



Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club

CODE OF CONDUCT

Mission Statement

The Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club is dedicated to fostering the enjoyment and growth of radio sailing as a competitive and inclusive sport. We aim to promote fair play, camaraderie, and environmental stewardship while providing opportunities for sailors of all skill levels to develop their abilities, share their passion, and contribute to a vibrant community.

1. Purpose

This Code of Conduct (Code) outlines the type of behaviour which is encouraged by Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club. It also provides samples of (but is not limited to) behaviour which may result in disciplinary action under the Rules of PLRMYC or the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Fair Play and Integrity

- All members and visitors must compete in compliance with the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)** and its Appendix E for radio sailing and PLRMYC Rules.
- Members should demonstrate fairness, honesty, and respect whilst racing and in all other interactions.
- Competitors must accept penalties for any rule infringements, competing in the spirit of sportsmanship.
- Competitors should operate radio-controlled yachts safely and in a manner that ensures fair competition.
- Members must adhere to all instructions from race officials, including the Race Officer (RO) and Judges.
- Members are accountable and responsible for their conduct.

3. Respect for Fellow Members

At all times, members should:

- Treat all sailors, officials, and spectators with courtesy and respect, promoting a friendly and inclusive environment.
- Refrain from using offensive language, gestures, or aggressive behaviour. This includes statements which are designed to denigrate and/or intimidate another person, whether said directly to that person or not.
- Foster camaraderie by encouraging and supporting sailors of all skill levels.

4. Safety and Equipment Responsibility

Competitors must:

- Maintain equipment to a high standard, ensuring it is safe and complies with class rules.
- Sail responsibly, avoiding reckless manoeuvres or behaviour that could damage other yachts or pose risks to members
- Ensure the control area rules are followed and remain orderly to prevent accidents or distractions



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5. Environmental Stewardship

Members should:

- Respect the waterways and surrounding environment of the National Water Sports Centre.
- Avoid polluting the water and dispose of waste responsibly.
- Recover any debris or lost parts from the water after races.

6. Club Representation

- Members of PLRMYC are ambassadors of the sport and the club. Members should behave in a manner that enhances the reputation of both.
- Members should promote the values of respect, sportsmanship, and enjoyment to encourage broader participation in radio sailing.

7. Conflict Resolution

- Disputes or concerns must be resolved respectfully through proper protest channels as outlined in the PLRMYC Rules and the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Members should avoid escalating conflicts; disagreements should be resolved amicably or with the guidance of club officials.

8. Enforcement

- Violations of this Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the PLRMYC Committee.
- Violations during an event may result in the RO or a Committee Member of PLRMYC:
 - Issuing a warning to the offender.
 - If a warning is ignored, disqualification from the event and a request to leave the venue.
 - If behaviour continues, conclude racing for the day.
- Members who breach the Code of Conduct may be subject to a hearing under RRS 2 or RRS 69.
- Possible actions by the PLRMYC Committee include verbal or written reprimands, disqualification from events, suspension of membership rights or expulsion from PLRMYC.

9. PLRMYC Member Acknowledgements

By agreeing to be a member of PLRMYC, the member:

- Acknowledges and agrees that this Code has a direct relationship with the PLRMYC Rules/By-Laws.
- Understands that any breach may result in action being taken:
 - Under the procedures adopted by PLRMYC and set out in the Rules, and/or
 - Under the Racing Rules of Sailing.



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To assist in understanding behaviour that may be considered misconduct, World Sailing provides the following guidelines.

Examples of Misconduct

1. Engaging in any unlawful activity (for example, theft, assault, criminal damage)
2. Engaging in any activity which may bring, or has brought, the sport into disrepute
3. Bullying, discriminatory behaviour and intimidation
4. Physical or threatened violence
5. Acting recklessly or in manner that does, or is likely to, cause damage or injury
6. Disobeying the reasonable instructions of event officials
7. Intentionally breaking a rule or inciting others to break a rule
8. Interference with another competitor's equipment
9. Repeated breaches of a rule
10. Failing to act to prevent your boat or team breaking a rule when you are aware of that breach
11. Not telling the truth or the whole truth in a hearing or lying to an official
12. Other forms of cheating such as falsifying personal, class or measurement documents, entering a boat known not to measure, missing out a mark to gain places, etc.
13. Foul or abusive language that causes or may cause offence
14. Making abusive or disrespectful comments concerning race officials or their decisions (including via electronic means such as social media)