

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 engaged 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 shall refer the matter to the Committee at the earliest opportunity for resolution. The Secretary shall 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.
- 1.2.4. Members shall not act in any way that is slanderous, libellous, or brings the Club or other Club Members into disrepute. Such action shall be reviewed by the Committee and may result in the termination of the individual's membership.
- 1.2.5. The Club is run entirely by volunteers. Members are urged to volunteer for working parties etc and thus to play a full part in Club activities.

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, the Club House and all other Club premises, as defined in the Club's Licence Document and shown on the Site Plan. This includes vaping, and e-cigarettes.

1.5.2. All smokers should dispose of cigarette ends in the receptacles provided, on entering the Clubs Premises.

2. Use of the Club House and Club Water

2.1. Use of Club Facilities

Members shall:

- 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 club house is locked when leaving the site, unless otherwise instructed.
- 2.1.5. The club water is for sailing only, and is of undetermined water quality. All members are advised not to swim or enter the water, and the Club shall not accept any liability for the consequences of members entering the water.
- 2.1.6. If a member wishes to enter the water to retrieve a lost model, then they do so at their own risk. They are advised to assess the risk to themselves before entering the water, and take appropriate safety measures to mitigate (reduce) that risk, including having another person with them to assist if necessary. If they do enter the water they shall do so on the basis that they consider the risk to be acceptable to themselves, and they absolve the Club of any liability for their actions. They shall be responsible for ensuring that help can be summoned if required (by mobile or other suitable means).
- 2.1.7. The Club Address shall be prominently displayed and visible from the outside of the club house, together with Emergency Contact details and Club Location In 'What Three Word' format for the emergency services.

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, and that they are aware of and follow these rules.
- 2.2.4. Visitors and guests shall be subject to these Club Rules at all times they are present at the Club, and attendance at the club implies acceptance of these rules.
- 2.2.5. 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, unless agreed by the committee.

- 2.3.2. Dogs are to be kept under control or on leads at all times and the owner shall accept full responsibility for them.
- 2.3.3. The owner shall ensure any dog fouling is picked up and disposed of responsibly.

3. Operation of Model Boats

3.1. The Role of the '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:
 - 3.1.4. Welcome visitors and guests
 - 3.1.5. Oversee separate sessions for different categories/types/sizes of boats present (with reference to the indicator fitted to the outside of the Lookout), when deemed necessary or desirable.
 - 3.1.6. Limit sessions for each category when necessary.
 - 3.1.7. 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. All individual members shall take reasonable care to ensure that no person or club or another member's property is harmed or damaged as a result of their actions.
- 3.2.2. Members shall only use the launching platform for the launching and retrieval of model boats, and shall not remain on the platform after launching or retrieval.
- 3.2.3. All models are operated at their owner's risk. The club shall accept no liability for any damage or loss that may occur whilst being operated at the club water. Use of the club facilities implies acceptance of this condition.

3.3. Use of Radio Control Systems (27Mz or 40Mz only)

In general the use of 2.4GHz systems have reduced the widespread need for frequency control, however some members will continue to use legacy systems, in which case:-

Members will:

- 3.3.1. Ensure that no transmitter is switched on until they have verified that no other member is using legacy equipment which may clash with their equipment.
- 3.3.2. Where this is at a Club Event the Club will notify people present of the use of legacy equipment over the PA system, to confirm there is no clash with other legacy equipment.
- 3.3.3. 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 and Visitors Shall Not:

- 3.4.1. Raise pressure in any pressure vessel (boiler, gas tank or other pressurised vessel) without having with them a current, valid certificate for that pressure vessel.

Members and Visitors will:

- 3.4.2. Ensure that their equipment is checked and calibrated in accordance with the requirements of the current issue of 'The Boiler Test Code', issued by the model engineering societies and the Insurance companies.
- 3.4.3. Use their equipment in a safe manner.
- 3.4.4. Dispose of steam engine effluent in a safe and clean manner.
- 3.4.5. Take extra care when children and young persons are on the site.
- 3.4.6. Not fuel or light their equipment in the Club House or other Club premises.
- 3.4.7. A current issue of 'The Boiler Test Code' is to be displayed in the Club House.
- 3.4.8. Members may apply to the Secretary for a current copy but it is their individual responsibility to ensure they work to the latest issue.

3.5. Powered Model Boats

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

4. Safety Equipment.

- 4.1. Safety equipment:- lifebelts are available at the water's edge, and life jackets in the clubhouse, and are there for the safety of all. Members shall familiarise themselves with their position and use, and after use return them to their correct positions and condition so they are ready for use again if needed.
- 4.2. Members shall familiarise themselves with the Fire Safety Notices displayed in the clubhouse. The club is equipped with firefighting equipment in the clubhouse and in the event of a fire members shall raise the alarm, contact the Fire Brigade and follow the instructions on the fire notices present on the club premises.
- 4.3. Members must immediately report any loss of or damage to safety equipment.

5. Use Of Photographs

- 5.1. Where photographs are taken of identifiable individuals the requirements of the GDPR regulations shall be observed by the Club, if it processes those photographs.
- 5.2. Members are advised to be aware of the principals of Data Protection and the GDPR regulations if they take photographs of individuals and are posting those images on a public/social media platform..