## Code of Conduct Policy of the Nautical Research Guild

The Nautical Research Guild ("NRG") is an educational 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide support for our members who build ship models, while also satisfying the interests of maritime historians, scholars, artists and students. To maintain standing in this modeling community, members will adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

- Members shall not knowingly engage in, support, or advocate for conduct that infringes upon the intellectual property of any person or entity. This includes the purchase of goods and services from companies listed in the NRG/MSW Policy on Pirated Kits and Intellectual Property.
- 2. Members shall not engage in conduct that has no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, discredit or burden other members, officers, directors, staff or vendors of the NRG.
- 3. Members shall not knowingly make false statements regarding the NRG or its members, officers, directors, staff or vendors.
- 4. Members shall not engage in any conduct that, in the opinion of the NRG Board, is detrimental to the NRG or its mission.
- Members who are registered on Model Ship World ("MSW") will adhere to the Guidelines and Policy on Pirated Kits and Intellectual Property published on the MSW website.
- 6. If the Board becomes aware of conduct of an NRG member in violation of this Code, the Board may take any action it deems appropriate, including revocation of membership in the NRG or on MSW.