

GOSPORT MODEL YACHT AND BOAT CLUB



Encourages, promotes and facilitates model boating in all its aspects.

Champions fair sailing and fosters enjoyment, friendly competition and participation in Club events

CLUB RULES

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be "The Gosport Model Yacht and Boat Club" (GMYBC) and its home shall be at the Compass Point Pavilion, South Street, 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. OBJECT

The Club's object is to encourage, promote and facilitate model boating in all its aspects.

3. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to the Model Yachting Association (MYA).

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

(a) President.

(b)

Commodore

Vice-Commodore

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Sailing Secretary

House Manager

Two Committee Members

Lake Manager

(c) The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of the Officers as at (b) above, elected from the full membership at an Annual General Meeting (AGM), five are needed to form a quorum, of whom, one must be either the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Hon. Secretary. The chairperson at an EC meeting shall have a casting vote only.

(d) At the end of every sailing season, all Officers and Committee members must retire at the AGM, but are eligible for re-election. The maximum consecutive period of the Commodore's term of office is four years.

(e) Nominations for all Officers, members of the Executive Committee, signed (or e-mailed) by the proposer, seconder, and nominee must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the AGM. Such nominations, together with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be posted in the Club House at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

(f) In the event that there are insufficient volunteers to fill vacant posts, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a member to serve until the next AGM.

(g) Sub-committees may be set up by the EC as required. The notes of each sub-committee meeting are to be presented to the EC at its next meeting.

(h) The Financial Year shall end on 31st October.

5. MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held within three months of the end of the Financial Year (31st October). Where necessary, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested at any time during the year. At least five Full Members must make the request, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (b) All members shall be formally notified of the AGM by the Executive Committee (EC), at least two weeks before the date of the meeting. This notice is to include the minutes of the previous AGM, an examined, checked and signed Statement of Accounts, an agenda, with briefing notes as necessary, nominations for EC members and all motions, with supporting information, proposed by the EC and members.
- (c) Decisions taken at an AGM or EGM shall be confined to the business stated in the formal notice sent to members. At the discretion of the Commodore, matters may be raised during the meeting by attendees under Any Other Business (AOB), but no decisions on them shall be taken.
- (d) Life members and Full members may propose motions to be voted on at the AGM, by submitting their motion with full explanatory notes as required, to the Honorary Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the AGM. Such motions should be seconded by at least two further Life or Full members.
- (e) EC meetings shall be held as required, but at least once every two months.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Categories of membership are available as follows:

- (a) Life membership – members so elected at a General Meeting.
- (b) Full membership – members aged 18 years and over.
- (c) Junior membership – members aged under 18 years on the 1st January of the appropriate subscription year. at the time of subscription payment. Junior members MUST be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult when sailing or using the Clubhouse 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 on a visitor's card, in the Club Day Book, they may participate in a GMYBC sailing or racing event. They may not participate in a 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. They shall pay a fee agreed at the most recent AGM. They shall have no voting rights.

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (a) All candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by Full or Life members on the application form provided for the purpose. The EC shall then consider the application. For membership to be granted, the majority of the EC must endorse it.
- (b) No reason for rejection shall be given to an unsuccessful candidate, nor may they be proposed for membership within at least six months.

8. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Executive Committee (EC) 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) The subscription year shall be 1st February to 31st January.
- (b) Subscription, berthing, measurement and new membership joining fee rates will be reviewed annually and agreed at the AGM for the next subscription period.
- (c) Subscriptions become due on the 1st February and must be paid directly to the Club, accompanied by a fully completed membership renewal form.
- (d) Those members who pay their subscriptions in advance i.e. on or before 31st January of the preceding subscription year shall be eligible for a discount if and as agreed at the AGM.
- (e) Any members not renewing their subscription by 28 or 29 February of the new subscription year shall be deemed to have relinquished their membership. If they wish to rejoin, they shall be treated as new applicants and required to pay the a new membership joining fee.
- (f) New applicants for membership will be required to pay the New Membership Joining Fee. Exemption from this charge is confined exclusively to applicants for Junior or Family membership.
- (g) Members elected on or after 1st August shall pay a reduced subscription for that year, as agreed at each AGM. In addition, they will pay the full new membership joining fee, unless they are already members of the MYA.
- (h) Should an increase of subscription, berthing, measurement or new membership joining fee be deemed necessary at any time, the EC shall recommend the proposed increase(s) and submit it to a General Meeting for approval.

