
L2	Start – 1 - 2s/2p – 1 – 2P - Finish
L3	Start – 1 - 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2P - Finish
L4	Start – 1 - 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2P - Finish



Course TS	COURSE: TRIANGLE - SAUSAGE
Signal	**Mark Rounding Order**
TS2	Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish
TS3	Start – 1 – 3 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 2 - Finish
TS4	Start – 1– 3 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 2 - 1 – 2 - Finish



Course ST	COURSE: SAUSAGE - TRIANGLE
Signal	**Mark Rounding Order**
ST2	Start – 1 –2 – 1 – 3 – 2 – Finish
ST3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 2 - 1 – 2 - Finish
ST4	Start – 1– 2 – 1 – 3 - 2 – 1 – 2 - 1 – 3 - 2 - Finish



B3.2 Marks

1. Marks 1 and 2 and 3 will be Orange Pillar inflatable buoys.
   The starting marks for a line start will be:
   a. The CB at the starboard end displaying an orange flag.
   b. A dan buoy or a boat, with a flagstaff, at the port end displaying an orange flag.

2. The finishing marks will be:
   a. The CB displaying a blue flag.
   b. A dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

3. The change windward mark (mark 1) as provided in SI 13 will be a Blue cylindrical mark.

APPENDIX C – Obstructions

Between Carreg-y-Trai buoy and St Tudwal's Island East;

1. Inside the beacon marking the surface water drainage outfall 3 cables N.E. of the SCYC Clubhouse; and
2. Inside the beacon marking the end of the SCYC slipway.