



# Watermead Model Boat Club

## Club Constitution - 2024



1. **Name and Title** - The Club shall be known as Watermead Model Boat Club (WMBC)
2. **Aim and Objectives** - To promote and support the interest in model boats and sailing yachts for pleasure, leisure and competition.
3. **Affiliations** - The club may be affiliated to the MYA, MPBA and any other organisations as required and relevant to club members.
4. **Meetings**
  - 1 Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be held in Oct/Nov (unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise) at which only adult members shall be entitled to vote. When possible, notice of at least 28 days will be given to club members to inform of an AGM meeting date.
  - 2 At the AGM the following club officers will be elected: *Club Chairman, Club Yacht Racing Officer, Club Scale Officer, Club Event/Communication Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary.* (Committee may co-opt a member as it deems necessary and appropriate, example being Vice Chairperson).
  - 3 An Emergency General Meeting may be called by the Committee if required.
  - 4 Non club members are welcome to join any club meeting but will not be permitted to express opinion or vote towards a majority decision at an AGM. The Club Chairman will have a casting vote if required.
  - 5 Decisions and policies will only be carried forward after a committee majority vote is achieved.
  - 6 The club will strive to hold regular ordinary club meetings if the membership supports this.
5. **Committee Membership**
  - 1 A club member may hold more than one committee position if required providing no conflict of interest is present.
  - 2 Club membership of two full years or more is required before being eligible for any committee position. An exception being the application for a newly created and previously unfilled committee membership role.
  - 3 No club member may be a committee member of WMBC if they are a current serving committee member of another model boat club or model boat club organisation.
  - 4 All committee members will be elected on the basis of helping to serve and support the Club in a fair and unbiased manner.
  - 5 When a majority vote is required a minimum quorum of at least 3 committee members is required to ensure a democratic and fair outcome is obtained.
  - 6 If a committee member resigns an Emergency General Meeting will be called as soon as practical to try and fill that vacancy.
  - 7 Club subscriptions shall be determined by the Committee and approved as a motion at the AGM.
  - 8 The overseeing of club financial affairs will be openly undertaken by the Committee under the management and guidance of the Club Treasurer.
  - 9 Application for a committee position - any member wishing to stand for election to the committee must be nominated, seconded and elected by a majority vote. This process being undertaken at any WMBC committee/club AGM or general meeting.
  - 10 All WMBC committee members are responsible for assisting with the ongoing development of all risk assessments.

## **6. Club President (a non-voting position)**

The Committee reserves the right to appoint a non-elected honorary club president. This position will be filled by committee appointment based on personal qualities and in recognition of club service not necessarily length of club membership. This position will be entitled to free annual club membership but not inclusive of any insurance required for the purpose of sailing.

## **7. Club Membership**

- 1 Membership of WMBC will be granted by signing the Membership Application Form which confirms acceptance of the Code of Conduct and Club Constitution documents alongside paid subscriptions as detailed on the current form.
- 2 Subscriptions due from 1 January to 31 December on an annual basis.
- 3 Honorary free membership can be awarded at the discretion of the committee
- 4 The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership. The Committee are not required to give an explanation for doing so.
- 5 The Club cannot be held responsible for any personal injury to members.
- 6 The Club cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to a member's personal property
- 7 All club members are expected to act in keeping with helping to promote a friendly, responsible and respectful attitude towards fellow members and their guests. The Committee reserves the right to investigate any reports of inappropriate behaviour which may lead to membership suspension or cancellation.
- 8 All club members have the requirement to make themselves fully aware of all WMBC risk assessments and to respect the measures in place.

## **8. Dissolving the Club**

- 1 If the need arises the Club can be dissolved by the vote and consent of at least 75% of its members.
- 2 The disposal of any remaining funds and club assets including equipment will be decided by agreement and majority vote of club membership at a meeting specifically called for this reason.

## **9. Additional Membership Notes**

- 1 Acceptance to abide and respect the contents of the Code of Conduct, Club Constitution and Risk Assessment documents forms part of the WMBC membership agreement.
- 2 If any member is found to be in serious breach of the Code of Conduct or Club Constitution the Committee reserves the right to cancel their membership.
- 3 Copies of the Club Constitution and Code of Conduct documents available for download on the Membership page of the Club's website.