

RADIO SAILING WOKING

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(Revised 23 November 2015 – new club room)

Section A - Constitution

1. TITLE

1.1. The Club shall be called Radio Sailing Woking, hereinafter called the Club.

2. OBJECTS

2.1. The objects of the Club shall be to provide sailing and racing facilities for radio model yachts and the sailing of (but not racing) of low powered electrical boats. The Club will also encourage the design and construction of the above mentioned craft.

2.2. In order to encourage competitive sailing, the Club may restrict the number of classes or designs of sailing yachts raced at the Club.

3. AFFILIATIONS

3.1. The club shall be affiliated to the Model Yachting Association (MYA) and the Metropolitan and Southern MYA District Committee.

3.2. The activities of the Club, its Officers and members shall be governed by:

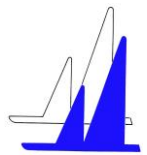
- a) The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Yacht Racing Rules.
- b) The Rules and Regulations of the Radio Sailing Division of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF-RDS).
- c) The Rules and Regulations of the Model Yachting Association.
- d) The Club Constitution.
- e) Any Resolutions passed at a General Meeting or Committee Meeting of the Club.

4. MEMBERSHIP

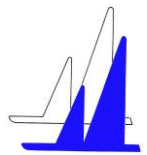
4.1. Categories of membership shall be:

- a) Senior - Full (age 18 or over)
- b) Senior - Associate (18 or over)
- c) Junior (aged 17 or under)

4.2. The Committee may accept applications for Associate Membership if this is considered to be in the best interests of the Club. The Committee may also at its sole discretion set the membership fees applying to Associate Members and any other conditions.



- 4.3. All candidates for Membership of the Club shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Club and elected by the committee, for a three month trial period.
- 4.4. The Committee can refuse a candidate Membership. The Committee are not required to give any explanation.
5. OFFICERS
 - 5.1. The Officers of the Club will be the:-
 - Commodore
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer and Membership Secretary
 - Webmaster
 - 5.2. All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term. Elections will be arranged so that half the Officers retire each year. Retiring Officers will be eligible for re-election. A member may hold two or more Officer's posts if suitable replacements cannot be found from within the Club.
6. THE CLUB COMMITTEE
 - 6.1. The Committee will consist of the Officers together with a maximum of two other members (co-opted members) whom the Committee may at its sole discretion, invite to serve on the Committee. The Committee shall elect a Chair.
 - 6.2. The Committee will meet at least twice a year and more frequently if necessary.
 - 6.3. A quorum for any Committee meeting will be three Committee members.
7. GENERAL MEETINGS
 - 7.1. An Annual General Meeting will be held within each subscription year at a date to be arranged by the Committee.
 - 7.2. Nominations for Officers will be made in writing at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.
 - 7.3. Motions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting will be made in writing at least four weeks before the date of the Meeting.
 - 7.4. A Formal Notice, including an Agenda for the Annual General Meeting noting all nominations and motions shall be forwarded to the Members at least two weeks before the meeting.
 - 7.5. An extra-ordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time on written request of six members of the Club. This request shall be accompanied by a detailed Resolution.
 - 7.6. Voting at Meetings
 - 7.6.1. A simple majority shall be used decide whether motions, amendments and elections are carried.
 - 7.6.2. Each Officer and member (but not an associate member) may exercise one vote.



7.6.3. In the event of a tie, the Commodore (or in his absence, the elected Chair) may exercise a further casting vote.

8. DISSOLUTION

8.1. On dissolution of the Club and after all accounts have been settled, the remaining assets shall be donated to a charity selected by those present at the dissolution meeting.

Section B - Rules for Conduct of Members

9. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

9.1. Every Member upon election and thereafter upon annual renewal is deemed to have notice of and implicitly undertakes to comply with the Club rules, constitution and rules for using the Club room. Any refusal to do so, or any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is unworthy of a member, and or brings the Club into disrepute shall render the Member liable to expulsion by the Committee. The Committee are not required to give any explanation.

9.2. When racing is in progress any casual sailing shall only take place with the express permission of the Officer of the Day.

9.3. The Committee may refuse, at its sole discretion, the use of Club facilities for the sailing or operation of any craft, if such activity is considered likely to be detrimental to the good of the club.

9.4. Members shall only sail if a minimum of two members are present at the time and also only at such times permitted by the Club.

9.5. Junior members are not permitted to sail unless a Parent or Guardian and a Senior Member of the Club are present at all times.

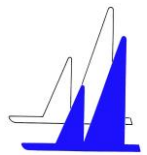
9.6. Visitors may only sail on presentation of a current MYA membership card and with the permission of the Officer of the day.

9.7. Club equipment is available for all members to use, subject to the following conditions:-

9.8. When using the Rescue Boat, members shall wear a buoyancy aid at all times when on the water. Waders shall not be used in the Rescue Boat. Oars must be carried as a back up to the outboard motor. No more than two members are permitted in the Rescue Boat. Junior members are not permitted to use the rescue boat.

9.9. Members are expected, where possible, to assist with equipment set up prior to sailing and with end of day pack up and return to storage. All equipment must be kept clean and tidy and any loss or breakage must be reported to an Officer of the Club.

9.10. After removing or replacing any equipment, members must ensure that the Club room/storage unit and the compound gates are locked and secure.



- 9.11. All members shall use the Club room in accordance with the usage rules which are on display in the Club room.
- 9.12. All Members shall pay due regard to the wild life on and around the water.
- 9.13. Members shall not leave litter of any kind after use of the water.
- 9.14. Members, guests or visitors using the facilities provided by the Club shall do so entirely at their own risk, and implicitly accept that the Club will not accept any liability for any injury to their person that they may incur whilst participating in a Club activity, or for any damage to or loss of their property.
- 9.15. In the absence of any Officer of the Club being present at the time, any incidents occurring during a sailing session, which could affect the club's legal liabilities or relationships with the general public or other lake users, must be reported in writing to one of the Club's Officers as soon as possible after the incident.
- 9.16. Members shall keep themselves informed of any changes to the Club constitution.
- 9.17. Members must abide by the Equality Act 2010 and ensure they do not treat anyone involved with the Club less favourably because of their sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or gender.
- 9.18. All members shall familiarise themselves with, give due regard to and abide by the principles contained in the RYA Racing Charter.
- 9.19. Every member shall behave in accordance with the following provisions of the MYA's Policy on Child Protection:
 - 9.19.1. The child's welfare is paramount.
 - 9.19.2. All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse.
 - 9.19.3. All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
 - 9.19.4. As defined in the Children Act 1989, anyone under the age of 18 years should be considered as a child for the purposes of this statement.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 10.1. Members will pay the annual Club subscription relating to the year of membership. This must be paid by the 1 January in each year or on election to the Club. The subscription will include the MYA affiliation fee unless this fee is paid through membership of another club. Members will not be entitled to any privileges of membership whilst the subscription remains unpaid. The Committee may terminate the membership of any member whose subscriptions remain unpaid.
- 10.2. The Club subscriptions will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.