

Gosport Model Yacht & Boat Club



CLUB RULES wef 11th December 2022

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be "The Gosport Model Yacht and Boat Club" (GMY&BC) and the Headquarters shall be at the Compass Point Pavilion, Model Yacht Lake, Walpole Park, PO12 1FA at Gosport. The Club colours will be dark blue, light blue and yellow. The Club Logo / badge will be as shown above.

2. OBJECTS

To encourage, promote and facilitate model boating in all its aspects.

3. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to the National and Local Governing bodies.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

(a) President and Vice Presidents

Commodore	Sailing Secretary
Vice-Commodore	Publicity and Promotions Officer
Honorary Secretary	House Manager
Honorary Treasurer	House Committee Members
Membership Secretary	

(b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers as at (a) above (except the President and Vice Presidents) elected from the full membership at an Annual General Meeting, four to form a quorum one of whom must be either the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Hon. Secretary. The chair-person at an Executive Committee meeting shall have a casting vote only.

(c) All Officers must retire annually at the Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-election. The maximum consecutive period of the Commodore's term of office is four years.

(d) Sub-committees may be set up, each having a minimum of three Club members and a Chair Person, for Special Events, Radio Control, Free Sailing, Scale Activities or House duties to conduct the detailed business of their own sections. The minutes of each sub-committee meeting are to be presented to the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee who have the authority to amend the decisions taken by any sub-committee, particularly on matters likely to affect the general or financial interest of the Club.

(e) Composition of any sub-committee to be reported to the Honorary Secretary at the next Executive Committee meeting.

(f) The Financial year shall end on the 31st October.

5. MEETINGS

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year.

(b) Executive Committee meetings shall be arranged as required by the Executive Committee.

(c) All members shall be notified of General Meetings at least two weeks before the date of that meeting. This notice to include the minutes of previous meetings, an examined, checked and signed Statement of Accounts and an agenda, with briefing notes as necessary.

(d) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called within twenty-one days of a requisition signed by not fewer than five Full members. Such requisition must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary and the reason for it must be stated.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Categories of membership are available as follows:

(a) Full membership – members aged 18 years and over

(b) Life membership –members so elected at a General Meeting.

(c) Junior membership – members aged under 18 years at the time of subscription payment. Junior members MUST be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult when sailing or using the clubhouse and boathouse facilities.

(d) Family membership – members (Honorary) for spouses/partners and children of full members shall be deemed to be social members only. Any family member wishing to sail in club competitions is required to become either a full or junior member.

(e) Visitor Members are entitled to participate in Club competitions and use the Club facilities for the day of their visit. A visitor member shall be defined as a person who may or may not be a member of another MYA recognised club, but upon registration of their details in the Club Day Book may participate in a GMY&BC sailing or racing event other than an MYA recognised event.

(f) Only Full and Life members are eligible to vote at General Meetings.

(g) The fact of persons becoming or continuing as members is a distinct acknowledgement on their part that they will be bound by the rules of the Club.

(h) Temporary members may be admitted to the Club for a period of up to four weeks on application to the Membership Secretary and shall pay a fee as determined by the EC. They will have no voting rights

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (a) All candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by senior members on the application form provided for the purpose and elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- (b) In the event of a nominee being rejected by the Executive Committee, the proposer and seconder shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting called for that purpose.

8. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct they consider to be detrimental to the interest of the Club. Such member shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Subscriptions become due on the 1st January and must be paid direct to the Treasurer or Membership Secretary.
- (b) Those members who pay their subscriptions in advance i.e. on or before 31st December of the preceding subscription year shall be eligible for a discount if and as agreed at the AGM.
- (c) Any members not renewing their subscription by 31st January of the new subscription year shall be deemed to have relinquished their membership and if they wish to rejoin shall be treated as new applicants and required to pay a new membership joining fee as agreed at General Meeting.
- (d) New applicants for membership will be required to pay a new membership joining fee except for Junior membership applicants or any applicants who are already members of the MYA through an affiliated MYA club.
- (e) Members elected on or after 1st July shall pay a reduced subscription for that year as agreed at each AGM. In addition, they will pay the full joining fee unless they are already members of the MYA through an affiliated MYA club.
- (f) Berthing and measurement fees will be payable in accordance with levels agreed at the AGM.
- (g) Should an increase of subscription be deemed necessary at any time, the Executive Committee shall recommend that proposed increase and submit it to a General Meeting for approval. Any entrance, joining and/or berthing fees shall be dealt with in a similar manner.
- (h) Life members are not required to pay the annual subscription.
- (i) Full and junior members are encouraged to join the MYA each year.

10. TRUSTEES

- (a) The Club, its premises (if applicable) and all Club property thereon other than cash, or cash at the Bank, shall be vested in the Executive Committee, and shall be insured against fire, burglary, storms, flood and third-party risk.
- (b) The original Trustees, who are named in the Club's various legal documents, were the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary, at that time. To avoid costly legal charges with each change of Club Officer, they will remain as Trustees, provided they continue to be full Club members and are willing to do so. On their retirement as Trustee, they are to be replaced by a full member, approved by the Executive Committee, at that time. The lease requires there to be at least two Trustees.

(c) The Trustees will be indemnified from liability for any losses arising in connection with wrongful acts carried out by the Club.

11. PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) The Club and its Officers cannot accept any responsibility for any member's personal property.

