



2022 Miracle/SigneT National Championships 21st August – 26th August 2022

Hosted by Dabchicks Sailing Club, West Mersea

The 2022 Joint Miracle and SigneT National Championships will be held at Dabchicks Sailing Club. The Organising Authority is the Miracle Association and Dabchicks Sailing Club.

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

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 The relevant rules, policies and byelaws of Dabchicks Sailing Club (DSC) will apply. The DSC Byelaws and rules will be available on application to the organising authority.
- 1.3 Class Rules are available on the relevant Class Association web site and apply.
- 1.4 Protocols relating to Covid 19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP]
- 1.5 In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, SIs will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on ONB after 14th August 2022

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at [ONB](#)
- 3.2 While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.3 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online. Competitors should note that the Location WIFI system may not be accessible and they must have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.
- 3.4 Competitor WhatsApp group will be set up to assist competitors. This site is not the ONB.
- 3.5 Hearings may be held remotely under procedures which will be set out in the sailing instructions.



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.
- 4.2 Entries will only be accepted via the event website, which can be accessed via the booking website <https://dabchicks.org/miracle-class-signet-class-nationals-2022/>
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Entries will close on 14th August 2022. There will be no late entries.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows: £150.00 flat rate applies for on-line entry form

Class	Entry Fee
<i>Miracle</i>	<i>£150</i>
<i>SigneT</i>	<i>£150</i>

This does not include social functions.

- 5.2 Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.3 Competitor cancellation

Cancellation Date	Refund
Before 23:59 31/7/2022	Entry fee less £5 administration charge
After 23:59 31/7/2022	No refund

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The following crew limitations apply:
 - 6.1.1.1 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 21st August 2022. Permission to substitute crew after 21st 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
 - 6.1.1.2 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.
 - 6.1.1.3 The maximum age for entry to the youth races is 21, on 21st August 2022.



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 Dabchicks Sailing club:

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
21/8/21	All	1400	1800	Bar Area
22/8/21	All	0830	1030	Bar Area

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

8.3 Racing Schedule:

Date	HW	Miracle Class		SigneT Class	
		Event	Time	Event	Time
Sun 21st Aug	07:39	Practice sail	14:00	Practice sail	14:00
	3.70	Briefing	18:30	Briefing	18:30
		Warning Signal		Warning Signal	
Monday 22nd August	09:00 3.70	1st Points Race	11:00	1st Points Race	11:05
		2nd Points Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race	2nd Points Race	ASAP after 1st Points Race
		1st Youth Race	ASAP after 2nd Points Race	-	-
Tues 23rd Aug	10:21 3.90	3rd Points Race	10.25	3rd Points Race	10.30
		4th Points Race	ASAP after 3rd Points Race	4th Points Race	ASAP after 3rd Points Race
		2nd Youth Race	ASAP after 3rd Points Race		



Weds 24th Aug	11:23 4.20	5th Points Race	10.25	5th points race	10.30
		6th Points Race	ASAP after 5th Points Race	6th Points Race	ASAP after 5th Points Race
		3rd Youth Race	ASAP after 6th Points Race	Crew invitation race concurrent with Miracle Youth Race	ASAP after 6th Points Race
Thurs 25th Aug	12:10 4.50	7th Points Race	10.25	No sailing, lay day. Reserved for catch-up in case of lost races	
		8th Points Race	ASAP after 7th Points Race		
		Single handed/non-spinnaker Race	ASAP after 8th Points Race		
Fri 26th Aug	12:51 4.70	9th Points Race	10.25	7th points race	10.30
		10th Points Race	ASAP after 9th Points Race	8th points race	ASAP after 7th points race
		Crew's Race	ASAP after 10th Points Race	Single Handed Race	ASAP after 8 th points race

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.

8.4 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:
 - 9.5.1.1 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 there use in any race.
 - 9.5.1.2 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 Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water

11. VENUE <https://dabchicks.org/>

- 11.1 NOR Appendix one shows the Race area
- 11.2 The intended racing area will be The Blackwater Estuary

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.

14.6 In the Youth and Junior Event

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

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

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 All support and coach boats shall register with DSC in advance by email to the club manager.

16.2 Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

16.3 Support person vessels shall be allowed and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.



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- 16.4 Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, they will not be free to roam up and down the course during racing, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.5 All support boat helms shall attend all the safety briefing.
- 16.6 Each support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels. RRS 37 shall apply.
- 16.7 Support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 16.8 When the support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 16.9 Each coach/support boat is required to carry an anchor and line suitable for anchoring in 25 meters depth of water, a tow line, compass and device for making sound signals.
- 16.10 Official, Patrol and Support person vessels may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 16.11 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.[DP]
- 16.12 For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.
- 16.13 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink and spares on Official vessels and/or safety boats.

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 and Racing rules of 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 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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 organiser 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 competitor briefing held for the event.



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

Bell Woodworking Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 1st Points Race.
Trimnell 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 - 7th Points Race.
Cornwall Trophy	Winning helm & crew - 8th Points Race.
Miracle Association Cup	Winning helm & crew - 9th Points Race
Starboard Cup	Winning helm & crew - 10th 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.
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.
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 60 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 21st August 2022
Junior Championship Trophy	Winning helm and crew – Junior Championships 13 to 16 years old and under on 21st August 2022



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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 21st August 2022. Michael Robinson Trophy and Ton Up Cups, calendar age applies.

Team Races {Miracle fleet to manage using existing race results, details TBD at event}

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



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Appendix One

Sailing Area

