



MYA Midland District Constitution.

1. Title

a. The Title of the organisation shall be the Midland District Committee of the Model Yachting Association (MYA), (hereinafter referred to as the DC.).

2. Objects

a. The objects of the DC shall be those set out from time to time in the constitution of the MYA.
b. To assist the MYA in the promotion of Radio and Free sailing within the geographical Midland District as established by the Council of the MYA.

3. Rules

a. The DC shall use its best endeavours to co-ordinate racing and other activities within the District in conjunction with the Class Captains for the relevant class of boat.
b. The DC shall use its best endeavours to arrange the following events for classes regularly sailed within the District. These events should be organised to the highest possible standard.
i. National Championships at the invitation of the MYA.
ii. Ranking List events at the invitation of the MYA.
iii. District Championships.
c. In the event of a dispute between a club within the District and the DC, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary to the MYA Council for discussion by Council, whose decision shall be final.

4. Membership

The membership of the DC shall be the clubs that are affiliated to the MYA within the current financial year and are in good standing with the Association, and within the geographical Midland District as established by the Council of the MYA.

5. Officers

a. The Executive Officers of the DC shall be the Chairman, District Councillor, Secretary, Racing Secretary, Senior Measurer, Webmaster. The Non-Executive Officers are two District Trustees.
b. All Officers including the Trustees shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the DC, or at an EGM. All Officers shall retire annually but be eligible for re-nomination and re-election.
c. The Officers shall uphold the rules of the DC and comply with their duties.
d. The DC can nominate Trustees to act on behalf of the DC as necessary.

6. Duties of Officers

a. Chairman –

i. To preside over all meetings of the DC and ensure that where no rules exist the Officers act in the best interest of the District.
ii. Where there is no elected District Councillor the Chairman will act as the Councillor and attend MYA meetings as the representative of the district.
iii. To provide guidance and help to new Clubs wishing to affiliate with the Model Yacht Association
iv. Assist Clubs by supplying information for prospective members, clubs and outside bodies seeking information about the sport.
vi Encourage clubs to assist new and existing members to improve their sailing skills by coordinating workshops as required.
vi. To co-ordinate with the MYA Racing Secretary, any plans to develop training seminars for Radio & Free sailing topics.



b. District Councillor-

- i. To act as a conduit between Clubs and their members and the MYA Council in the form of the District Councillor.
- ii. To provide a District report to the MYA Council meetings.
- iii. To work in conjunction with the District Chairman and Secretary on the formal business of the District.
- iv. To work in conjunction with the district secretary to ensure Clubs and their members are kept up to date regarding MYA Council decisions.

c. Secretary –

- i. Call all meetings taking due account of the Notice required, one month for an AGM or general meeting, and 6 weeks for an EGM, and keep the minutes thereof. See section 11 for Electronic Meetings.
- ii. Hold the records of the District.
- iii. Deal with all correspondence and bring matters to the attention of the DC when necessary.
- iv. Send to all clubs in the District, within one month of each meeting, copies of the minutes.
- v. Assist and support the MYA Publicity Officer when the Association is involved in events within the District.
- vi. In conjunction with the Publicity Officer and Class Captains develop appropriate promotional material for Clubs within the District.
- vii. Assist Clubs in establishing contacts with their local Sailing Clubs and Youth Organisations.

d. Racing Secretary –

- i. To assist the MYA Racing Officer and Class Captains in producing a Sailing Calendar, with venues for National Championships, MYA Ranking events and District Championships, plus district racing series and events for ratification and inclusion in the MYA calendar.
- ii. Submit all District Race Reports and Results to the Racing Officer, League Secretary, Ranking List Coordinator, Class Captains and Acquaint Editor as required.
- iii. Maintain a record of District Champions.
- iv. Coordinate District Race Management and Workshop Training Seminars.
- v. Ensure all Clubs are aware of amendments to the Racing Rules and Standard Sailing Instructions.

e. Senior Measurer –

- i. Assist and advise the MYA Technical officer with regards motions and/or amendments to Class Rules.
- ii. To Maintain a list of Official Measurer's in the District.
- iii. To provide ongoing training to new and current Official Measurer's to improve the standard of boat measurement within the District.
- iv. To ensure Official Measurers are aware of recent rulings or interpretations.
- v. To be responsible for dealing with all technical matters within the District.

