

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Of
SUN COAST MODEL SAILING CLUB

Revision 2.0

Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

This Association shall be known as the Sun Coast Model Sailing Club, AMYA #211, Punta Gorda, Florida.

The purpose of this club is to promote Radio-Controlled Model Sailboat racing for the benefit of its members. These include developing fleets, sponsoring regattas, aid and teach the art of this sport and provide an atmosphere of sportsmanship and good fellowship among members and guests.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be by submission of application and dues to the club secretary. Boat ownership is not essential.

Only members who have paid all dues and general assessments and are concurrently members of the American Model Yachting Association shall be deemed to be members in good standing.

Acceptance of membership shall be by a majority vote of the officers.

A membership limit may be established by vote of the officers. In the event membership is limited, all existing members will remain and a waiting list shall be established.

Article III. OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and a three-member Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected for a one-year term.

The Commodore is the chief executive officer of the club and will preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors.

The Vice Commodore is second in command. In the Absence of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall act as chief executive officer.

The Rear Commodore represents the membership in areas of Regatta Schedules and types and classes of yachts to be sailed at scheduled club racing events. He/She shall also appoint Fleet Captains for each class sailed. In addition, he/she shall work with a designated Regatta Chairman for regattas.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Club meetings and maintain a directory of club membership. The Secretary shall also keep any other records pertaining to the club.

The Treasurer will have custody of the financial records and maintain the clubs funds. The Treasurer shall have the authority to make deposits and withdrawals on behalf of the club and will keep accurate records of all such transactions.

An officer may appoint an assistant to his/her position. This assistant will not be a member of the Board.

The succession of officers shall be the following:

If the Commodore is unable to complete his/her elected term, the Vice Commodore shall assume the Commodore position.

If any officer other than the Commodore is unable to complete their term, the Commodore shall appoint a club member to hold the vacant position until the next scheduled club meeting.

All vacancies shall be resolved by nomination and ballot at a scheduled club meeting, but not more than two months after the vacancy occurs.

Article IV. Club Management

The affairs of the club shall be managed by all Officers and Directors. The Commodore shall become chairperson. Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting to be held on the first available Saturday in December.

The officers shall make its decisions by majority vote at a meeting consisting of at least three Officers as a quorum. In lieu of a formal meeting, a poll of the board members may be completed by mail, email or telephone ballot and will become effective only with two-thirds in agreement.

The Officers shall review on an annual basis the proposed Regatta Schedule and which class of boats to be sailed at official club racing events. The schedule will be submitted annually by the Rear Commodore.

The Officers shall appoint special committees as needed to conduct club activities.

Article V. MEETINGS

The Officers shall establish a schedule of regular membership meetings. Special meetings may be called at the demand of two Officers or by five club members.

The presence of 20% of the membership shall constitute a Quorum. Club business can only be transacted if quorum is present.

Club business will be accomplished by ballot, voice vote or show of hands and will be approved by a simple majority of the members attending who are in good standing (provided a quorum is present), the presiding Officer only votes in case of a tie.

Members may vote by written proxy on a specific issue.

Meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI. FINANCIAL

Amount of annual dues will be determined by the Officers and presented for vote at the annual meeting.

Dues will be considered delinquent if not paid by February 28th,

All contracts, membership applications, bills, notes, and other documents made on behalf of the club shall be valid if signed by one of the Officers in the ordinary course of the club's business. Matters outside the ordinary course of business require prior approval by the board of directors.

The maximum financial commitment by the Officers without prior approval by the general membership shall be limited to \$500. At no time shall the Officers commit the club to a program that will exhaust the club funds. (With the exception of club disestablishment.)

Article VII. SPORTSMANSHIP

In the spirit of good fellowship, all members shall play fairly by the racing rules, the "Corinthian Spirit" and by the unwritten "Golden Rule". This is sometimes forgotten in the heat of competition. In the case of a gross infringement of the rules or a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, the Officers may take disciplinary action which can include suspension of racing rights.

Article VIII. Removal or Expulsion

An Officer may be removed from office by club members for cause, provided that a 2/3 majority of members present at a regularly scheduled club meeting approves the action.

A member may be expelled for cause by the Officers or by the membership for non-payment of dues by due date or non-payment on an assessment. Willful and flagrant violation of the By-Laws is also cause for expulsion.

Article IX. Amendments and applicable law

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at an annual meeting provided the required 2/3 of the quorum present is in agreement.

This club exists under and pursuant to the laws of the state of Florida.

Article X. INSURANCE

The club shall carry pond insurance which is available thru AMYA.