

GILBERT MODEL YACHT CLUB

Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be: Gilbert Model Yacht Club herein after referred to as "GMYC" or as "the club".

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the GMYC is to foster fellowship, promote common interest and exchange of information, sponsor radio control model sail boating and racing, and engage in activities and events pertaining to radio control model sailing.

Article III: Membership

A. Membership in the GMYC shall not be limited or restricted on the basis of age, race, creed, gender, or national origin, nor only to those persons who build, own, or operate a radio control model sailboats described in Article II.

B. Categories, limitation, and status of membership shall be as specified in the By-laws.

Article IV: Officers

The minimum number of officers of the GMYC shall be three (3), and shall consist of the Commodore (President), Vice Commodore (Vice-President) and the Purser/Yeoman (Secretary/Treasurer). Additional officers may be designated in the By-laws upon the approval of the Executive Council and the membership.

Article V: Executive Council

The Executive Council shall consist of duly elected officers of the GMYC and any additional members as may be specified in the By-Laws.

Article VI: Meetings

Meetings of the GMYC will be held in accordance with the By-Laws as proposed by the Executive Council and approved by the membership.

Article VII: Amendments

A. Proposed amendments to the GMYC Constitution will be first submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. A simple majority of the Executive Council is required to present a proposed amendment to the membership.

B. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those eligible members voting is required to pass any proposed amendment.

C. Referendum to amend the Constitution of the GMYC will be conducted in a manner specified in the By-Laws.

D. Changes to the By-Laws shall be made in the manner specified in the By-Laws.

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BY-LAWS

1. Executive Council

1.1. *The Executive Council shall consist of duly elected officers of the GMYC, the club Founders (3), and any other members as may be deemed necessary by the club officers and the membership in referendum.*

1.2. *Other members elected or appointed to the Executive Council will be deemed Members-at-Large.*

2. Duties of the Officers

2.1. Commodore (President)

2.1.1 The Commodore shall preside over meetings and events of the GMYC, and shall represent the club at other meetings and events where necessary. The Commodore will conduct business meetings in an orderly manner, and shall solicit the assistance of club members as required to ensure adequate and efficient administration of club events.

2.1.2. The Commodore may fulfill the duties of other club officers when absence or vacancy of those positions dictates the necessity.

2.1.3 The Commodore shall approve those expenses required for normal operation of the club (as necessary), expenditures of club funds above the Pursers limit (\$100 monthly) but below the limit requiring approval of the executive Council or the membership. *(Executive Council above \$250)*

2.1.4. The Commodore shall be the primary liaison with the public and the media at club events. The Commodore may assign these duties to other members.

2.2 Vice-Commodore (Vice-President)

2.2.1 The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the management and administration of the GMYC.

2.2.2. In the absence of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore shall perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of the Commodore at club meetings and functions.

2.2.3. The Vice-Commodore shall be the primary equipment manager for the club, and shall be knowledgeable of the status, condition, and location of club property.

2.3. Purser (Treasurer)

2.3.1. The Purser shall be responsible for managing the financial affairs of the GMYC within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws. The Purser may disburse club funds as necessary for routine administrative costs within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws. The Purser will disburse club funds as necessary for capital expenditures or to reimburse club members for such expenditures as prescribed by the By-Laws.

2.3.2 The Purser shall keep and maintain the financial records of the GMYC to include:

2.3.2.1 All credits and debits to the club treasury

2.3.2.2 Financial status of club members (initiation/dues)

2.3.2.3 Receipts for all expenditures except stamps

2.3.2.4 A written Financial Summary of the club Treasury to be provided upon request by a current club member

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2.4 Yeoman (Secretary)

2.4.1. *The Yeoman shall record the minutes of club business meetings and other meetings of the Executive Council.*

2.4.2. *The Yeoman should maintain a current roster of club members, to include at least mailing addresses, email addresses and phone numbers.*

2.3.3. *The Yeoman may act as media/public liaison at GMYC functions/activities in the absence of, or at the request of the Commodore and/or Vice-Commodore. This includes distribution of GMYC information to prospective members.*

3. Terms and Conditions of Office

3.1. *Officers of the GMYC must be current members of the club as defined in 5.1. Any officer failing to renew his/her membership shall lose eligibility to hold office in the club.*

3.2. *Duly elected officers shall serve a term of two years from the date of election.*

3.3. *If a vacancy occurs in any office or on the Executive Council, the Commodore shall appoint a temporary officer to serve the remainder of the term until the next election. Such appointment may be subject to recall by the membership.*

