



## **Constitution & Club Rules**

### **Version 1 - 2020**

#### **1. Aims and Constitution**

The Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association (OCRDA) Will:

- a) Promote and organise Offshore Circuit Racing (OCR) as well as any other events as may be in the best interests of the Association, its members and the sport overall.
- b) Be affiliated to bodies or organisations considered necessary by the current Committee in promoting OCR.
- c) To receive funds from competitor's licenses, race entry, membership and any other means to ensure the financial stability of the club. The costs associated with raising these funds will be agreed by the committee annually.
- d) The committee is to agree each year an amount to be retained as financial reserves with any surplus put back into racing in a way that will benefit the sport and its members.
- e) The Officers of the Association will consist of:
  - i) Chairman - Elected by the members every 2 years
  - ii) Vice Chairman - Elected by the members every 2 years
  - iii) Secretary, Treasurer and any other position as deemed to be beneficial to the Association.  
These positions can be appointed or removed by the Chairman with the consent of the committee.
- f) No Officer of OCRDA shall hold an Officers position in any other UK powerboat racing club, whilst serving on the OCRDA committee.
- g) All Officers of the association will need to have sufficient knowledge of OCRDA and its activities to be able to carry out their duties.
- h) In the event of the Chairman being unavailable to Chair a meeting it shall be chaired by the Vice Chairman.
- i) An AGM will be held annually at a time and place to be agreed by the committee.
- j) An Extraordinary General Meeting can be requested with the support of 51% or more of those who were members before the first race of the season.
- k) Should the club cease its activities then any monies remaining after all debts have been paid will be given to a charity as defined by those finalising the cessation of the club's activities.

## 2. Membership

Every member having joined OCRDA undertakes to comply with the rules / constitution and any refusal or neglect to do so, or any conduct that is deemed to be damaging to OCRDA or the sport will result them having their membership suspended at the committee's discretion.

Membership of OCRDA will run from AGM to AGM but may not be any longer than 16 months from the last AGM.

There are 3 types of Membership as follows: -

- a) Racing Membership – This is when the published membership fee has been paid and is open to individuals who partake in events. Racing membership has full voting rights except where the committee decide that any proposal is totally specific to a section of the members (e.g. Competitors or Officials).
- b) Full Membership – This is when the full membership fee has been paid and is open to any individual wishing to be part of OCRDA and partake in decisions affecting the running of our sport. Full membership has full voting rights except where the committee decide that any proposal is totally specific to a section of the members (e.g. Competitors and Officials).
- c) Associate Membership – This is by invitation of the committee and is aimed at those who have helped the club.
  - i) There is no charge for Associate Membership
  - ii) Associate Membership has no voting rights.

3. Racing and Full Membership Fees - The fee for annual membership may be varied as decided by the committee. Any concerns about any increase in membership fees can be tabled as an agenda item at the AGM.

## 4. OCR Championship

- a) For 8 or more boats scoring points over a season in any class, the OCR Championship will be awarded to each boat / driver combination earning the most points for first, second and third place.
- b) For 5, 6 or 7 boats scoring points over a season in any class, the OCR Championship will be awarded to each boat / driver combination earning the most points for first and second place.
- c) For 3 or 4 boats scoring points over a season in any class, the OCR Championship will be awarded to each boat / driver combination earning the most points for first place only.
- d) For any class to qualify for a national championship a minimum of 3 boats are required to score points (as above) at 50% (rounded up) of the events held.
- e) Any class with less than 3 boats scoring points in a season will not qualify for the OCR Championship
- f) Points will be awarded for individual races as detailed in the rules.
- g) The best 80% results of the races run in the year (rounded down to the nearest full race) will be used to calculate the National OCR Champions / positions for each class. Should the result be tied the winner will be the boat with the most wins, seconds or thirds etc. until there is a winner.
- h) All race points count for any overall championships (e.g. OCR & Nations Cup)

- i) Disqualifications cannot be dropped and will be included as part of the **best 80%** (as detailed above) even though no points were awarded.

## **5. Photographs**

Unless the OCRDA Secretary is informed otherwise by e-mail we will assume that you give your permission for OCRDA to store, use and share any photos of club members and their boats for the promotion of the OCRDA and the sport as a whole.

## **6. Correspondence (GDPR)**

- a) Primary correspondence will be by email as per the annual membership form, and unless OCRDA Secretary is informed otherwise **by e-mail or post**, we will consider you give your permission for OCRDA to store and use this (Privacy statement available on request).
- b) All complaints, queries and suggestions should be sent to the club secretary via e-mail - [ocrdasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ocrdasecretary@gmail.com). The secretary will then discuss the matter with the Chairman or Vice Chairman who will decide on the best course of action. As the committee are all volunteers you should not expect an immediate response but, in most cases you will be contacted within 7 days if not sooner.

## **7. Social Media**

- a) Social media is a powerful tool and when used properly can bring benefits to OCRDA and the sport. However, the club will not tolerate abuse, bullying or victimisation on any of the OCRDA media platforms and you should report any such behaviour so that if appropriate, posts can be removed and action taken against any individual involved.
- b) Abuse, bullying or victimisation on the open social media should be reported as abuse to the appropriate body and if relative to OCRDA and its activities the club secretary should be advised ([ocrdasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ocrdasecretary@gmail.com)) who will alert the committee so that action can be taken if appropriate and possible.

## **8. General Behaviour**

At all times when involved in any OCRDA activities you are asked to act in a professional and courteous manner. Any dispute should be dealt with in private away from other members, the public or local officials (council, harbour authorities etc.) Should any behaviour **(Abusive or otherwise)** be considered unacceptable then this will be discussed with members of the Club Committee and if necessary, a written warning given detailing the reasons, the discussions, what is expected and what will happen should there be any repeat.

## **9. Disciplinary Action**

It is important that every club or association maintains good discipline amongst its members and the committee will always try and resolve any disciplinary matter without reverting to punitive actions **such as written warnings**. However, where this cannot be resolved amicably the committee reserve the right to suspend or withdraw membership and permission to race without any refund of membership or race fees. **Disciplinary action can also be taken retrospectively where the committee feels it is appropriate.** **Except in extreme circumstances retrospective action will only be taken up to the following AGM.**