



MID-THAMES MODEL BOAT CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct is for the benefit of all members to ensure we enjoy our model boating with no offence to the wildlife, the public, other members or users of the shared facilities. Our aim is enjoyment and recreation.

A set of mandatory Safety Rules has been drawn up and they take precedence over this Code.

General

All members should ensure that they do not leave litter, cause damage or behave in a way that will reflect badly upon the Club. Remember we share facilities and others may have as much right to use them as we do.

Do not chase or disturb wildlife, with or without a boat; respect that we are visitors to their habitat. Any behaviour of this nature may result in you being asked to leave the Club permanently.

No member should run about where boats are being rested. Junior members must be supervised by an adult while sailing a boat, showing due consideration for others at all times. Members should help and encourage junior members to be aware of and to follow this code in a friendly manner.

Exercise care when launching and retrieving boats — seek assistance from fellow members rather than struggle with a large model.

All long whip type transmitter aerials must have a practice golf ball or similar fixed to its end to avoid eye accidents. Similarly, upright rigid or whip aerials on models must also be protected when not on the water.

Every Member is deemed to have notice of and implicitly undertakes to comply with the club constitution and rules. Any refusal to do so, or any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is unworthy of a member, and or brings the Club into disrepute shall render the Member liable to expulsion by the Committee.

Operating your boat

Boats must be operated with due regard of wild life on and around the water.

Wild life has right of way at all times

Before operating any boat, it is the members responsibility to check the lake for other r/c model boat operations and ensure that there is not a clash of operating frequencies. Should the desired frequency be in use, seek out the operator and inform that member that you wish to use the frequency. When informed of this situation and if no other frequency is available, the frequency must change hands within 30 minutes. This fair sharing is for the benefit of all members; some members travel long distance to use the waters. Don't be a killjoy.

If you have not sailed a particular model before conduct a range test and a loss of signal fail safe test on land before launching.

While running your boat, consider other members, and keep clear of other boats on the water. Do not operate in a way that will cause damage or force others to take avoiding action.

When operating a fast electric or an untried boat, warn others, and operate well away from them. Fast electrics must always operate well removed from other larger or slower scale boats.

Boats with working fire monitors must not spray water at onlookers, for Health and Safety reasons.

Organised events

It is the responsibility of all members to ensure that they do not operate r/c gear while an organised event is in progress unless under frequency control. All such events are set out in the Club's programme, and if in doubt do not operate your boat until you have checked. When taking part in such events, abide by the events' officials regarding any instructions or requests.

Any official of our Club is also a member and aims to relax and enjoy the event the same as you. Do not "just test transmitters" without first being clear to use, i.e. check that the frequency is not already in use.

Rescue dinghy

Junior members must not use rescue dinghy at any time. For non-organised events, when the rescue boat will be unmanned, and you need to use the dinghy you must wear the life vests provided, ensuring they are suitable for your body weight. No more than two members may be present in the dinghy. The dinghy may only be used by members competent in its use and to be used in a responsible way to avoid damage to the dinghy and any models on the water. It is wiser to leave a model boat stranded out on the water than you in the water in difficulties on your own.

All fast-electric activity must stop whilst the rescue dinghy is in use.

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