

# EMSWORTH RADIO SAILING

## CONSTITUTION Revised 25 September 2024

**Preamble.** Emsworth Radio Sailing is the name taken by a Group of Radio Controlled Model Yacht Racing enthusiasts who began to organize racing between themselves with International One Metre yachts ("IOM") on the Slipper 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 Club has grown, and included sailors who are not members of either yacht club and, the Club has adopted a further class of yacht, the DragonFlite 95 ("Df95"). In order to be able to properly manage all aspects of Radio Sailing of the members this CONSTITUTION formalizes the organization of the Club.

### 1. Name.

The Club is called EMSWORTH RADIO SAILING ("ERS") and is affiliated to the Model Yachting Association ("MYA").

### 2. Aims and objectives.

The aims and objectives of the Club are:

- To offer practice sessions and competitive racing in Radio Controlled Model Yachts ("Radio Sailing").
- To promote the sport of Radio Sailing.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club.
- To endeavor to provide its services in a way that is enjoyable and fair to all members.
- To organize its activities in conjunction with and in agreement with the established Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club ("ESSC") and Emsworth Sailing Club ("ESC") to ensure ERS activities complement and do not adversely affect those of these local clubs.
- To liaise with the Environment Agency and Havant District Council as necessary and, comply with local bylaws.

### 3. Membership.

Membership consists of officers and members of the Club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted and the policies and rules of the MYA and, when sailing, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended by Appendix E of RRS and ERS Sailing Instructions (SI's)

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- full member
- junior member

#### **4. Membership fees**

The Membership year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, Membership fees for the forthcoming year will be proposed by the Management Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid by annual subscription and shall include collection of individual MYA affiliation fees for all sailing members over 18 years of age (to be paid to MYA.). Members who can show that they have paid a current MYA subscription through another club shall not be required to pay through ERS.

#### **5. Officers of the Club.**

The officers of ERS will be

- ERS Chair
- Vice Chair
- Training Officer
- IOM Captain
- Df95 Captain
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Committee members may not serve in the same position for more than four years.

The Secretary and Treasurer duties may be combined under a single officer.

#### **6. Management Committee.**

The Club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of:

The OFFICERS of the Club and other members as may be co-opted onto the Management Committee from time to time. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

An Officer not available for attendance at a Management Committee meeting may appoint a deputy to represent him at such meeting and may give his proxy to the Chair vote on his behalf.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and held no less than FOUR times per year. These meetings may be held on-line.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be of at least 3 Officers.

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting policy including Risk Assessments, Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Procedure, Sailing Instructions, Racing Calendar and making decisions that affect the organisation of the Club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its responsibilities.

The Chair of the Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe ERS rules/regulations.

## **7. Finance.**

All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

The Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club, and for managing the bank account. The Chair and one other officer shall also be signatories on the account.

The financial year of the club will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. The accounts will not be professionally audited unless required by a motion of the AGM.

The Treasurer is authorised to manage the Club's bank account collect all dues and pay approved expenditure. Expenditure shall be deemed as approved if approved in principle by the Management Committee and in detail by either the Chair or Vice Chair.

## **8. Annual General Meetings.**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1st July and 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year. Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from the Chair of the Management Committee and a statement of the accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date of the AGM and election of officers will take place at the AGM. All full members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be *15% of the Members*.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

**9. Discipline.**

Any complaint regarding the conduct of members, other than those subject to the Racing Rules of Sailing, shall be referred to the Chair, who will meet with complainant and the member against whom the complaint was made and attempt to resolve the matter to the acceptance of both parties. This may include issuing a verbal warning to the offending party.

Should the Chair consider the offence may require a more serious penalty the matter will be referred to a disciplinary meeting under the Club's Disciplinary procedure and, in the case of alleged gross misconduct, the Chair may suspend the membership of the accused party pending a disciplinary meeting,

**10. Dissolution.**

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of those attending such meeting.

In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets of the Club having settled any debts at the time of dissolution will, unless otherwise agreed, be divided equally between ESC and ESSC at the date the vote to dissolve the Club was taken.

**11. Amendments to the constitution**

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

**Declaration**

*EMSWORTH RADIO SAILING* hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  
NAME: ROD CARR POSITION: CLUB CHAIR

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  
NAME: PAUL DAVIES POSITION: SECRETARY