



Datchet Water Radio Sailing Club

CONSTITUTION OF THE DATCHET WATER RADIO SAILING CLUB

1. NAME.

1.1 The name of the club is DATCHET WATER RADIO SAILING CLUB (The "Club")

2. OBJECT.

2.1 The objects of the club are

- a) To promote and encourage the design, construction, sailing and racing of radio yachts.
- b) To manage the club within the guidelines of the National Authority.

3. LANGUAGE.

3.1 The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

4. COMPOSITION AND ORGANISATION.

4.1 The composition of the club shall consist of: the Membership and the Committee.

4.2 The club shall be organised through at least one Annual Meeting together with Committee meetings as appropriate.

5. MEMBERSHIP.

5.1 Membership may be granted to individuals who apply to the Committee and are accepted by the Committee.

5.2 It shall be an obligation of the Members to support the objects of the Club.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

6.1 The club shall be maintained financially viable by the membership by means of an Annual Subscription by the membership.

6.2 The Annual Subscription becomes due on April 1st.

6.3 All members must pay their subscription by May 1st. Any member who fails to pay their subscription by May 1st shall cease to be a member of the Club without further notice.

6.4 There shall be a non-refundable joining fee payable on election to the club.

6.5 Any new applicant approved for membership within the period six months to three months before the prescribed membership renewal date will be entitled to a reduction of

50%. Renewal of membership and payment of the full subscription will be required at the

next renewal date. New applicants joining within three months of the renewal date should

pay the full subscription which will last until the end of the financial year.

6.6 The annual subscription for junior members (16 years and under) shall be reviewed and set at each AGM

6.7 Members are allowed to bring a sailing visitor and a daily sailing fee is required. All guests must abide by the Club Rules and Constitution.

7. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

7.1 Annual meetings and extraordinary meetings shall be conducted at a suitable venue.

7.2 The Committee shall designate a date and venue for the Annual Meeting and notify all members at least two calendar months in advance.

7.3 The schedule for the submission of motions, nominations and amendments is as follows:

Notification of AM. 2 Months. Submission of motions and nominations 6 weeks.

Submission of amendments. 3 weeks.

7.4 Annual Meeting Agenda shall include the following:

Approval of minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.

Matters arising there from.

To receive Reports from; Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Racing Secretary

Election of Chairman, who will immediately take the chair.

Election of Committee.

Motions and Amendments.

Annual Subscriptions to the Club.

Any Other Business.

7.5 Voting at Annual Meeting shall be open to all members who may cast one vote each.

7.6 All nominees, who shall be Members of the Club, shall be nominated and seconded by Members of the Club.

8. COMMITTEE.

8.1 The Committee shall consist of:

a. The Chairman.

b. The Secretary.

c. The Treasurer.

d. The Racing Secretary.

e. Bosun/Health and Safety Officer

f. Two additional members

8.2 The Committee shall be responsible for dealing with routine matters and correspondence on behalf of the Club between Annual Meetings.

8.3 Committee members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

8.4 The Committee may submit motions to the Annual Meeting but shall have voting powers only as members.

8.5 In the event of tied vote the Chairman shall have the option of a casting vote.

8.6 Any casual vacancy in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by co-option from the membership of the Club. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the next

Annual Meeting and shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

9. RULES.

9.1 Members shall be governed by the Constitution and Club Rules.

9.2 Rules shall be set by the Committee. Any changes or additions to the Rules shall be agreed by at least a two thirds majority of the Committee.

9.3 Any member behaving in such a way likely to cause offence or embarrassment to other members or the general public during Club activities will be warned by the committee that his/her actions are to be modified. If no improvement is observed within four weeks then he/she will be asked by the committee to resign or be expelled from the club.

10. RACING RULES.

10.1 Class races shall be conducted using the yacht racing rules of the ISAF - IRSA and the National Authority. At National and District Championships these rules shall be varied only with the prior agreement of the National Authority.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

11.1 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors use the Club premises and facilities entirely at their own risk and implicitly agree to accept the following limitation of liability.

a. The Club will not be responsible for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors, nor will the Club accept any liability for personal injury sustained by members, their guests or visitors out of the use of Club premises, or participation in any event organised by the Club, whether or not such damage or injury shall be occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, Committee or servants of the Club.

b. In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by members of the Club, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contact is of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of The Club.

12. FINANCE.

12.1 a. It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club finances.

b. Authorised signatories to the Club account; the Chairman, Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. Any withdrawals from the account shall be signed by any two of the three signatories.

c. Any account enacted from time to time on behalf of the Club shall be declared at the Annual Meeting.

12.2 Honorary Auditor. At the Annual Meeting each year there shall be an Auditor appointed whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Club for the current year.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

13.1 This Constitution shall be amended only by an Annual Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting and the resolution shall be supported by two thirds of the votes cast.

14. DISSOLUTION.

14.1 The Club shall not be dissolved while there are at least six members.

14.2 On Dissolution the net assets of the Club shall be divided equally between the number of members at dissolution.