

1 ABBREVIATIONS

AGM	Annual General Meeting
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting
MYA	Model Yachting Association

2 DEFINITIONS

Except in a heading, a term used as stated below is shown with capitalised initial letters.

Regulations: GOMYC rules, regulations, codes, and policies as may be published by the committee from time to time.

Good Standing: Accepted by committee into membership, paid all fees which are due, and not subject to suspension or any other disciplinary measure.

Club: A club in Good Standing.

Member: An individual in Good Standing who is a member of the Club.

Officer: An Executive Officer, a District Councillor, a Non-executive Officer, or an Honorary Officer.

Notification: Communication from Secretary to Committee by postal or electronic means.

Submission: Communication received by Secretary to Committee by postal or electronic means.

Postal Vote: Submission of the vote(s) of the Members of a Club not represented at an AGM.

Representative: A Member duly appointed by the Committee.

3 NAME

3.1. The Club shall be called the Great Orme Model Yacht Club, hereafter known as the GOMYC.

4 OBJECTS

- 4.1. The aims and objectives of the GOMYC are to:
- (a) promote the sport of radio and free sailing in the UK;
 - (b) encourage membership of the Club;
 - (c) create and maintain a racing structure for its Members.

5 LANGUAGE

5.1. The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

6 AFFILIATIONS

6.1. The GOMYC shall affiliate to the MYA

6.2. The GOMYC may affiliate to other organisations as Committee may require from time to time.

7 MEMBERSHIP

7.1. The membership is subject to this Constitution and the Regulations.

7.2. Membership shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December each year.

8 OFFICERS

- 8.1. The Executive Officers shall be the
- (a) Chair;

- (b) Secretary;
- (c) Treasurer;
- (d) Membership Secretary;
- 8.2. Executive Officers shall be elected annually at the AGM.
- 8.3. Any Executive Officer vacancy may be filled through co- option by Council.
- 8.4. The Honorary Officers shall be
 - (a) the Sailing Secretary, who shall be invited by Council;
- 8.5. Council may establish or remove non-executive positions in the GOMYC as may be considered necessary and shall appoint or arrange the election of the associated Non-executive Officers for terms of office as may be considered appropriate.
- 8.6. Honorary Officers shall remain in office for as long as they are willing to serve.
- 8.7. All Officers shall be Members.
- 8.8. Officers shall serve in a voluntary and unpaid capacity.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1. The AGM shall be held in January or February each year and shall be open to all Members.
- 9.2. Notifications and Submissions shall be made no less than the specified number of days in advance as follows:
 - (a) 30 days – Notification to the membership of the date, time, and venue;
 - (b) 10 days – Submission of motions by one or more Members;
 - (c) 10 days – Submission by the Committee of:
 - (i) proposed amendments;
 - (ii) nominations for Executive Officers;
 - (e) 10 days – Notification to the membership of the agenda;
 - (f) 7 days – Submission of Postal Votes.
- 9.3. The agenda shall comprise
 - (a) minutes of the previous AGM;
 - (b) matters arising from these minutes;
 - (c) Chair's report;
 - (d) Treasurer's report;
 - (e) Motion to accept audited accounts;
 - (f) Sailing Secretary's report;
 - (g) motions and proposed amendments;
 - (h) election of Executive Officers;
 - (i) any other business.
- 9.4. The quorum requirement shall be satisfied if:
 - (a) postal votes under Article 9.2(f) represent at least 30% of the Members, or
 - (b) at least 5 Members are in attendance.
- 9.5. The Chair shall preside or, in his absence, the Secretary. In the absence of both, a Chair shall be appointed from those present.
- 9.6. Any questions of procedure shall be determined by the Chair.
- 9.7. Except as provided in 9.8, only the motions, proposed amendments, and nominations for Executive Officers on the agenda shall be voted on.
- 9.8. The Chair may, in extraordinary circumstances, accept amendments from the floor when, in his opinion, this will assist the meeting to come to a resolution.
- 9.9. The Chair shall have the discretion to place additional or revised motions on the agenda by drawing on the proposed amendments, if any.
- 9.10. A Member shall have one vote.
- 9.11. A Member's vote shall be cast using the hands.
- 9.12. Except as provided in Article 14 Amendment to the Constitution, motions and proposed amendments shall be decided by a simple majority.
- 9.13. Elections shall be decided by First Past the Post. A tie shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 9.14. Agenda item 9.3(i) (Any other business), shall be chaired by the newly elected Chair, following the procedure of Article 9.5 if necessary.

