



Emsworth Radio Sailing

About Emsworth Radio Sailing

Emsworth Radio Sailing (“ERS”) is the name taken by a Group of Radio-Controlled Model Yacht Racing enthusiasts who began to organise racing between themselves with International One Metre yachts (IOM) on the Mill Pond at Emsworth, Hants in the 1990’s. From a few participants who were members of either Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC) or Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club (ESSC) the group has grown, and now includes sailors who are not members of either yacht club. In 2018 the group adopted the DragonFlite 95 (df95) class radio boat. In 2021 the Corinthians group sailing IOM class boats was added, to cater for those members with a social focus on a racing activity.

The group has no management responsibility for the Slipper Pond nor the premises from which the Group sails. The Mill Pond is managed by Havant Borough Council (HBC) and the sailing clubs (ESC and ESSC) manage their premises.

The group has no employees, clubhouse or buildings and uses the pontoon facilities of either ESSC or ESC or public footpaths from which to conduct its racing.

Organisation

Whilst Emsworth Radio Sailing has been organising Radio Sailing for over 20 years it was only formally constituted on 1st July 2021 and is run by a Management Committee currently consisting of:

- Captain and Committee Chairman Rod Carr
- Vice-Captain and member ship admin Malcolm Appleton
- Training Officer Dave Cockerill
- IOM Fleet Captain Martin Wilson
 - Corinthians group John O’Brien
- DF95 Fleet Captain Simon Dwyer
- Treasurer Paul Davies
- Secretary Jonathan Clark

ERS depends on Volunteers to assist in organizing its sailing, acting as Race Officer, scorekeeping, yacht measurement and maintaining ERS equipment. Any member who believes they can contribute to the running of ERS is encouraged to make their willingness to participate known to a member of the management committee.

Website

The ERS website www.wmsworthradiosailing.org has been built specifically as a member resource, and publishes all relevant information concerning the members including:

- Event Calendars,
- Racing Results,
- News and Announcements,
- Weather Forecasts
- Millpond Water Levels



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and, provides access to members to view their individual membership account details in accordance with GDPR regulations.

Affiliations

ERS is affiliated to three clubs:

- **Model Yachting Association (“MYA”)** and requires its members to join the MYA and ERS processes the registration of its members to the MYA and collects and pays to the MYA the annual subscriptions of its members. Members of the MYA are covered by their Public Liability Insurance of up to £5million subject to a £500 excess per claim (but see ERS Insurance below).
- **Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC)** whose car park facilities we are allowed to use according to the evens calendar
- **Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club (ESSC)** whose dinghy park and pontoons are available to all members for practice sessions

Activities

ERS’s primary objective is to provide its members with the opportunity to race Radio Controlled Model Yachts on the Mill Pond at Emsworth and to this end organises the regular events on a weekly basis (subject to availability of facilities).

Model Yachting Association (MYA) membership is a mandatory requirement of racing with us, either via membership of ERS or as a guest sailor whose MYA membership is through another club MYA affiliated radio Sailing Club.

Prospective and new members who have no radio sailing experience are encouraged to join in a Monday practice session before entering series fleet racing.

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| • Monday mornings | All Year | Practice for both classes (ESSC) |
| • Tuesday mornings | All Year | Racing for DF95 Class (ESC Bath Rd) |
| • Tuesday evenings | Summer | Racing for IOM Class (ESC Bath Rd) |
| • Wednesday mornings | All Year | IOM Corinthians (ESC Bath Rd) |
| • Thursday mornings | All year | Racing for IOM Class (ESC Bath Rd) |
| • Thursday evenings | Summer | Racing for DF95 Class (ESC Bath Rd) |
| • Saturday mornings | Winter | Racing for DF95 Class (ESC or ESSC) |
| • Sunday mornings | Winter | Racing for IOM Class (ESSC) |

The locations detailed above are subject to those venues not being used by the respective clubs and are subject to change.

As the millpond is used as a flood mitigation store by the Environment Agency, it is at risk of having the levels lowered at short notice which interfere with planned sailing. Water level information is published in real time on the website Home page for member’s reference.

On occasions racing may be organised at other venues including the Canoe Lake at Southsea.



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Morning Race events are generally held between 10:00 and 12:00 and Evening events between 18:15 to 20:00. A race event normally consists of 8 to 12 races. The annual programme of Race Events is published on the web site [Events Calendar | EmsworthRadioSailing](#)

Race Officers

ERS members are expected to undertake their share of Race Officers duties. In some cases, one volunteer will act for the full event in other cases one or more competitors will withdraw race by race and act as observer and/or take charge of individual race(s).

Results

ERS has volunteers who collect race results, compile them and distribute post-race by email and load them to the web site. Web access is via the Home page. Race series results are included to identify winners of various series (e.g. Tuesday DF95 Spring series, Sunday IOM Early Winter series etc.) and for the annual class winner competition. SI's for all events are published on the web site.

Practice

The Practice session on a Monday is run by experienced Radio sailors who are able and willing to help new and less experienced sailors to set up their yachts and advise on all aspects of radio sailing. They run practice races and give guidance on tactics and rules and **new and/or inexperienced skippers are encouraged to attend these sessions** before entering regular racing events.

Other Events

Sometimes special race events are organised during the year, and these are notified separately. Members are encourage attend and/or organise attendance at District, National and European meetings

Social Events

ERS does not have its own club house or facilities and concentrates on organising racing, with social events focused on 'The Yoke (ESC v ESSC) championship and Christmas Lunch. Many ERS members are also members of ESSC or ESC and enjoy socializing at those clubs.

Insurance

ERS maintains its own insurance policy with Protectivity Insurance which provides cover for its members, officers and volunteers as follows:

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| • Public Liability Insurance | £2million per claim with £100 excess |
| • Employee Liability Insurance | £10 million per claim with no Excess |
| • Professional Indemnity Insurance | £1 Million with £100 Excess |
| • Directors and Officers Insurance | £0.25 million with £250 Excess |



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Any member who believes they may have a claim against this policy should notify the Membership Administrator as soon as possible after the event occurs.

ERS does not hold any Insurance for Personal Accident or Material Damage cover. Members are personally responsible for damage to their own or others equipment or for providing their own cover for such incidents.

Membership Subscriptions

ERS currently has two classes of membership

Adult Member	£20.00 per annum for 2025
Junior Member	Free

Membership subscriptions are payable in advance in December each year for the following 12 months **plus** the **MYA subscription** which is currently **£10.00** p.a. unless you already pay your MYA membership subscription via another Radio sailing club of whom you are a member.

Rules and Regulations

ERS operates with the minimum of Rules and Regulations, but we are mindful of **Safety, Privacy and, Good Conduct for which we have a written code of conduct for all members to observe.**

These are available to read under their respective headings in the footer of all our web site pages.

Members are required to take note of and abide with **Emsworth Radio Sailing Policies** for these important aspects of our activities.

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