

Scarborough Model Yacht Club

Scarborough & District – Model Radio Controlled Yachting

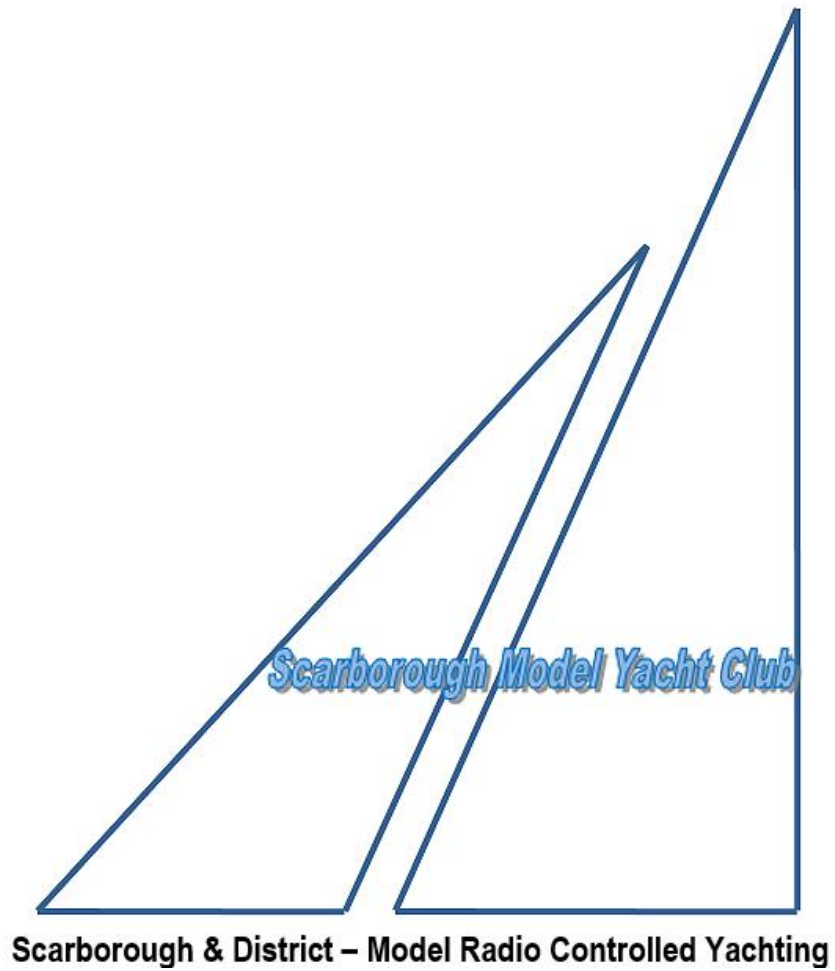
THE CONSTITUTION

SCARBOROUGH MODEL YACHT CLUB

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1 THE ORGANISATION:-

1.1 DEFINITIONS:-

1.1.1 THE CLUB NAME:

- Scarborough Model Yacht Club (SMYC)

1.1.2 A MEMBER:

- Any person complying with the requirements of the club rules and whose fees are not more than 2 months in arrears.

1.1.3 MEMBERSHIP YEAR:

- 1st January to 31st December inclusive.

1.1.4 MEETINGS:

- The Annual General Meeting – See “Article 9”
- Extraordinary General Meeting – See “Article 9”

2 THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1 – Purpose of the Club:

- To create and grow a club for enthusiastic members, which promotes the sailing and racing of Model Yachting Association (MYA) adopted radio controlled model yachts
- Arrange and provide the advantages and benefits usually associated within a model yacht club

Article 2 – Status of the Club:

- The Club shall be mutually owned and non-profit making, any surpluses being reinvested in the Club.

