



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. The group has also adopted a further class of yacht, the DragonFlite 95 (df95).

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 and no clubhouse nor buildings and uses the pontoon facilities of either ESSC or ESC or public footpaths from which to conduct its racing.

Organisation

While the Group 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	Malcolm Appleton
Training Officer	Colin Gordon
IOM Fleet Captain	David Campbell-James
DF95 Fleet Captain	Adrian Rowe
Membership Administration	Paul Davies
Group Secretary and Treasurer	Paul Davies
Special Adviser	Dave Cockerill

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.

ERS maintains a website on which it publishes all relevant information concerning the members including Event Calendars, Racing Results, News and Announcements, Weather Forecasts and Millpond Water Levels and, acts as the portal to members records in accordance with GDPR regulations.

ERS is affiliated to the **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).



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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).

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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) |
| • | Friday mornings | All Year | Sailing for fun 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. Also, the millpond is at risk of lowered of water levels (controlled by the Environment Agency) which may prevent sailing. On occasions racing may be organised at other venues including the Canoe Lake at Southsea.

Morning Race events are generally held between 10:00 and 12:00 and Evening events between 18:00 to 20:00. A race event normally consists of 8 to 12 races. An annual programme of Race Events is published and circulated to all members.

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 and compile and publish these and, also maintain race series results to identify winners of various series (e.g. Tuesday DF95 Spring series, Sunday IOM Early Winter series etc.)

Practice

The Practice session on a Monday is run by experienced Radio sailors who are able and willing to help the 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.



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Other Events

The group also organises a number of special race events each year which are notified separately. Several of our members attend and/or organise attendance at open meetings at other clubs.

Social Events

ERS does not have its own club house or facilities and concentrates on organising racing and only organises minimal social events outside special race events and a Christmas Lunch, many of its members are also members of ESSC or ESC and enjoy their 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:

- 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

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	£17.00 per annum for 2024
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..

Rules and Regulations

ERS operates with the minimum of Rules and Regulations, but we are mindful of **Safety, Privacy and, Good Conduct**

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