f. Webmaster-

- i. Initiate and maintain a District Web Site, to cover a wide scope of Radio & Free sailing.
- ii. To work with the DC in the publication of the official business of the district.

g. District Trustees-

- i. The Trustees position and duties are detailed in sections, 5 a,b,c,d, 7c, 8c iii, 10e.



h. District Treasurer-

- i. As the District does not have any independent fund-raising powers the committee has no formal "Treasurer" post.
- ii. Any MYA funding application to support the objectives of the District should be referred to the DC Chairman and Councillor.

7. Government

- a. The day to day government of the DC shall rest in the hands of the Officers.
- b. The Officers may co-opt any person(s) to help them achieve the Objects and Rules of the DC.
- c. In exceptional circumstances and should it be deemed necessary the Trustees can assume the duties of any of the DC Officers.

8. Annual General Meeting

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall be before the MYA AGM.
- b. The notice for this Meeting shall be served by the District Secretary on all Secretaries of clubs affiliated to the MYA within the Midland District at least one month in advance. The notice shall include an Agenda and a request that clubs unable to send a representative to the AGM should inform the District Secretary of:
 - i. Any nominations the club wishes to make for Officers of the District Committee.
 - ii. Any Motions or business that the club would like discussed at the AGM.
- c. The Agenda for the AGM shall include inter alia:
 - i. Minutes of the previous AGM.
 - ii. Matters arising from these minutes.
 - iii. The election of Officers for the District Committee. The District Trustee's act as the Committee where there is no elected District Committee currently in post.
 - iv. The co-ordination and listing of the dates for National Championships, MYA Ranking events and District Championships, plus district racing series and open events of the clubs within the District, along with the granting of League status to events.
 - v. Motions and amendments.
- d. Motions and amendments to motions may be taken by the meeting Chairman from the floor of the meeting.

9. General and Extraordinary General Meetings

- a. A General Meeting of the DC may be called by the Officers should they consider it necessary.
- b. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the DC may be convened at any time by the Officers on receipt of a request signed by the Secretaries of at least three affiliated clubs; such a request shall be accompanied by a fully detailed resolution made by each club in a general meeting, signed by the officiating Chairman.
- c. The Notice for any such meeting shall be served by the District Secretary on all Secretaries of clubs affiliated to the MYA within the District and shall include the reason for the meeting or resolution as appropriate.

10. Attendance and Voting at all Meetings

- a. All meetings shall be open to all members of affiliated clubs.
- b. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. In his absence, a Chairman shall be appointed from those present.
- c. The Chairman shall determine all questions of procedure not otherwise specifically catered for.
- d. Elections, motions and amendments shall be decided by a simple majority from those present at the meeting or who have sent their voting instructions to the DC secretary.
- e. Only the Midland District club officers or their duly appointed representatives may vote on behalf of their club at the meeting. This can either be in person, or alternatively if no representative is



available they can vote by email to the District Secretary or Trustee no later than 3 days prior to the AGM/EGM meeting date and this must be with the authority of their home club committee.

f. The representative shall exercise one vote for each of their MYA affiliated members for the current financial year who are in good standing with the Association.

g. Officers (excluding the Chairman) may cast one vote each.

h. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

11. Electronic Meetings

a. Where it is not possible to hold a physical meeting for a EGM or General Meeting the DC can hold an Electronic Meeting.

b. The 6 weeks' notice period for a EGM as defined in the section "Secretaries Duties i" may be reduced if the meeting is to be held electronically taking into consideration section d below.

c. This can be by direct Email or a closed group forum between the DC or Trustees who will nominate a Chairman to act on their behalf and the Midland District club secretaries, or their duly appointed representative.

d. All procedures should follow as closely as possible to the sections 9 & 10, allowing time for any motions or nominations, and voting intentions to be communicated within the group.

12. Dissolution

a. The DC shall not be dissolved without the permission of the Council of the MYA.

b. On dissolution the assets of the District shall be given to the MYA.