

# **BYLAWS**

## **of the**

# **MAINE MODEL YACHT CLUB**

## **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

The name of the Club shall be the Maine Model Yacht Club, hereinafter abbreviated MMYC. MMYC is an unincorporated membership club based in the State of Maine. MMYC has been sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) as Club No. 396.

## **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of MMYC is to promote and encourage the design, construction, racing, and enjoyment of model yachts, both powered and sail. MMYC endeavors to develop the model yachting skills and nurture the model yachting interests of its members. MMYC will foster a spirit of good sportsmanship and a commitment to fair play, integrity, and general goodwill among all members and other participants.

## **ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Membership Criteria**

Membership in MMYC is open to any person who expresses an interest in any aspect of model yachting. Prior experience with sailing or radio-controlled model yachts is not required. Any person interested in becoming a member should complete the Membership Application available on the MMYC website ([www.mainemodelyachtclub.org](http://www.mainemodelyachtclub.org)) and pay the annual dues.

### **Section 2. Annual Dues**

- (a) Following a recommendation presented by the Executive Committee, the amount of annual membership dues shall be established by a simple majority vote of all members present at the Annual Meeting. Dues are payable no later than 30 calendar days after the Annual Meeting. Persons who join as new members after this due date shall pay the full annual dues within 30 calendar days of joining MMYC.
- (b) MMYC strives to be an inclusive and welcoming club. To that end, dues will be set at a level affordable to most members of the local community. No person will be prevented from becoming or remaining a member, however, because of an inability to pay the full annual dues. In its sole discretion, the Executive Committee may grant hardship relief to any person who requests it.

(c) Any member who fails to pay full annual dues by the due date established in paragraph 2(a), or to be granted relief pursuant to paragraph 2(b), shall be ineligible to be included in the final standings of MMYC's seasonal series or other events.

### **Section 3. Expulsion**

In its sole discretion, the Executive Committee may expel a member whose pattern of behavior is deemed to be a breach of good sportsmanship and fair play, or to be contrary to the interests of MMYC, or to reflect poorly on MMYC or the sport of model yachting. Any member so expelled will be precluded from participating in MMYC events. The Executive Committee's expulsion decision shall be final, and the Commodore will deliver the expulsion decision to the affected member. Any member expelled pursuant to this Section may annually petition the Executive Committee for readmission to MMYC. Any such petitions for readmission must be submitted between December 1 and December 15, and the Executive Committee shall make its decision on the petition prior to the next Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNANCE**

### **Section 1. Executive Committee**

The authority to manage the affairs of MMYC shall be vested in an Executive Committee comprised of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, and Race Director. The Commodore shall serve as chair of the Executive Committee, the Race Director shall serve as chair of the Race Committee, and the Secretary shall serve as secretary to the Executive Committee and secretary to the Race Committee.

### **Section 2. Officers**

The following officers shall be elected annually by a simple majority vote of all members present at the Annual Meeting. Each officer's term of office shall be one year beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting and running through the following Annual Meeting. There are no limits on the number of terms or consecutive terms that a member may serve as an officer. In the event any officer resigns or otherwise vacates a seat prior to the end of its term, the Executive Committee will appoint a replacement officer within 60 days of the resignation, and the term of that appointed seat will run through the following Annual Meeting.

The positions of Commodore and Treasurer shall be occupied by no more than one MMYC member. The positions of Vice Commodore, Secretary, Race Director, and Fleet Captain may be occupied by two or more MMYC members who would share the responsibilities of the position.

(a) The **Commodore** shall lead MMYC and serve as its principal representative to the public. The Commodore shall serve as chair the Executive Committee and preside at the Annual Meeting.

- (b) The **Vice Commodore** shall support and assist the Commodore and handle specific projects or initiatives as required. The Vice Commodore shall carry out the duties of the Commodore when the Commodore is absent or unavailable.
- (c) The **Treasurer** shall oversee MMYC's financial matters, including budgeting, tracking expenses, and preparing financial reports. The Treasurer shall provide a year-end financial report at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) The **Secretary** shall document meetings, prepare race schedules for consideration by the Executive Committee, prepare and maintain all official records, and maintain effective channels of communication, including specifically the MMYC website.
- (e) The **Race Director** shall serve as chair of the Race Committee and oversee all logistical aspects of fleet racing.
- (f) The **Fleet Captain** shall ensure that boats comply with class rules, serve as a resource to all members on class rules, and maintain, store, and transport the MMYC Club Boat for that class.

## **ARTICLE 5 – OTHER COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1. The Race Committee**

The Race Committee is responsible for conducting all scheduled MMYC races. The Race Committee will be comprised of the Race Director, who will serve as chair, and the Fleet Captains. The Race Committee also is responsible for preparing the MMYC Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race, and will, with the support of the Secretary, ensure publication of same on the MMYC website.

### **Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees**

In its sole discretion, the Executive Committee has the authority to establish and make appointments to ad hoc committees for special projects, events, or other purposes. These ad hoc committees are not considered standing committees of MMYC, and membership on such ad hoc committees is not subject to any vote of the members. Any such ad hoc committee shall operate at the direction of, and report to, the Executive Committee. In its sole discretion, the Executive Committee retains the authority to dissolve or disband any such ad hoc committee.

## **ARTICLE 6 – ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting shall be held in January of each year and shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Order of Business shall include: (1) call to order by the Commodore; (2) reading and approval of the Minutes; (3) report of the Treasurer (to include a year-end financial report, approval of the annual dues amount, and approval of the annual

budget); (4) other committee reports; (5) unfinished business; (6) new business (to include any new appropriations); (7) election of officers; and (8) adjournment. At the Annual Meeting, a member may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing. Any such written proxy shall be submitted to the Secretary in advance of the Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These ByLaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the Annual Meeting. No amendment, alteration, or repeal of these ByLaws will be valid unless a notice and copy of the proposed amendment is sent to all members at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

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