10 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 10.1. Except for the provisions in this Article, an EGM shall conform to the requirements for an AGM as per Article 9.
- 10.2. An EGM may be called at any time by
- (a) resolution of Committee;
 - (b) the Submission of a request by least five Members acting in unison.
- 10.3. Notifications and Submissions shall be made no less than the specified number of days in advance as follows:
- (a) 30 days – Notification to the membership of:
 - (i) the date, time, and venue;
 - (ii) the motion(s);
 - (b) 20 days – Submission by Committee of proposed amendments;
 - (c) 20 days – Notification to the membership of the agenda;
 - (d) 7 days – Submission of Postal Votes.
- 10.4. The agenda shall comprise (a) motions and proposed amendments.

11 COMMITTEE and COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 11.1. The GOMYC shall be managed by a Committee, whose members shall be the Executive Officers.
- 11.2. Council shall be responsible for the Regulations.
- 11.3. Council shall hold at least 3 meetings per year.
- 11.4. A meeting shall be convened by the
- (a) Chair, or
 - (b) Secretary.
- 11.5. The Notification of a meeting shall be sent to the membership at least 2 weeks in advance.
- 11.6. A Member may attend a meeting upon Notification of an invitation.
- 11.7. The quorum for a meeting shall be:
- (a) the majority of Council members which shall include
 - (b) the majority of Executive Officers.
- 11.9. A meeting shall be chaired:
- (a) by the Chair;
 - (b) if the Chair is unavailable, by the Secretary;
 - (c) if the Secretary is unavailable, by an Executive Officer chosen from those present.
- 11.10. Executive Officers shall each have one vote.
- 11.11. Voting shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- 11.12. As may be considered necessary, Committee may appoint
- (a) committees and sub-committees;
 - (b) advisers.

12 FINANCES

- 12.1. The financial year shall be from 1st October in any year to the 30th September in the year following.
- 12.2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances.
- 12.3. The annual accounts
- (a) shall be audited by professionally accredited auditors appointed by Council; and
 - (b) their statement shall be presented for acceptance under Article 9.3(e).
- 12.4. Monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Great Orme Model Yacht Club.
- 12.5. The Treasurer shall authorise all payments in accordance with the regulations.
- 12.6. Membership fees shall be
- (a) set in accordance with the Regulations;
 - (b) notified under the Treasurer's report of Article 9.3(d);

(c) paid

(i) by the 1st January each year, or

(ii) on joining the GOMYC;

12.7. Members joining between 1st October and 31st December in any year shall have membership up to 31st December of the following year.

13 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

13.1. The Constitution may be amended only by resolution:

(a) at an AGM or EGM;

(b) with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

14 DISSOLUTION

14.1. The GOMYC may only be dissolved

(a) when fewer than 3 Members remain in membership;

(b) and by resolution

(i) at an AGM or EGM;

(ii) with a two-thirds majority in favour.

14.2. On dissolution the Committee shall dispose of the GOMYC's assets

(a) between Members;

(b) within 6 months.

14.3. The Committee shall be indemnified for any liability they may personally incur.

15 DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

15.1. The GOMYC shall support the MYA Charter and encourage its use by the membership.

15.2. A complaint regarding the behaviour of any Officer or any of the membership, or an appeal against any disciplinary outcome, shall be:

(a) by making a Submission;

(b) dealt with in accordance with the Regulations.

16 APPLICABLE LAW AND LIMITATIONS

16.1. The proper law of the GOMYC shall be English law and this constitution shall be construed accordingly.

16.2. In the execution of their powers and duties under this constitution no Officer shall be liable for any loss to any of the membership or to the assets of the GOMYC by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by them or any other Officer or for any other matter other than wilful and individual wrongdoing omission or fraud on the part of the person who is sought to be made liable.