Article 3 – Membership:

- Membership is open to all those who support the purpose of the Club and abide by its rules, regardless of gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.
- The classes of membership available are:-
 - **Senior** Member (Mutual Membership) - Open to all persons who are aged 18 years and over on the 1st January in the year of membership.
 - **Junior** Member (Non-mutual Membership) Open to ages 16 to 18 prior to the 1st of January in the year of membership
 - **Cadet** Member (Non-mutual Membership) - Open to the children of a Full Member aged 14 to 16 prior to the 1st of January in the subscription year.
 - Temporary Member (Non-mutual Membership) - May be granted to any individual on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Committee.



Article 4. – Model Yachting Association Affiliation:

- All members are required to be affiliated members of the Model Yachting Association (MYA). New members not holding a current MYA membership will be required to enrol at the time of joining the SMYC. The yearly fee, which is controlled and subject to change is notified usually, following the Annual General Meeting of the Model Yachting Association
 - Affiliation Fees are due on the 1st of January each year and included with the request for members' renewal of club membership by invoice.
 - Fees are notified to the members as part of the yearly membership invoice
 - All club members' affiliations are co-ordinated by the secretary and sent with payment to the MYA Membership Secretary.

NB:- Members with MYA affiliation through membership of another club are not required to duplicate their affiliation.

Article 5 – Officers, Committee, Election & Formulation:

- The officers of the Club shall be the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Class Captains, one for each class of boat adopted by the club.
- The Committee shall consist of the Officers for a total membership up to 24 members. For a total membership of 25 to 34 an additional committee member will be appointed, with a further and final committee member being appointed when the membership total 45 is reached.
- The election of Officers and Committee Members will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by a simple majority of the Mutual Members present and voting. Written ballot shall be taken when more than one person is nominated for any office. Nominations may be made from the members present. The Officers and Committee members shall begin their term of office directly after their election.

Article 6 - Committee Meetings

- Committee Meetings shall be held as and when decided by the Committee. A quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be three members, including two Officers.
- The Committee is required to propose, enact and verify matters regarding the day-to-day running of the Club and to authorise expenditure. A simple majority of the combined vote of attending Officers and Committee Members at a quorate meeting is required to approve a proposal. Every Officer and Committee Member present, except the Chair, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

Article 7 - Duties of the Officers

- **The Chairpersons** duty is to preside over all meetings of the Club and the Committee and ensure that the Constitution, Rules and Accounting Procedures of the Club are enforced.
- **The Secretaries** duties shall be to:
 - Maintain a documented record of the proceedings of Committee and General Meetings of the Club
 - Keep a correct roll of all members
 - File all documents, records, reports and communications connected with Club business
 - Notify each new member elected, or rejected for membership of the decision, Notify the Treasurer of new members
 - Notify each member of all General Meetings of the Club
 - Administer all correspondence of the Club as necessary
 - In the case of inability to attend any meetings arrange a substitute.



- **The Treasurer** duties shall be to:
 - Keep an accurate account of all receipts and payments of the Club and all monies due it and debts contracted by it
 - Arrange for the safe keeping of all cash and securities
 - Make a report at the Annual General Meeting of the income and expenditure and the financial health of the Club
 - Act in accordance with normal Accounting Procedures.

Article 8 - Fees & Subscriptions

- The fees for respective membership classes, joining fees (see Article 3) and other charges shall be determined from time to time by the Committee and shall be ratified by the Membership at a General Meeting by a vote of Mutual Members present.
 - Membership Fees are due on the 1st of January.
 - Members who have paid an annual subscription shall be deemed members of that class of membership until the last day of December of that current Membership Year.

Article 9 – Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held before December 31st of the current Membership Year.

