

# OTAGO RADIO YACHT CLUB (ORYC)

## CONSTITUTION

(As amended and approved at a General Meeting on the 16th October 2016)

### 1. TITLE

- 1.1. The organisation shall be known as OTAGO RADIO YACHT CLUB, or for the purpose of this document "ORYC".

### 2. OBJECTS

- 2.1. To encourage Radio Controlled Model Yacht construction and racing as a recreation and sport.
- 2.2. To foster the growth of nationally recognized radio controlled model yacht class fleets as recognized by the New Zealand Radio Yachting Association (NZRYA), or by member election.
- 2.3. To affiliate, liaise and cooperate with the NZRYA, holding and promoting National regattas for NZRYA approved classes.
- 2.4. To secure items of equipment, furniture, or property, and to raise funds as may be required to achieve its objectives.
- 2.5. To promote model yachting to the general public.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. Membership will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 3.2. Members shall be owners of Radio Controlled Yachts, and other persons interested in the objectives of ORYC.
- 3.3. Application for membership shall be accompanied by the current membership subscription.
- 3.4. All members shall be entitled to one vote at General meetings, and to participate in all ORYC activities.

### 4. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. **Full Member:** shall be an elected person whose membership and registration fees are Fully-Paid-Up for the current financial year, and has a current sailing yacht. Full Members are entitled to Class Members privileges and have voting rights.
- 4.2. **Social Member:** shall be an elected person whose membership and registration fees are Fully-Paid-Up for the current financial year, and has an interested in the objectives of the class but does not have a current sailing yacht. Social Members are entitled to Class Members privileges and voting rights, except for financial matters.

### 5. LIFE MEMBER

- 5.1. The Executive Committee may recommend to an Annual General Meeting that a member should on account of meritorious service be elected to Life Membership. The Life Membership shall be confirmed by a 60% vote of financial members present. A Life Member is absolved from the payment of all future membership subscriptions.

### 6. RESIGNATIONS

- 6.1. Any member may resign membership of ORYC by a notice of writing to the Secretary. Each such notice shall take effect from the end of the current financial year unless

otherwise stated. The resigning member shall be liable for all outstanding fees money and unpaid subscriptions.

## **7. EXPULSION**

7.1. Any member acting in a manner which is, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, prejudicial to the interest of ORYC, shall be called before the Executive Committee to give an explanation of their conduct and after being heard, or if they fail to appear, may be fined or expelled on a 60% vote by a Special General meeting.

## **8. MEETINGS**

8.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee. Notices for such meetings shall be in writing and emailed or posted to the members by the Secretary, twenty eight (28) days prior to the meeting.

8.2. The Agenda for the Annual Meeting shall include the following: The Chairman's (President's) Report, Election of Officers, Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts, Setting of Annual Subscriptions, Report on Classes, Motions and Amendments, and General Business.

## **9. ALTERATION TO RULES**

9.1. No change shall be made to the Constitution, except by a 60% majority at a General Meeting. Notices for such changes must be in the form of a motion, which must be given to the Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## **10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

10.1. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Executive Committee, or on receipt of a written request from 20% of the financial membership, on fourteen (14) days notice. Such notices will specify fully the purpose of the meeting. No other business may be dealt with at this meeting. All financial members must be given at least fourteen (14) days notice. The notice will specify fully the purpose of the meeting.

## **11. RULES OF MEETING**

11.1. At all meetings every financial Member, shall be entitled to one vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is requested. The Chairman shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

11.2. Executive Committee Meetings are open only to committee members, and other invited persons. The Chairman will preside at all meetings. In the absence of the Chairman, those present shall appoint a Chairman.

11.3. A resolution in writing, signed by a majority of the Committee, shall be effective as if passed by a Committee Meeting.

## **12. QUORUM**

12.1. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be six members. A quorum for an Executive shall be four members.

### **13. GOVERNMENT**

- 13.1. The Government of ORYC will be vested in an Executive Committee, consisting of: Chairman (Commodore), Secretary, Treasurer, and a minimum of two (2) other full members. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined.
- 13.2. Officers and elected members will retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.
- 13.3. The Executive Committee may co-opt any person(s) for a meeting or series of meetings.
- 13.4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to ORYC members for the day to day conduct of ORYC affairs, and is to make such arrangements as may be necessary for exercising its responsibilities in producing class documents, maintaining an up-to-date measurement specification, and Registration record of boats and members.
- 13.5. The Executive Committee may raise funds by such means, and for such purposes, as may be desirable, and make any disbursements in pursuit of the objectives of SRRYC.
- 13.6. The Executive Committee may appoint Special Committees, with authority to deal with matters as the Committee may direct. The Chairman and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all such Committees.

### **14. REGISTERED OFFICE**

- 14.1. The Registered Office of ORYC shall be at the address of the Secretary.

### **15. FINANCE**

- 15.1. Subscriptions to ORYC for Full or Social membership shall be set by the Full members present at the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.2. The Executive Committee shall have authority to withhold all rights and privileges from members whose subscriptions have not been paid within one month after the Annual General Meeting. These privileges shall not be restored until all arrears have been paid.
- 15.3. Any member whose subscription is unpaid after 31<sup>st</sup> March may be removed from the ORYC roll, but may be reinstated after all arrears are paid.
- 15.4. All monies raised under the authority of ORYC, either for its general activities or for such specific purposes as the Executive Committee may authorize, shall be deemed to be the property of ORYC and shall be kept in a bank account approved by the Committee and in the name of ORYC. The provision of payments by internet banking shall be allowed with approval of the Committee.
- 15.5. Special Funds. The Committee may authorize such a fund and the Treasurer in the Accounts shall show all monies credited to this account separately. The fund shall not be directed to any other purpose. When the need for such a fund has ceased, the balance shall be transferred to ORYC's main account.

### **16. WINDING UP OF ORYC**

- 16.1. ORYC may be wound up voluntarily by a resolution passed at a General Meeting with the majority vote of 60%. This resolution is to be confirmed by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the resolution so to be confirmed, was passed. Disposition of property shall be in such a manner as the second General Meeting shall deem fit.

### **17. ORYC BY-LAWS**

- 17.1. Rules for the daily conduct of ORYC's business will be formulated and promulgated by the Executive Committee.

## **18. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS**

### **18.1. CHAIRMAN (COMMODORE)**

18.1.1. In addition to the responsibilities detailed in the Constitution the Chairman is responsible for co-coordinating the activities of the other Officers, seeing that the ORYC By-Laws are adhered to, and representing ORYC at meetings with other organisations when required.

### **18.2. SECRETARY**

18.2.1. The Secretary will notify Members of all meetings, keep a register of attendances at all meetings and record the minutes of the meetings excepting sub-committee meetings for which other Secretaries have been appointed. The Secretary will deal with all correspondence and keep all records, communications, documents and reports connected with the business of ORYC. The Secretary will keep the Chairman, and other Officers where necessary, informed of all matters concerning ORYC.

### **18.3. TREASURER**

18.3.1. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, which are the property of ORYC and deposit them in the ORYC's bank account. The Treasurer is responsible for all payments, which where possible, will be paid by internet banking, is responsible for the preparation of accounts for presentation to the Annual General Meeting, to present accounts for payment and an interim balance sheet at Executive Committee Meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting subscriptions and maintaining a list of financial members.

### **18.4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

18.4.1. The Committee Members shall provide support to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.