



Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

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The DRY PANTS MODEL YACHT CLUB

Fleet #243

Plattwood Park Pond

78 Winthrop Road

Deep River, CT

HISTORY OF DPMYC

1997-Present

The Dry Pants Model Yacht Club was conceived as an addition to the Essex Yacht Club fleet in Essex, CT. The club started with 10-15 boats. Shortly after forming there was a move to more sailable waters without tides and currents to worry about. By moving away from the Yacht Club property, the DPMYC stimulated interest in model sailing among both members and non-EYC members. This venue lasted until 2006 when a decision was made to move the club to the present location of Plattwood Park in Deep River, CT. Thanks to the generosity of the town of Deep River we now have a beautiful pond with great access to sail in. Since this move the club has grown and remains very active. Our focus remained on developing and maintaining the CR-914 class in Deep River. Our primary racing time has been Sunday with additional racing taking place on Wednesday afternoon for assorted classes and CR-914's. Come join in the fun, stop down and try a boat out for the day!

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name:

The name of the CLUB is the DRY PANTS MODEL YACHT CLUB, herein referred to as DPMYC or CLUB.

ARTICLE II Purpose:

The DPMYC is devoted to promoting the building, racing, and preservation of RC model sailing yachts. We pursue these goals by sailing certain classes of model yachts, hosting model yacht regattas, recognizing other local model yacht clubs and promoting model yachting in general. The primary CLUB RC classes are the CR914 and the DF95.

ARTICLE III Membership:

The membership shall consist of members of the CLUB in Good Standing.

ARTICLE IV Government:

The officers of the CLUB shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer who also constitute the DPMYC Executive Committee. The general management, control of affairs, funds, the CLUB'S the use of the Plattwood Park Pond facilities shall be vested in these officers.

ARTICLE V Amendments:

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by majority vote of the active membership in Good Standing attending a regular or special meeting.

Section 2: The proposed amendment in writing and with advanced notice of the meeting (regular or special) shall be sent to each active member at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER I Meetings

Section 1: The regular meeting of the CLUB shall be held in the fall or winter, prior to the start of the next season but after the election of new officers. Additional meetings shall be called by the Commodore as required.

Section 2: Each member shall be notified by the Secretary of all regular and special meetings, and the purpose of each special meeting, at least fourteen (14) days in advance.

Section 3: A quorum consisting of 30% of the voting members in Good Standing must be present at the meeting, and must include at least two members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Order of Business:

- A. Roll call of officers and members.
- B. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- C. Report of the Secretary.
- D. Report of the Treasurer.
- E. Unfinished business (includes reports of committees if any).
- F. New business.
- G. Closing Remarks
- H. Adjournment

CHAPTER II Election of Officers

Section 1: Officers who do not wish to continue their service, or their term is expiring, shall find potential nominees as needed. He/she will present these nominees to the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 2: Officers shall be elected by ballot when there is more than one candidate for the same office, and a majority of voting members in Good Standing present shall be necessary to constitute a choice. When there is only one candidate for office the Secretary shall cast one affirmative vote for the entire active membership present at the meeting.

Section 3: The officers of the CLUB shall serve for one year, from the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected, until the adjournment of the meeting at which a new election will be held. There shall be no limit on the number of terms that can be served.

Section 4: The Executive Committee may appoint a member in Good Standing to a vacancy of any unexpired position.

CHAPTER III Duties of Commodore

Section 1: Manage CLUB activities, to preside over all meetings and to enforce the Constitution and By Laws.

Section 2: Call special meetings of the CLUB.

Section 3: The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of any committees established by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Set the race schedule for the upcoming season at the yearly DPMYC meeting and publish such schedule prior to beginning of the racing season.

Section 5: Work with the Race Coordinators to schedule the next year's Regattas, publish the schedule before the racing season and copy the AMYA Secretary for publication.

Section 6: Obtain help as required and appoint Wednesday and Sunday Race Coordinators and/or Fleet Captains as necessary.

Section 7: The Commodore and Executive Committee shall approve all expenditures necessary for operation of the CLUB.

Section 8: Be responsible for maintenance and operation of the loaner boats, rescue boat(s) and/or CLUB equipment. He/she may delegate part or all of that work. Guests using the loaner boats shall sign a Waiver* (see Waiver* below.)

CHAPTER IV Duties of Vice Commodore

Section 1: Assist in the discharge of the Commodore's duties and officiate in the Commodore's absence.

Section 2: Manage Race Coordinator Duties for the racing season once the schedule is prepared.

Section 3: Obtain permits for the use of Plattwood Park facilities, Town of Deep River, and to coordinate with the responsible Town of Deep River representatives.