- Notices of General Meetings shall be distributed to all members at least 21 days prior to the meeting and must state the purpose of the meeting.
- A quorum of must be present, the number of Mutual Members required to be present shall be decided based on the criteria within the following table:

Club Membership	Members to be Present	Notes
Five to Nine	Club not viable	Monetarily not possible to retain the club
Ten to Fourteen	Five – (Inclusive of two officers)	
Fifteen to Nineteen	Six – (Inclusive of two officers)	
Twenty to Twenty-four	Seven – (Inclusive of two officers)	
Twenty-Five	Eight – (Inclusive of two officers)	If membership exceeds 35 then discuss

Proposals for consideration at an AGM shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary as soon as possible or as notified.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called at the request of the Chairperson, or:

- At the request of 3 Committee Members
- At the request of four Named Mutual Members.
- The Chairperson shall convene an EGM within 30 days from receipt of a legitimate request. A quorum shall be the same criteria as for an AGM
- Non-Mutual Members may be present as non-voting attendees.
- New proposals shall not be allowed at an EGM.

Procedure, the Secretary or Senior Officer present shall chair the AGM/EGM. Proposal will be decided by a simple majority of votes by those members' present having voting rights. In the case of equality of votes, the Chair shall have a casting vote.



Article 10 - Resignations, Expulsions & Disciplinary Hearings

- **Resignations**, any member may resign from the Club by submitting a statement of resignation to the Secretary. A resignation shall not relieve the member of any obligation to settle arrears on fees and subscriptions, any other monies owed or Club property held by them to the Club.
- **Arrears**, any member who refuses to meet their financial obligations to the Club after being notified that they are more than 90 days in arrears may be expelled from membership, provided that the Committee may use its discretion in hardship cases
- **Disciplinary Hearings**, The Committee shall hold a disciplinary hearing to consider any written complaint against a member alleged to be in breach of the rules or of conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute. The defendant shall have the right to put their side of the argument. Minutes of the meeting shall be taken and a copy sent to the defendant. If any complaint is upheld by a majority of at least 2/3, the Committee shall have the right to impose such reasonable penalty as it sees fit, including loss of membership, but shall have regard to previous length of membership and behaviour. The defendant shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting of the membership, where the minutes of the original hearing shall be available for consultation.
- **Relinquishment**, resignation or expulsion from the Club shall be relinquishment of all rights, title and interest in and to the Club property. Members expelled from the Club may not enjoy or attend any functions of the Club as a guest of a Club Member. Any person who has been expelled from the Club shall not be re-admitted to any class of membership unless any monies owed the Club have been paid in full and such readmission is approved by a 2/3 majority the Officers and Committee.

Article 11 - Amendments

This Constitution or any part of it may be amended, added to, or repealed with a vote of Mutual Members at a General Meeting. Such a vote will require a simple majority of all Mutual Members present to be validated.

Article 12 - Rules

The use of any Club facilities by Members, the admission of guests to the Club events, the holding of events and Sailing matches and generally for the good conduct of affairs of the Club shall be subject to; "The Rules & Regulations" produced by Wykeham Watersports and the additional Club Rules. Such Rules shall be binding on all Members.

The Committee shall have the power to amend, add or repeal any additional Club Rule, Accounting Procedure or Sailing Instruction. Such amendments, additions or repeals shall lapse at the next General Meeting of the Club unless approved by a 2/3rds of all Mutual Members present.

Any issues arising with "The Rules & Regulations" must be addressed in writing to the Club Committee, who will discuss the issue and seek change(s), if possible with Wykeham Watersports and report the outcome as soon as possible.



Article 13 - Dissolution

In the event that a proposal is received at a General Meeting to wind up the Club and that proposal is approved by 2/3 of the Mutual Members present, the Officers shall convene a further General Meeting to consider that proposal. In the event that dissolution is approved the Officers shall be empowered to liquidate the assets of the Club and settle any existing liabilities. Any surplus remaining shall be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes as determined by Mutual Members at the General Meeting approving dissolution. In the event that there is any remaining deficit then all Mutual Members shall be liable to make good that deficit equally.

Article 14 - Circulation

The Constitution and Rules shall be distributed to each new member upon joining and required to sign a declaration that the rules have been read and understood.