

Luton and District Model Boat Club

Rules and Conditions of Membership (2021 iss2)

1. Membership will run from 1st October to 30th September each year.
2. Membership renewal becomes due on the 1st day of October each year.
3. If payment is not received by 31st December, the Membership Secretary will write to the member concerned giving 14 days' notice of forfeit of membership.
4. Upon expiry of the 14 days grace and no renewal payment received, that members membership is deemed forfeit.
5. Members of other Affiliated Clubs can sail at Luton and District MBC. These Affiliated Clubs are, Hemel, Northampton, St Albans and Black Park. All sailing must be booked via the LDMBC Secretary, with priority given to LDMBC members.
 - A. Members of other non-affiliated model boat clubs can sail at LDMBC upon production of a valid Membership Card or pay the day membership fee (to be approved by a committee member) and sign the daybook.
 - B. Prospective new members to LDMBC will be allowed to sail for a 4-week period for free before becoming a full member within 12 months of first sailing.
 - C. Apart from Prospective New Members, no day sailing will be permitted by anyone not already a member of a model boat club.
 - D. Any member of another model boat club, who has been refused/revoked membership by LDMBC, will not be permitted to sail at Wardown Park Lake.
6. Deliberate non-payment of membership fee and continued use of Wardown Park Lake is forbidden and no 'day memberships' will be allowed.
7. All 'day memberships' must be entered into the book dedicated for that purpose.
8. No Junior membership is available on a 'sole use' basis. Junior members must be part of a Family Membership group.
9. Junior members automatically become adult members on their 18th birthday and therefore at the next membership renewal must pay the Full membership fee.
10. The membership fee may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the management committee. Three months' notice of any change in membership fee will be given in writing to all members.
11. The Club will provide Third Party Public Liability Insurance cover to all members when taking part in club activities. This cover will extend to all members of a family group.
12. Membership of the Club is at the discretion of the management committee and the Club reserve the right to refuse or revoke membership at any time.
13. The Club will be self-governing by the election each year of a management committee.
14. Any matters relating to the policy or rules of the Club will be placed before the membership before any decisions are taken.
15. Any matters relating to the policy or rules of the club will be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. All members will be notified in writing 14 days before the date of any such meeting. All members will be offered the facility of a proxy vote for any such meetings.
16. Only Adult members of the Club will be eligible to vote on any motion proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
17. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Luton and District Model Boat Club will be held on the first available evening in September.

18. Nominations for committee membership must be received no later than 28 days before the posted date for the AGM. In exceptional circumstances this time limit may be overridden by a vote at the AGM to allow nominations at the AGM itself.
19. Any motions and/or proposals to be placed before the AGM. must be detailed in writing and sent to the Secretary of the Club no later than 28 days before the date of the AGM.
20. Only Adult members may vote on any nominations or motions proposed at the AGM.
21. The accounts of the Luton and District Model Boat Club must be presented at the AGM. or published within 28 days of that AGM.
22. A full audited Balance Sheet of the finances of the Club will be made available to the membership no later than the 1st day of November each year.
23. The term of office for the committee shall be from September to September. Up to three additional members can be voted onto the committee during the year if the Club feels that there is a need for this to take place.
24. The committee shall always be accountable to the club members for its actions.
25. All members are obliged to comply with any lawful instruction issued while taking part in events staged by the Club or whilst on land or water controlled by the Club for the purposes of the Club's activities.
26. Adult members must be always responsible for the safety and behaviour of all Junior members covered by their Family membership application. This also applies to any registered guests invited by a club member to attend any activity staged by the Club. All such guests must be covered by Third Party Insurance and it is the duty of the member responsible to ensure that his/her visitor(s) sign as a day member and wear the pass provided.
27. An 'Officer of the Day' shall be elected for each day's sailing.
28. As the Club has sole use of the lake and hard standing, any offenders interfering with the club's legal and proper activities shall be reported to the Council.
29. Protective clothing should be always worn when entering the lake. Waders and Life Preservers must be worn. (See Rules and Conditions for use of Wardown Park Lake)
30. If applicable, Boiler Certificates must be available for inspection for any craft powered by steam plants.
31. It is a condition of membership that all members receive and sign a copy of these rules. Adult members are responsible for explaining these rules to any Junior members within their family group.
32. All Members dogs MUST be kept on a lead and secured when inside the compound.