

BY-LAWS OF
BUFFALO MODEL POWERBOAT CLUB, INC.

A Not-for-profit Corporation
Incorporated under the Laws of
The State of New York

ARTICLE I: NAME, OFFICES, AND SEAL

A. The name of the Corporation shall be the Buffalo Model Powerboat Club, Inc.

B. The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the County of Erie and State of New York. The corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without this state as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

C. The seal of the Corporation shall be as follows:

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Corporation shall be to foster and promote the building and operating of model boats in the categories of power, sail, and scale; to promote good fellowship among the members, spectators, and guests and to affiliate with the national and international bodies whose aim is to promote the hobby of model boat building and operating.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership shall be open to all persons who show an interest in model Boat building and operating.

B. Membership will be limited to three types, namely; Junior, Senior, and Complimentary.

1. Junior Membership is limited to persons seventeen and under. Junior members will neither pay dues nor have voting privileges. Junior members shall be eligible to compete in club regattas and for club annual trophies, as well as being eligible to compete in events sanctioned or sponsored by the American Model Yacht Association, the Great Lakes Model Boat Association, or other such bodies with which our club may participate. On their eighteenth birthday, Junior members must become Senior Members by remitting both the dues and the initiation fee or their membership status will be terminated.
2. Senior Membership is limited to persons eighteen years and older and shall pay dues and have voting privileges. Senior members shall be eligible to compete in club regattas and for club annual trophies, as well as being eligible to compete in events sanctioned or sponsored by the American Model Yacht Association, the Great Lakes Model Boat Association, or other such bodies with which our club may participate
3. Complimentary Membership will be granted, by a quorum vote of the membership, for those persons who would otherwise be eligible for Senior membership but who reside too far from the Buffalo area to attend meetings; for those persons who are Hobby Shop operators and would donate regatta prizes and/or regatta trophies in lieu of paying dues; and for others whose membership would be in the best interest of the Club. Complimentary members shall neither pay dues nor have voting privileges.

C. Senior members in the military service will be carried as current members of this Club while on active duty and shall neither pay dues nor have voting privileges.

D. A Membership Roll Book or Roster showing the list of members as of the record date, certified by the Recording Secretary of the Corporation, shall be produced at any meeting of members, upon request therefore or any member who has given written notice to the Corporation that such request will be made at least ten days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

A. Dues shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year (amended Jan. 2, 2010) and are due and payable by the February meeting. Any Senior members not paying their dues by the February meeting shall have their membership terminated and thus lose voting rights and boat operating privileges at authorized Club running sites.

1. To have the above terminated membership reinstated, the person will be treated as any new Senior member, paying both the annual dues and the initiation fee.
2. Termination of Senior membership for non-payment of dues may be held in abeyance due to extenuating circumstances, if so approved by the Executive Committee.

3. New members joining the Club after October first of any year shall be considered paid in full for the following year after proper payment of the initiation fee and one (1) years dues.

B. There shall be a five dollar (\$5.00) initiation fee, which shall cover all members of a family living in the same household. This initiation fee will be paid by the first applicant for Senior membership from a family.

ARTICLE V: VOTING

A. Only Senior members who have paid their dues shall have the privilege of voting.

B. A quorum must be present at annual, regular or special meetings in order to transact business.

C. Three Officers and one-quarter of the Senior members who are current in their dues shall be considered a quorum.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

A. There will be one annual and nine regular club meetings per calendar year.

B. The annual membership meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the first Saturday of October each year: except if such day be a legal holiday, then the Executive Committee shall fix a day not more than two weeks from the date fixed by these By-Laws. The Corresponding Secretary shall cause to be mailed to each member in good standing, at their address, as it appears on the Membership Roll Book of the Corporation, a notice stating the time and place of the annual meeting. Regular meetings of the Corporation shall be held in the County of Erie and State of New York.

C. Seven meetings will be held the first Saturday of the months of November through May. If the first Saturday of any of these months falls on a holiday or major boating activities, the meeting will be held on a later Saturday in the month.

D. During the regatta season, one meeting will be held during the months of June and July and one during August and September. The dates for these meetings will be picked by the Executive Committee to avoid conflicts with the regatta schedule. The dates of these meetings will be announced to the members at least six weeks in advance.

E. Emergency meetings may be called at any time at the discretion of either the Commodore or the Executive Committee.

F. Should the meetings be held at the home of one Senior member for the period of

one year or longer, that Senior member shall be excused from the paying of dues.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Corporation shall be as follows:

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| 1. Commodore | 5. Fleet Captain – Power |
| 2. Recording Secretary | 6. Fleet Captain – Sail |
| 3. Corresponding Secretary | 7. Fleet Captain – Scale |
| 4. Treasurer | |

B. Corporation officers will be elected annually by the voting members at the December monthly meeting and shall assume their duties at the January meeting.

C. No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. Following are the regular duties of the Officers of this Corporation. Special duties, not enumerated, may be assigned by either the Commodore or the Executive Committee.

1. The Commodore shall preside at all annual, regular, and special Club meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint special committees at his discretion to assist the smooth function of the club.
2. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of each annual, regular or special Club meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee and maintain the Corporate records, including such books and papers as the Commodore or Executive Committee may direct. He shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix and attest the same to documents when duly authorized by the Commodore or Executive Committee. He shall keep a Membership Roll containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are members of the Corporation, showing their place of residence.
3. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle all official correspondence of the Club, transmit the notices of the annual, regular and special Club meetings, and act as correspondent with regional, national, and international Model Boating organizations and associations unless otherwise directed by the Commodore.

4. The Treasurer shall collect dues, make all disbursements and submit a monthly report to the membership at the annual and regular club meetings. At the end of the Corporation's fiscal year (December 31st), the Treasurer shall prepare an audit of accounts for the preparation of the required Corporation tax forms and submit said audit to the Commodore or Executive Committee no later than February 28th. Expenditures less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) will not require a vote of the membership for approval. (amended January 2, 2010)

5. The Fleet Captains shall oversee the activities of their respective fleets and act as a clearing house for their applicable activities. They do not automatically become the Contest Directors for the regattas in their respective categories; they shall, however, be responsible for all regatta reports.

ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Corporation shall be managed by the Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the Club plus the immediate past Commodore.

ARTICLE X: INSURANCE COVERAGE

A. It shall be the policy of the club to carry suitable and adequate public liability and property damage insurance.

ARTICLE XI: FCC REGULATIONS

A. All members operating radio controlled boats shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

ARTICLE XII: AMMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

A. Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws may be introduced by any voting member of the Club at any annual or regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

B. Amendments proposed at any of the meetings mentioned in Article XII, paragraph A, above, will not be voted on at that meeting. The vote will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

C. A two-thirds majority of the Senior Members present will be necessary to enact the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XIII: NOISE CONTROL

A. The following noise control program shall apply to all power boats.

1. This program shall be binding on all power boats operated at Club approved running sites.
2. A Club approved running site shall be construed as one for which the Club has written authority to operate model boats from the owner or his representative.
3. Should the property owner or his representative waive the requirement(s) set forth in paragraph 2, above, for specific regatta dates, then this program shall not apply to either Club members or non-club members operating power boats at that regatta; as long as they are registered for the particular event or events being held.

B. All power boats shall be equipped with exhaust noise limiting attachments such as mufflers or tuned pipes.

C. Open exhaust ports, mini-pipes, mega-stacks, or any non-muffled exhaust extensions shall not be allowed at any time on any Club approved running site.