Life members are not required to pay the annual subscription

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 EC, and shall be insured against theft of such property, fire, storms, flood and third-party risk.
- (b) There shall be at least three Property Trustees of the Club, who shall be appointed when necessary, by the EC, from Full or Life members.

(c) A Trustee shall hold office during their lifetime or until they resign in writing to the EC, or until a resolution removing them shall be passed at one of its meetings, by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present, who are entitled to vote.

(d) A Trustee who ceases to be a member of the Club, will be deemed to have resigned as a Trustee.

(e) 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 or more, shall be sold to defray storage and other expenses, after notification by the Hon. Secretary to the last known address of the owners.

12. STORAGE OF BOATS

(a) The Clubhouse comprises the Boat House and the Club Room.

(b) Berthing spaces are exclusively for boats, which are regularly sailed.

(c) Members wishing to be placed on the waiting list for berths in the Boat House should contact the Vice Commodore. The waiting list will be maintained in strict order of application.

(d) 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 that which is defined in Sub-para (f) below.

(e) Members berthing boats in the Boat House shall:

1. Pay a berthing fee per season per boat as recommended by the EC and approved at an AGM.
2. Agree to the terms and conditions for keeping their boat in their allocated berth.

(f) 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.

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

13. CLUB KEYS

(a) Members who have belonged to the Club for at least one year may apply to the Treasurer for a key to the outer door of the building. To obtain a key, they must complete an application form, which confirms their acceptance of responsibility for the security of the building and pay a £10 deposit. If the application is approved the Lake Manager will be responsible for handing over keys and briefing the

recipients on the procedure for securing the building. At this time, he will also provide the combination to the internal door to the Clubroom.

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

(c) Where key holders terminate their membership of the Club, they must return their keys to the Treasurer. The £10 deposit will then be refunded to them. Key holders who lose their keys must report the loss to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

14. CLASSES OF YACHTS

Regular, scheduled racing on the Lake is confined to the following classes of model yacht: Vane A (VA), Vane 36 (V36), Radio A (RA), International One Metre (IOM), Radio Controlled Laser (RCL), Multihull (MH), Dragonflite 95 (DF95) and Dragonforce 65 (DF65). The Club runs Open Events exclusively for the aforementioned classes. The EC may, from time to time, allow other model yachting events, which do not impinge on scheduled racing or Open Events in the Club's Calendar.

15. MEASURING FEE

A measuring fee, as agreed at an Annual General Meeting (AGM), shall be charged for measuring a boat and completing the associated measurement documentation.

16. YACHT RACING CALENDAR

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

17. EVENT RULES

(a) Events shall be conducted in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, produced and published by the Club for the event.

(b) Where necessary, additional rules laid down by GMYBC or Gosport Borough Council will also be applied. Such rules will be displayed within the Club and participants must adhere to them.

(c) With the exception of Open Events, a handicap system may be used for assessing winners of events.

(d) For all Open Events, the designated Event Organiser must present a comprehensive budget to the EC. The EC must approve the budget before any expenditure is made against the event. 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 EC and notified to members at the AGM.

18. TROPHIES

All trophies are the property of the Club. Once they have been awarded, they are to be returned immediately to the Clubhouse and secured in the Trophy Cabinet. With the exception of Open Events, trophies shall be awarded exclusively to Full or Junior Club members.

19. GENERAL

(a) Members are to ensure that they leave the Lakeside, Clubroom and Boathouse premises and facilities in a clean and tidy condition.

(b) For the duration of a scheduled racing session, the use of the Lake is exclusively for the participating skippers. At the Race Officer's discretion, this rule may, however, be relaxed.

(c) Members shall be responsible for the conduct of any guests whom they bring to the Club.

20. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

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.

21. INTERPRETATION OF CLUB RULES

All matters concerning the interpretation of these rules shall be dealt with by the EC. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

22. BYE-LAWS

The EC shall have the power to make bye-laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club. Such bye-laws shall be consistent with these Club Rules. Bye-laws shall be binding on all members.

23. ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

(a) Members who wish to propose amendments to the Club Rules, must do so in writing, to the EC. Since the Rules may be amended only by the endorsement of a General Meeting, such proposals must be sent to the Committee at least 16 days before the date of the General Meeting.

(b) Adopted rules will be notified to all Club members as soon as possible after the General Meeting.

24. ASSETS

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

25. RESOLUTION OF GENERAL MEETING

These rules were agreed by the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club, held on 3rd August 2026 and entirely replace earlier versions of the Club Rules.