

Norwich Model Boat Club

Constitution

1. The Club will be known as “Norwich Model Boat Club”
2. The object of the Club shall be the promotion of building and/or operation of model boats.
3. There is no numerical limit on Club membership, but the numbers of current members will be monitored and any limit on membership will be left to the discretion of the Committee.
4. Any current member may bring to the attention of the Committee why he wishes to veto the joining of a new member, but he must have a sound reason for wishing this course of action to be taken. The final decision will be taken by the Committee after all the facts have been taken into account.
5. The initial joining fee and membership fee will be set at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be fixed until the next AGM.
6. Membership renewal fees are to be paid no later than December 31st, one month after AGM of the preceding year. The joining fee (determined at the AGM) is payable by all new members and those members who have not renewed their subscriptions when due.
7. The elected Management Committee shall consist of Commodore, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Administrative Officer plus section heads responsible for the organising and running of the following events: Scale, Sail & Scale Sail, Fast Electric, Internal Combustion, Steam, Mid-week Sailing, Publicity Officer and Webmaster. The course design and layout for each event is the responsibility of the section heads, who can, if required, call upon other members to assist them in the running of the event. All the above officers have voting rights on the Committee. The position of Commodore, which was voted non-honorary at the 2003 AGM, is to provide an overall opinion on Club matters. The Chairman and in his absence the Vice-Chairman are responsible for the operation of all Club affairs. The Club President is a prestige position, but does not carry voting rights, but if necessary, can be called upon by the Committee for opinion.
8. The Committee quorum will consist of four members.
9. Officers of the Club will have the power to co-opt any further Committee members should the need arise.
10. Officers of the Club will have the final say in any matter arising from the Club’s activities.
11. The Club year will run from AGM to AGM. Under special circumstances, the Committee have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to put forward to the membership a suggestion for Associate Membership, which will only be considered for a leading public dignitary.
12. The AGM will be held on the last Sunday in November.
13. The Treasurer will present, at the AGM, an independently audited financial statement in respect of Club funds and assets.
14. The Committee is empowered to create, modify or delete any Club Rule as and when it deems such action is necessary.
15. The Constitution of the Club may only be changed at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) or AGM.
16. Any member has the right to request an EGM. Their request must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be countersigned by six other members.