

# CYGNETS MODEL BOAT CLUB LIMITED

## Notes for New Members

Revised April 2008

### Club Venue

The western end of Mote Park Lake, Maidstone, Kent

### Use of the Club's Water

Restricted to CYGNETS MEMBERS ONLY. (NO EXCEPTIONS other than hosted friendly and competitive events).

The Committee can restrict the use of any class of boat – see Club Rule No. 30.

### Child Protection Legislation

The parent/guardian of a junior (those **under** the age of 18 years of age) must make a special note of the requirements of Club Rule No. 29, juniors.

Similarly seniors (those **over** the age of 18 years of age) must also make a special note of the requirements of Club Rule No. 29, juniors.

Should you not understand the requirements of Rule No. 29, juniors - speak immediately to a member of the Committee for clarification - the importance of this Rule cannot be over-stressed.

### Permitted Boating Times

Saturday and Sunday	10.00am - 6.00pm
Monday	No boating
Tuesday and Thursday	1.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday and Friday	1.00pm - 8.00pm

### Weekend Preferential Sailing

Saturdays: I.C. powered models, i.e. multi's, sports boats. For hydroplanes - the Committee's permission is required.

Sundays: Scale and Sail

Please note: These are guidelines and preferences only.

### Club Membership Number

Must be displayed on each model owned and being sailed by a member.

On Scale models and Yachts, these need only to be of small or to scale size. On I.C. powered models and fast electric models they must be BIG enough to be clearly seen when far out (75-100 metres) on the water.

### Club Membership Card

Must be carried by the members and be clearly visible whenever operating model(s) upon the Club's water.

### Radio Control Equipment

Must conform to current regulations and permitted operating frequencies (see attached sheet).

## Radio Frequency Flags

The member MUST (whenever operating a model) ALWAYS fly the CORRECT frequency flag from his/her transmitter unless using 2.4GHZ equipment.

### All Model Power Boats must:

1. Be BELOW the noise level of 80db.
2. Avoid pollution of the water.
3. Must be fitted with a failsafe device on the throttle – See Club Rule No. 34

### All Model Power Boat Drivers must:

1. Make use of an observer whilst out on the water – see Club Rule No. 32 for full details of this requirement.
2. Observe a safety zone within 3 metres from the shoreline – see Club Rule No. 33 for full details of this requirement.

## Rescue Dinghy

1. Location in Club Boathouse.
2. Use: In an emergency ANY Club Member (of over 18 years of age) may use the dinghy. In the event of use, such member(s) MUST AT ALL TIMES wear the Clubs buoyancy aids (kept in the Club Boathouse) and make sure that they are CORRECTLY fitted and SECURE before embarking in the dinghy. For junior members between the ages of 16 and 18 and under 16 the requirements of Club Rule No. 22, as amended in January 2003, must be fully complied with. **There shall be no exceptions to this rule.**
3. Following use: CLEAN OUT and return together with buoyancy aids to the Boathouse.

## Important Do's and Don'ts for all Members

1. Don't chase, pursue or harry ANY of the lakes wildfowl. It is AGAINST CLUB RULES. If caught so doing, you will in all probability lose your membership forever.
2. Don't deliberately annoy any fishermen.
3. Don't "act the fool" when sailing any model, particularly in the company of other models, because you may cause an accident, or become the victim of an accident.
4. Don't attempt to, or operate any model boat using 35 MHZ radio control equipment (such frequency is by Law for use of aero modellers only).
5. Don't attempt to, or operate any AIRSCREW driven model on the Club's Water. The Club's Licence (from the Maidstone Borough Council) does NOT include the operation of any such models.
6. Do adhere strictly to the Club's boundaries when operating a model. The Club's boundaries are defined by a line of marker buoys on both the eastern and western limits of our waters.
7. Do - I.C. and fast electric models on the water and when leaving the compound area should proceed in an easterly direction from the eastern end (left hand side facing the water) of the compound and circulate clockwise.
8. Do - when I.C. and fast electric models are on the water, other models should be launched from the western end (right hand side facing the water) of the compound and circulate close to the bank.

## **Gate and Boathouse Key**

The requirements of Club Rule No. 22, as amended in January 2003, must be fully complied with. **There shall be no exceptions to this rule.**

A spare key is held by a committee member and may be borrowed when required. **Please observe the speed limit of 12 mph. when driving through the park to the lakeside.** When borrowing the key you will need to leave details of your membership. **Please return the key as soon as you leave the lakeside.**

The Club can now obtain spare keys but the number is restricted. They are allocated as a first priority to members with mobility problems, and then at the Committee's discretion to others on payment of a £10.00 deposit. Please remember that regular attendance at the lakeside is a criteria for allocation.

The Club Boathouse is fitted with an alarm system and is activated when the doors are opened. The procedure for arming and disarming the alarm system will be given to you at the time you join the Club and the Notes for New Members is issued to you. The code numbers for the alarm will be given to you at the same time. These code numbers must **not** be passed onto third parties under any circumstances. If requested, a demonstration of the operation of the alarm system will be given to the new member.

## **Club Committee Meetings**

Usually held monthly at the Stone Street Club, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, on a Wednesday evening at 20.00 (Members are welcome to attend). Dates of such meetings are displayed on the Compound Notice Board (usually the third Wednesday of each month).

## **Club Newsletter "Bow Waves"**

Usually published every three months will be sent free to all members.

## **M.P.B.A. (Model Power Boating Association)**

The Cygnets Model Boat Club Ltd. is affiliated to this National Association. Individual membership is NOT mandatory. However Club Members can join this association if they so desire (contact the Club Secretary for details).

## **Regattas**

The Club organises and hosts several Regattas each year for SCALE, I.C and YACHT modellers and competitors. Dates of forthcoming events are displayed on the compound notice board, and are listed in the January issue of "BowWaves".

**RADIO CONTROL PERMITTED OPERATING FREQUENCIES  
FOR SURFACE BASED MODEL CONTROL**

**FREQUENCY BAND 27 MHZ**

**APPLICABLE TX FLAG COLOUR**

26.975	Grey/Brown
26.995	Brown
27.025	Brown/Red
27.045	Red
27.075	Red/Orange
27.095	Orange
27.125	Orange/Yellow
27.145	Yellow
27.175	Yellow/Green
27.195	Green
27.225	Green/Blue
27.255	Blue

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40MHZ**

**APPLICABLE TX  
PENNANT N°.**

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40.665	665	40.855	855
40.675	675	40.865	865
40.685	685	40.875	875
40.695	695	40.885	885
40.705	705	40.895	895
40.715	715	40.905	905
40.725	725	40.915	915
40.735	735	40.925	925
40.745	745	40.935	935
40.755	755	40.945	945
40.765	765	40.955	955
40.775	775	40.965	965
40.785	785	40.975	975
40.795	795	40.985	985
40.805	805	40.995	995
40.815	815		
40.825	825		
40.835	835		
40.845	845		

2.4GHZ Band equipment may be used

**NOTES:**

Radio Control equipment operating in the 35 MHZ Band is solely for aeronautical modelling. Surface modellers MUST NOT use this Band.

Similarly aeronautical modellers MUST NOT use the 40 MHZ Band.

Any use of an unauthorised frequency band is illegal and, if discovered, could result in prosecution and the forfeiture of all equipment involved. Any use of equipment that is not approved is similarly illegal.