3.4. *In the event the Commodore resigns or is unable to fulfill the term, the Vice-Commodore will assume the duties and position of Commodore, and may be subject to recall by the membership.*

4. Impeachment /Recall

4.1. Impeachment

4.1.1. *A club officer may only be impeached for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to:*

4.1.1.1. *Misappropriation of funds from club Treasury.*

4.1.1.2. *Theft of or willful or grossly negligent destruction of club property.*

4.1.1.3. *Abuse of position/office.*

4.1.1.4. *Abusive conduct toward a club member or member of the media or a spectator during a club function or event.*

4.2. Impeachment proceedings

4.2.1. *Impeachment proceedings against a club officer will be initiated by the Commodore (or Vice-Commodore when involving the Commodore). Said proceedings will consist of a meeting of the Executive Council in which evidence will be presented.*

4.2.2. *The officer accused may attend the meeting to present evidence on his/her behalf.*

4.2.3. *A 2 /3 (two-thirds) vote of the officers present is required to present a recommendation of Impeachment to the membership.*

4.2.4. *The recommendation of Impeachment will then be presented to the membership at a meeting of the membership specifically called for that purpose.*

4.2.5. *After hearing all evidence presented, the members present will then vote on the recommendation of Impeachment.*

4.2.6. *A 2 /3 (two-thirds) vote of the eligible members attending is required to approve the recommendation of Impeachment*

4.3. Recall

4.3.1. *Duly elected or appointed officers are subject to recall by the membership.*

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4.3.2. A recall referendum will be initiated when a petition, naming the officer (s) and the reasons for the recall and signed by 51 (fifty-one) per cent of the current membership is presented to any of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore or the Yeoman.

4.3.3. After presentation of the recall petition, the membership will then be notified of a recall referendum, to be conducted at the next general meeting of the club. A simple majority of the eligible members present will be necessary to approve the recall.

5. Membership

5.1. Current members of the GMYC shall be deemed to be those persons who have paid all necessary dues/initiation fees within the immediate preceding time period specified in the By-Laws.

5.2 Duration of membership in the GMYC is for a maximum of one year, renewable each September 30th following initial or renewed membership.

5.3. Current members of the GMYC agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization.

5.4. Membership includes all the persons in an immediate family who are occupants of the same household. However only one occupant of the membership household is eligible to vote in any club election or referendum.

5.5. Members of the GMYC are welcome to attend any club sponsored event or activity. Members attending club activities or events should conduct themselves in such a manner as to promote fellowship, sportsmanship, interest in R/C boating, and to project a positive image of the GMYC. Except as necessary to protect life, health, or personal property, members should avoid confrontations with spectators at club events and activities. Incidents involving unruly spectators at club events/activities should be brought to the attention of the senior club officer or event official.

5.6. Resignation/Termination of Membership

5.6.1. Members may resign from the GMYC at any time after joining. Members resigning from the club in the first six months of membership will have a pro-rated portion of their dues refunded to them after returning all club property in their possession. Initiation fees are not refundable.

5.6.2. Members who are more than 60 days in arrears of their dues will have their membership terminated.

5.6.3. Members who have had their membership terminated will be deleted from the club roster and will be required to return all club property in their possession.

5.7. Expulsion

5.7.1. Members may be expelled from the GMYC for cause. Cause shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

5.7.1.1. Misappropriation of club funds or property.

5.7.1.2. Willful or grossly negligent destruction of club property.

5.7.1.3. Abusive conduct towards another club member, or member of the public/media, at a club function or event.

5.7.2. Members may only be expelled from the club after a Recommendation of Expulsion has been made before a meeting of the Executive Council during which evidence to support the recommendation will be heard. The member being considered for Expulsion will be notified of said meeting and will have an opportunity to present evidence on his/her behalf .

5.7.2.1. After hearing all evidence, a majority vote of the members present of the Executive Council will be necessary to present the Recommendation of Expulsion to the membership. All evidence previously heard by the Executive Council will be presented to the members present at the next club meeting.

