

# **Grays Thurrock Model Boat Club Rules From February 2010**

## **1. RUNNING OF MODELS**

- 1.1. Use of Other Persons Equipment. No member shall operate another person's equipment without the owner's permission.
- 1.2. Dangerous Models. No seaplanes, flying boats, airboats, hovercraft or internal combustion powered models are to be allowed on the water.
- 1.3 Each Member of the club will be issued with a set of Regatta Guidelines so as to be able to participate fully in club events.
- 1.4 Sailing Boats. Power must give way to sail.

## **2. RADIO CONTROL.**

- 2.1 Use of Transmitter. Before switching on a transmitter, members shall exchange their name peg for the required frequency peg from the club Frequency Peg Board. The frequency peg shall be displayed on the aerial of the respective transmitter. No transmitter shall be switched on in the absence of the peg (**With The Exception Of 2.4 GHz Radios**).
- 2.2 Members requiring a frequency already in use may challenge the use therefore giving the user 15 minutes more use on that frequency. (Known As 15 Minute Rule)

## **3. POND SIDE DISCIPLINE.**

- 3.1. Members shall ensure that no litter is left behind after club meetings.
- 3.2 Every effort shall be made to maintain good relations with the Rangers of Belhus Woods Country Park.
- 3.3 When driving through the woods to the lake and back Vehicle Hazards must be on and priority to pedestrians  
must be given, Maximum Speed of 5 M.P.H must be adhered to, if any complaints with regard to non compliance to these driving rules is proven the person concerned will have their vehicle pass revoked.
- 3.4 Every effort shall be made by all members of the club to act at all times with decorum and shall not bring the club into any form of disrepute.

## **4. INSURANCE.**

- 4.1 The use of models shall be covered by third Party Insurance.

## **5. WINTER MEETINGS.**

- 5.1 Meetings during the winter months (September to April or at any other times as agreed. as

from 2010 / 2011) will be held at Belhus Woods Country Park. Members shall ensure that they cause no disturbance to other users of the centre and maintain good relations with the principal and members of his/her staff.

## **6. GUESTS.**

6.1 Guests and Associated Members shall be introduced to the officer of the day or a committee member.

6.2. Members introducing guests shall be responsible for the actions of guests at all times.

## **7. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.**

7.1 A prospective member may be allowed to attend for three weeks prior to joining the club.

## **8. COMMITTEE.**

8.1 The Committee has the power to amend, alter or change Club Rules; **The Committee's decision shall be final.**

8.2 Duties. From the remaining three committee members there will be nominated a Regatta Secretary and a Publicity officer, the third member's duties being at the discretion of the Committee. The duties of the Publicity Officer will be to publicise and promote the club and its events within the current rules and constitution of the club. The duties of the Regatta Secretary will be to design and to lay out all courses, the preparation of course maps and instructions, the appointment of Judges and Officer of the "Day and the general administration of regattas. They shall also be responsible for records scores as appropriate and preparation of results to enable presentations to be correctly made on the appropriate day.

8.3. Interpretation of Rules.

The interpretation of Club Rules is at the discretion of the Committee.

8.4. Expulsion.

The Committee has the power to expel any person from the club. Such expulsions shall be permanent.

8.5. Contravention of Rules.

Any member found contravening Club Rules will be asked to appear before the committee.

## **9.ENTRY FEES BELHUS COUNTRY PARK.**

9.1 Belhus Woods Country Park do make a charge for car parking, Club members do not have to pay to enter the park to drive down to the lake, each member should have a key to the gate the key is £5.00 when joining returnable if you leave the club. The Park Authorities have emphasized to us in no uncertain terms that parking in the main car park is for Boat Club business only ( such as meetings etc )and not to be used for any other reason such as taking dogs for a walk. If this is the case you must pay for parking and any infringement will lead to the persons Boat Club Car Pass being revoked.

## **10. FAST BOATS.**

10.1 Only one fast boat is permitted on the lake at one time whilst other members are afloat, and must be kept clear of other users. If asked to come off the lake by the Officer Of The Day or any Senior Committee Person you must do so.

10.2 Portable pool. No fast boats will be used in the club's portable pool.

## **GRAYS THURROCK MODEL BOAT CLUB CONSTITUTION**

1.Name. The Club shall be known as the Grays Thurrock Model Boat Club.

2.Aims. The aim of the club is to foster the building, owning, sailing and displaying model boats.

3. Officers and Committee the officers shall consist of Commodore: Vice-Commodore: Hon Secretary: Hon Treasurer: and Three committee members all of which shall be elected annually at a meeting held in November. The duties of the above officers are as follows.

Commodore: Shall chair the meetings of the club and all committee meetings and will be responsible for authorising the convening of committee meetings as required. Vice-Commodore; Will understudy and deputise for the Commodore as requisite.

Hon Secretary: Shall conduct all correspondence in the name of the Club and will arrange an agenda for committee meetings in consultation with the Commodore and maintain a record of the minutes of all meetings, shall also maintain a record of membership in concert with the Hon Treasurer.

Hon Treasurer; Shall be responsible for controlling all financial receipts and disbursements in the name of the club and will also be responsible for dealing with club membership and receipt of subscriptions and the issue of membership cards. He will submit an audited statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting each year, such statement to be complete up to 5th September of that year.

## **4. Meetings.**

4.1.The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting on a suitable date in November each year. Members to receive not less than three weeks notice of the Meeting including the agenda for the meeting. The business of the meeting shall include A: Reports on activities for the past

year.

B: Treasurer's Report and vote thereon including recommendation for subscription charges for the coming year.

C: Consideration of, and voting on any proposals (motions) raised by the Committee or Members.

D: Election of officers and Committee Members for the coming year.

This to be conducted by the Rear Commodore in respect of the Chairman.

4.2. Motions proposed by members for consideration at the A.G.M. must be received in writing, by the Secretary at least SIX weeks prior to the A.G.M. or by the end of the second week in September to be included in the agenda. Only amendments to existing motions will be accepted at the A.G.M. not new motions.

4.3. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Committee or, at the request in writing of at least (Five or Twenty) whichever is the greater of the paid-up membership of the club, such request must state the reason for calling the meeting and notification of the meeting and reason for it must be given to all members TWENTY-ONE DAYS prior to the E.G.M.

4.4. Only paid-up members of the club will be permitted to speak or vote at any general meeting of the club.

## **5. Subscriptions**

5.1 The annual membership subscriptions for the club will be as agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **6. Membership**

6.1 The Club is open to all adults of either sex on payment of the annual subscription. New members shall be required to complete an application for membership form and will be granted temporary membership for a period of three weeks to ensure mutual compatibility before acceptance for full membership during this period temporary members may not vote on any matter affecting the Club.

6.2 Junior membership is not available to unaccompanied young people for reasons of insurance, However associate membership is extended to children of under 18 years and spouses of paid-up members. Such associate members will not have voting rights.

## **7. Affiliation**

7.1 The Club shall be affiliated to the Thurrock Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and other organisations as may be deemed necessary by the committee.

## **8. Winding up of the Club**

8.1 Should it be necessary to officially wind up the club, a special General Meeting shall be convened for that purpose at which a majority vote of members present in favour of the winding-up motion shall be required to give effect to the proposal, should this occur all debts of the club must be settled and all assets realised and any surplus funds shall not be returned to members but will be donated to the Local Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.