(b) Personal property, including models left on Club premises by persons whose subscriptions and storage fees are one year in arrears shall be disposed of to defray storage and other expenses, after notification by the Hon. Secretary to the last known address of the owners.

12. STORAGE OF BOATS

The Club House comprises The Boat House and the Club Room.

As the berthing space in the Boathouse is very limited the Executive Committee believes that the limited space available should be used for boats which take part regularly in Club events, rather than as a long-term boat store.

(a) Members wishing to be placed on the waiting list for berths in the boathouse should contact the Vice Commodore. The waiting list will be maintained in strict order of application. Notice of members continuing requirement for a berth should be included on the annual membership renewal form.

(b) Yachts or boats will be berthed within the area allocated as agreed by the Executive Committee. Those members allocated a berth must leave their boats in that defined space. No unofficial or unauthorized exchange or occupation of other berths is acceptable other than sub para (d) below.

(c) Members berthing boats in the Boat House shall pay a berthing fee per season per boat as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved at an AGM.

(d) In order to maintain the very limited berthing space available, berth holders not using their slot for a month or more should offer the space on temporary loan to the next person on the waiting list who intends to sail regularly. This is on the clear understanding that when the berth holder wants to bring their boat back to the Boat House the temporary occupant vacates the berth promptly.

(e) The Vice Commodore, as keeper of the master list of berthing applications, must be informed of all temporary loan of berths.

Members berthing boats in the Boathouse may expect to be asked to temporarily remove their boats when the Club is hosting a large event, and their boat is not entered for that event.

12.1 CLUB KEYS

(a) Members who have belonged to the Club for One Year may apply to the Treasurer for a key to the Building Outer door, giving access to the Boathouse and toilet. Completion of an Application & Acceptance of responsibility form and a £10 deposit is required.

(b) Keys to the Clubhouse will be made available to all Trustees, Committee Members, Class Captains, Vice Class Captains and Measurers should they require them.

(c) All keys must be returned to the Treasurer on ceasing to be a member of the Club or Executive Committee, when the deposit will be refunded. Lost keys must be reported to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

13. RADIO CONTROL EQUIPMENT

- (a) Radio Control Transmitters are only to be used by the pond side, after a frequency peg has been obtained and replaced with a personal name peg. Aerial protection must be used.
- (b) The use of 35 MHz is not allowed.
- (c) Frequency identification pegs are to be displayed at all times.

14. CLASSES OF YACHTS

- (a) All classes of yacht recognised by the MYA.
- (b) Any other form of model yacht or boat except that no internal combustion engine powered models is permitted.

15. MEASURING FEE

A measuring/registration fee as agreed at an Annual General Meeting shall be charged for rating certificates.

16. YACHT RACING SEASON

The racing calendar shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the preceding year.

17. EVENT RULES

- (a) All events shall be conducted under the rules of the appropriate association conducting that particular aspect of model boating or specific club sailing instructions.
- (b) Additionally local rules as required by the GMY&BC and/or the Gosport Borough Council will be displayed on the boathouse and clubhouse notice boards, and are to be complied with at all times.
- (c) A handicap system may be used when assessing winners of events except Open Events.
- (d) A budget must be produced for all events where non-members are publicly invited to enter. This budget must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to any expenditure for that event being undertaken. All surplus monies derived from each event will be transferred to the Club's working revenue funds.
- (e) Budgets for all events, where non-members are publicly invited to enter, shall include a per boat, per day contribution to Club funds. Rates for the first day and for the second and subsequent days will be set annually by the Executive Committee and notified to members at the Annual General Meeting.

18. TROPHIES

- (a) All trophies are the property of the Club. After award, the principal trophies will be retained for display in the Clubhouse Trophy Cabinet, and a certificate of award presented to the recipient. Except for Open events, Club trophies shall only be awarded to Full or Junior members.
- (b) A record of past and present Trophy Holders will also be displayed in the Trophy Cabinet, alongside the relevant Trophy.
- (c) Lesser Trophies, not required for display, may be taken away from the Club, but the recipient is responsible for its care and safety, and the Trophy must be returned prior to the next AGM.

19. GENERAL

- (a) All cars are to be parked on Council authorised parking spaces only.
- (b) Members are to ensure that the lakeside, Club and Boathouse premises and facilities are left in a clean and tidy condition.
- (c) During an allocated period, the use of the lake is restricted to the appropriate class. This rule (c) may be relaxed at the Race Officer's discretion.
- (d) Members, their guests or visitors using the facilities of the Club shall do so entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury or any damage or loss of property belonging to members, their guest or visitors.
- (e) Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests.

20. INTERPRETATION OF CLUB RULES

All matters concerning the interpretation of these rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

21. BYE LAWS

The Executive Committee shall have power to make Bye-Laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club, provided the same are not inconsistent with these Rules. Bye-Laws shall be binding on all members.

22. ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

- (a) Any additions or amendment to the above rules must be submitted to an Annual General Meeting for consideration and adoption and circulated to all members at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
- (b) Adopted rules will be notified to all Club members as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting.

23. ASSETS

On dissolution of the Club, the Assets of the Club shall be distributed to charities nominated by the Executive Committee.

24. RESOLUTION OF GENERAL MEETING

These rules were agreed by the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on 11th December 2022 and entirely replace any club rules dated prior to this date.