Section 4: Obtain signed Waivers* from all skippers if not on file and furnish these to the Secretary.

CHAPTER V Duties of Secretary

Section 1: Keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the CLUB in a book or file provided for that purpose. To keep on file all documents, records, reports, member's waivers* and communications connected with the business of the CLUB.

Section 2: Maintain a spreadsheet of members' names, addresses, contact info, boat numbers, AMYA registration, dates of admission and dues collected.

Section 3: Notify each member 14 days in advance of upcoming meetings or provide such information for publication. Create and produce materials, announcements and follow ups to the membership and prospective members.

Section 4: To provide advice and assistance in CLUB activities as required based on experience/records, support member start-up and follow up with website contacts.

Section 5: Produce and provide annual updates to the club website including- membership Application form, Annual Calendar of events, regatta info etc.

Section 6: Maintain database of local and regional PR outlets, provide copy and photos for news articles and provide releases for member's hometown outlets.

Section 7: Find and manage vendors for producing event awards.

Section 8: To see to it that all new members receive a packet consisting of:

- A. A copy of the Constitution/By-Laws of DPMYC.
- B. Membership Card.
- C. CLUB Roster (names, contact info).
- D. Race schedule.

Section 9: In case of inability on the part of the Secretary to attend a meeting, the necessary books and papers shall be conveyed to the place of the meeting in due time for the transaction of business.

CHAPTER VI Duties of the Treasurer

Section 1: Treasurer will maintain accounting records, collect all monies due the CLUB and pay out monies for expenditures as authorized by the CLUB Officers.

Section 2: Treasurer will notify all members who have not paid their dues as of **April 1st** until such time as the debt is cleared or the person ceases to be a member.

Section 3: Treasurer will make a report at each meeting of all receipts and disbursements and of the amount of money then remaining on hand and on deposit in the CLUB account.

Section 4: In case of inability on the part of the Treasurer to attend a meeting, the necessary books and papers shall be conveyed to the place of the meeting in due time for the transaction of business.

CHAPTER VII Duties of Race Coordinators

Section 1: Confirm CLUB racing each week by email, set course, post course on board if available, operate timer, collect and post scores, oversee buoy movement as needed, hear and decide protests and maintain good sportsmanship.

Section 2: Work with Commodore to schedule and run regattas.

CHAPTER VIII Duties of Members

Section 1: It is the duty of members to attend regular and special meetings.

Section 2: Members are encouraged to participate in all races and regattas.

Section 3: Members may be asked by the Executive Committee to serve as Race Coordinator, Buoy Steward, Score Keeper, to serve on Protest Committees for races and regattas or any other position deemed necessary for club functions.

Section 4: Notify the Secretary of boat registrations and **AMYA** membership number.

Section 5: Members are responsible for the protection of the Plattwood Park Pond property and facilities being used. Please tread lightly and leave nothing behind!

Section 6: The action and deed of each member should preserve and promote model sail boating, maintain personal conduct in a sportsmanlike manner and maintain the Good Standing and reputation of the DPMYC.

**All members (and Guests using loaned or loaner boats) shall sign a Waiver accepting responsibility for their activities and holding harmless the Executive Committee, the CLUB members, Plattwood Park and the Town of Deep River and its officers and employees. Race Coordinators, or members they delegate to, are responsible for obtaining Waivers from Guests.*

CHAPTER IX Committees

The Executive committee may form committees to help the CLUB in its daily functions.

CHAPTER X Membership/Waiver

A membership application form, including waiver* for any and all accidents, shall be signed and provided to the Secretary before engaging in any CLUB activities.

CHAPTER XI Club Dues

Annual dues must be paid to become a member in good standing.

CHAPTER XII Indebtedness to the Club

Section 1: Members shall be in Good Standing with the CLUB to engage in any CLUB activity.

Section 2: A member in debt to the CLUB, in any amount, either by non-payment of dues or for any other reason, is not a Member in Good Standing.

CHAPTER XIII Sportsmanship

Section 1: Prolonged verbal arguments, verbal abuse, foul language and unnecessary shouting regarding an incident will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by a penalty assigned by the Executive Committee. Penalties may include but are not limited to, Disqualify the competitor for a race, for the day's event, for the regatta or for the Series.

Section 2: Penalties for infractions will be determined by the Executive Committee after reviewing available testimony and all parties will be notified.

CHAPTER XV Voting

Section 1: Only members in Good Standing shall be allowed to vote.

Section 2: Voting by proxy will be permitted only in the case of amendment to the Constitution and / Or By-Laws.

CHAPTER XVI Amendments

Section 1: Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only by a majority vote of responding members in Good Standing.