

# **Knightcote Model Boat Club**

## **The Rules of the Club**

### **1. General**

#### **1.1 Pursuance of Club aims and objectives**

- 1.1.1 Members will abide by the set of rules that are designed to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Club and the achievement of its aims and objectives.
- 1.1.2 Whenever engage on Club business members are encouraged to adopt the Club dress code as determined by the Committee.

#### **1.2 The Operation of the Club**

- 1.2.1 Members should bring to the attention of the Secretary in writing any complaint or grievance they have. The Secretary will refer the matter to the Committee at the earliest opportunity for resolution. The Secretary will inform the member in writing of the outcome of the investigation into the said complaint or grievance.
- 1.2.2 Likewise members should bring forward any suggestions for improvement or their offers of help in the daily running of the Club.
- 1.2.3 No member shall act in any way that may cause offence to another member, visitor or guest of the Club.

#### **1.3 Subscriptions**

- 1.3.1 Members must pay all subscriptions and other sums as required under the rules by the due date.

#### **1.4 Use of the Club Name**

- 1.4.1 Members may not use the Club name in the pursuance of any private or business activity without the permission of the Committee.
- 1.4.2 Members may not represent the Club in any way without the permission of the Committee.

#### **1.5 Smoking**

- 1.5.1 The Club operates a No Smoking policy in all Club Meetings, in the Club House and all other Club premises.
- 1.5.2 Smokers should dispose of cigarette ends in the receptacles provided.

### **2. Use of the Clubhouse and Club Water**

#### **2.1 Use of Club Facilities**

Members will:-

- 2.1.1 Respect the wildlife in and around the Club Water.
- 2.1.2 Ensure that all litter and waste is placed in the receptacles provided.
- 2.1.3 Report to the Committee any damage, potential safety hazards or other problems requiring attention.
- 2.1.4 Ensure that all services are 'OFF' and the clubhouse is locked when leaving the site, unless otherwise instructed.

## 2.2 Visitors and Guests

- 2.2.1 Members may bring visitors at any time to use the Club Water. A visitor is defined as a person who wishes to sail their own or a member's boat independent of the member and who pays a Visitor's Fee. No visitor may attend more than 3 times in any one year, except at the discretion of the Committee.
- 2.2.2 Members may bring a guest to the Club at any time. A Guest is defined as a friend or family member who does not participate in the hobby but wishes to 'have a go' under the direct control of the Member. No fee is required.
- 2.2.3 A Member is responsible for the safety and behaviour of his visitors and guests.
- 2.2.4 Children and young persons must be supervised at all times.

## 2.3 Animals

- 2.3.1 Members will ensure that no animals except Assistance Dogs are brought on to the site.

## 3. Operation of Model Boats

### 3.1 The role of 'Sailing Officer'

- 3.1.1 Whenever two or more members or visitors are sailing a 'Sailing Officer' will be nominated.
- 3.1.2 This will normally be a Committee Member whenever one is present.
- 3.1.3 The duties and authority of the Sailing Officer will be to:
  - 3.1.3.1 Welcome visitors and guests.
  - 3.1.3.2 Arrange separate sessions for different categories/types/sizes of boats present when deemed necessary or desirable.
  - 3.1.3.3 Limit sessions for each category to 30 minutes when necessary.
  - 3.1.3.4 Request the temporary removal from the water of any boat that is endangering the safety of other users of the water.

### 3.2 Safe Handling of Models

- 3.2.1 Members will take all reasonable care to ensure that no person or property is harmed or damaged during the testing or operation of their models.

### 3.3 Use of Radio Control Systems (27Mz and 40Mz only)

Members will:

- 3.3.1 Ensure that no transmitter is switched on until that frequency is vacant and they have placed their peg on the Frequency Board.
- 3.3.2 Remove their peg from the Frequency Board as soon as they have switched off their transmitter.
- 3.3.3 Ensure that they only use one peg, clearly marked their name.
- 3.3.4 Not bring to the Club Water or any other site at which the Club is sailing any transmitter not fitted with an adequate protector on the aerial.

### 3.4 Use of Steam Engines, Boilers and associated equipment

Members will:

- 3.4.1 Ensure that their equipment is checked and calibrated in accordance with the requirements of the current issue of Appendix A 'Steam Engines, Boilers and Associated Equipment'.

- 3.4.1.1 Ensure the current issue of Appendix A 'Steam Engines, Boilers and Associated Equipment is displayed in the Clubhouse.
- 3.4.1.2 Members may apply for a current copy but it is their responsibility to ensure they work to the latest issue.
- 3.4.2 Use their equipment in a safe manner.
- 3.4.3 Dispose of steam engine effluent in a safe and clean manner.
- 3.4.4 Take extra care when children and young persons are on the site.
- 3.4.5 Not fuel or light their equipment in the Club house or other Club premises.

### 3.5 Powered Model Boats

- 3.5.1 IC powered model boats are prohibited at the Knightcote Model Boat Club site.

## 4. Use of Club Dinghy

### 4.1 Purpose and conditions of use

- 4.1.1 The dinghy is intended for use by working parties under the direction of the Committee.
- 4.1.2 Members may also use the dinghy for the retrieval of model boats. In these circumstances the Club and its officers accept no liability for any accident or injury, howsoever caused. Use of the dinghy implies acceptance of this condition.
- 4.1.3 Use of the dinghy must be recorded in the Club log prior to use.
- 4.1.4 Only Club Members may use the dinghy.
- 4.1.5 In the event of any damage to the dinghy during use, or where repairs to the dinghy or equipment are needed the member shall:
  - 4.1.5.1 Make a clear statement to this effect in the logbook, and
  - 4.1.5.2 Report the matter to any Committee member within 24 hours.
  - 4.1.5.3 The dinghy shall not then be used until further notice is given.

### 4.2 Location of the dinghy and equipment

- 4.2.1 The location of the dinghy, life-jackets and other equipment and security arrangements will be displayed in the Clubhouse.
- 4.2.2 After use all equipment shall be returned and made secure.

### 4.3 Safety Requirements

- 4.3.1 The dinghy shall only be used when two or more members are present. At least one member must be a swimmer. If more than two members are present at least one member must stay on land.
- 4.3.2 No more than two persons may be in the dinghy at any one time.
- 4.3.3 Members using the dinghy shall wear a life jacket. These shall be put on before launching the dinghy.
- 4.3.4 A working phone must be available in case of emergency (normally accessible at the farmhouse).