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The Guildford Model Yacht Club is a long established club with a superb open sailing water. We are affiliated to the Model Yachting Association the UK national radio sailing authority, which is a member of the Radio Sailing Division of the INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION (ISAF).

**Our sailing water**

We sail at Abbey Meads Lake, Chertsey, which makes it one of the best venues in the South for radio sailing. The lake is easy to find, being on the east side of the A320 Staines/Chertsey road close to the Thorpe Park entrance. From whichever direction you approach, follow the signs to Thorpe Park and at their entrance roundabout take the southern exit towards Chertsey. The lake entrance is about 800 metres on the left, at the entrance to the 3 Valleys Water Treatment works where you will find a pair of large metal gates. When the Club is sailing at the lake on Sundays, you will also see a sign 'RADIO SAILING' just before this entrance. If the gates are locked please phone the number marked on the 'welcome notice' on the gate. You will be given the number for the GMYC number padlock, which will be in place only when we are at the lake. If they just closed, but not locked, please close the gate behind you leaving the lock as you found it!

**Newcomers are very welcome**

All visitors are most welcome to try out the fun sailing 'BOTTLE' boat at our Club events. We are now racing these starter boats together with our Marbleheads on a handicapped course and for their own trophies. Experienced sailors are invited to have a go racing these superb sailing machines to the ISAF-RSD Marblehead Class. You will be delighted by the thrill of sailing these small, but high performance boats, using the same ISAF 'Racing Rules of Sailing' as the rest of the sport of sailing. There are always lots of races to enjoy. The excitement is enhanced by courses that only take a few minutes to complete. Once you have a transmitter in your hand you will be enthralled and won't want to let go! We are a small but keen club of enthusiastic competitive members and cater as much for the newcomer as for the more experienced sailor. Club racing is organised on a regular basis for the Marblehead class and BOTTLE boat classes. The racing for club trophies take place in the mornings on the dates shown on the GMYC programme. In the afternoons there will be Footy racing starting at 2pm on those dates, this will include racing against the clock round the Footy Internet Course, on which we currently hold the World record. There are 'club boats' that can be borrowed and there are currently secondhand boats for sale. Members do have boats in other classes, which are used by members outside Club activities in Open, District, National and International events held elsewhere. Boats to all MYA recognised classes are welcome at all our Club events. We are lucky to have members who design simple boats and mould hulls, keels, rudders and fittings etc. New boats, to competitive designs, can be put together remarkably economically, if there is no suitable secondhand boat available.

**Club events**

The Club's radio racing programme includes 10 club events that count towards the Club Championships that are run on a handicap basis. **Club events are normally held on the third Sunday of the month.** They start at **10.00am** and continue in formal competition until about 1pm. Racing continues into the afternoon with these classes on an informal basis. Our trophies are sailed for on a very successful handicap basis and this ensures that winners are distributed throughout the Club. So far, 59 different members have been trophy winners!

**Interclub and Open events**

Apart from District Championships several inter-club events with neighbouring clubs are organized and the venues away include the 3 Rivers Club at Rickmansworth, Hampton Court. This year we will be running three big open events at Abbey Meads. These will attract some of the best skippers in the country and provide excellent spectator sport: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, **Fred's Big Toephy for Footys**, Sunday 21st March, **Marblehead M&S district MYA Ranking event** with the top skippers in the UK, Sunday 7th November **'Mermaid Trophy' for Marbleheads** and finally the **Brass Monkey** Christmas open for Marbleheads and BOTTLE boats on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Summer evening meetings**

The Club also sails during the summer months on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings starting from 6.00pm.

**Winter evening meetings**

From October to April the club programme includes evening meetings at Victoria Hall, Ash, normally on the last Friday of the month, starting at 8.00pm. These meetings are very informal and take the form of film shows, talks, design, how-to-make boat parts, sails plus yacht clinics, etc and give the opportunity for members to exchange views, make contacts, pick up advice and learn how to make some of the basic things for any model etc. Communication outside these meetings is achieved via e-mail newsletters sent to all members to keep members up to date with our activities and via our website www.guildfordmyc.co.uk.

**Subscriptions**

The Club subscription is £30, with £25 for OAPs and £5 for juniors. This includes the MYA affiliation fee, which covers the third party insurance and allows receipt of the current MYA Yearbook, 2009/2012 MYA Handbook ,the Acquaint, the MYA magazine published 3 times a year is also posted direct to all MYA members. If you are a member of an MYA affiliated club and already have an MYA membership card, the subs are £10 less (or £5 less for juniors).

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