5.7.2.2. A majority vote of the members present at said club meeting will be necessary to approve the recommendation of expulsion. Upon approval of the recommendation of expulsion the membership of the accused member will be terminated in accordance with 5.6.3

5.8. Dues, Fees, and Funds

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5.8.1 *Membership dues and initiation fees shall be recommended by the executive Council, and approved by the majority of current members present at a subsequent club meeting.*

5.8.2 *The Purser shall be authorized to expend club funds for routine administrative expenses up to a limit of \$100.00 per month without prior approval. All administrative costs in excess of \$100.00 in one month shall require approval by the Commodore.*

5.8.3 *The Purser shall be authorized to expend club funds for capital expenditures up to a total of \$250.00 with prior approval from the Commodore. Capital expenditures in excess of \$250.00 shall require the approval of the Executive Council.*

6. Meetings and Events

6.1. *A minimum of six (6) general membership meetings will be held each calendar year. These general membership meetings consist of business meetings, recreational activities, elections and referendums, or a combination thereof. General membership meetings should be held on a frequency and schedule to encourage maximum participation by the membership.*

6.2. *Meetings of the Executive Council will be scheduled by the Commodore or Vice-Commodore in the absence of the Commodore, as required to provide for the proper administration of the club, and in accordance with the By-Laws.*

6.3. *At least one special or competitive event should be held each year featuring and/or promoting participation by each class of boat sponsored by the club.*

7. Amendments to the Club Constitution

7.1. *Proposed amendments to the GMYC Constitution may be submitted by any member to the Commodore or any member of the Executive Council. Proposed amendments will be submitted in written form.*

7.2. *Proposed amendments shall be considered by the Executive Council in accordance with Article VII of the GMYC Constitution.*

7.3. *Upon approval by the Executive Council, the membership will receive a copy of the proposed amendment AT LEAST 30 days prior to any referendum on the amendment.*

7.4. *A referendum on the proposed amendment shall be held at the next scheduled club meeting following the 30 day period specified in VI.A.. Voting may be either by secret or open ballot.*

7.5. *The proposed amendment must be approved by the membership in accordance with Article VII of the GMYC Constitution.*

8. Changes to the By-Laws

8.1. *Proposed changes to the GMYC By-Laws may be submitted by any member to the Commodore or any member of the Executive Council. Proposed changes will be submitted in written form.*

8.2. *Proposed changes shall be considered by the Executive Council. A simple majority of the Executive Council shall be required to recommend a proposed change to the membership.*

8.3. *Upon approval by the Executive Council, the membership will be informed of the proposed changes AT LEAST 30 days prior to any referendum on the changes.*

8.4. *A referendum on the proposed changes shall be held at the next scheduled club meeting following the 30 day period specified in 9.3. Voting may be by open ballot.*

8.5. *A simple majority of the eligible members present will be necessary to approve the proposed change.*

9. Limits to Liability

9.1 *The GMYC and its officers accept no liability for personal injury or damage to property suffered by or caused by any club member while performing tasks or services on behalf of the club at any club event.*

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10. Dissolution of the Club

10.1. *The club will cease activity and divest its property when a two-thirds majority of votes cast by current members, through written ballot, agree to dissolve the club. Motion to bring a vote for dissolution may be made by any club member, must be seconded, and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled club meeting.*

10.2. *Written ballots will be mailed to all current members within 10 days of the motion to bring a vote for dissolution having been passed. The ballot will contain the motion, a return address, a deadline for return of the ballots, and the date, time, and location for the opening and counting of the ballots. The deadline for return of the ballots shall be no less than fourteen (14) nor more than twenty-one (21) days after the ballots have been mailed to the current members of the club. On the date and time specified, the ballots shall be opened and counted in open forum at the place specified. Any club member wishing to attend the counting of the ballots may do so.*

10.3. *If the vote is in favor of dissolution, the property of the club will be disposed of as follows:*

10.3.1. *A list of all club property will be submitted to the current members of the Executive Council within two weeks of the counting of the ballots. Members in good standing of the club may submit bids to the Executive Council within two weeks of the mailing of the property list. The bid(s) may be accepted or rejected by the Executive Council. Rejected bids will be returned with a minimum price indicated. The club member submitting the original bid will have first right of refusal to purchase the property at the price indicated by the Executive Council. Any property not purchased by club members will be offered for sale to the public.*

10.3.2. *Any property not sold to club members or the public will be donated to other model boating clubs or to local charities selected by the Executive Council.*

10.4. *After the sale of club property, the Purser will disburse the remaining funds of the club to the members in good standing in the following manner:*

10.4.1. *Each member in good standing of the club will be awarded one point for each year of uninterrupted membership in the GMYC. The cumulative points awarded to all the members will be totaled and each member in good standing will be assigned percentage of the total based on the member (s) points.*

10.4.2. *Each member in good standing will be entitled to a percentage of the club funds corresponding to that member (s) percentage of the cumulative points specified in 10.4.1. A notice of club dissolution will accompany the disbursement of the appropriate percentage of the club treasury to each member in good standing.*