

# West Coast Radio Sailing Club

## Constitution

*This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.*

1. The name of the Club is “West Coast Radio Sailing Club”, hereafter referred to as the Club.
2. The purpose of the Club is to promote the designing, building, sailing and racing of radio-controlled sailboats in British Columbia, especially Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. This includes promoting competitive activities on a local and regional basis as well as encouraging fellowship among radio control sailors
3. The minimum number of directors is 3.
4. The Club will accept as members, those who live British Columbia, especially Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands
5. The Club will maintain an affiliation to the Canadian Radio Yacht Association (CRYA).

## Bylaws

### Section 1: Membership

- 1.1 Membership of the Club is open to anyone as defined in the Constitution section 4 and expressing an interest in radio controlled sailing and agreeing to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws.
- 1.2 Membership is obtained by the applicant completing and submitting a membership application form via the Club’s website and paying the current membership fee.
- 1.3 A Club Member is in good standing if they have paid the annual dues for the current period.
- 1.4 Club Members must be CRYA members in good standing.
- 1.5 Members are expected to have access to email and the Internet for electronic communications.
- 1.6 The Board of Directors (the “Board”) shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any person for just cause.

### Section 2: Voting

- 2.1 Only Members in good standing as defined in Bylaw Section 1.3 may vote.

### Section 3: Member Meetings

- 3.1 Each Member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Club.
- 3.2 A meeting of members may be called by the Board at any time.
- 3.3 The quorum for a meeting of members shall be those present and participating at the commencement of the meeting.

3.4 A meeting of members may be held entirely by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

#### **Section 4: Officers**

4.1 The elected officers of the Club shall be a Commodore, Vice Commodore, and a Treasurer/Registrar. Other officer positions may be created by the Officers as required.

4.2 The Commodore, Vice Commodore and Treasurer shall be the Association's signing officers.

#### **Section 5: Duties of Officers**

5.1 The Commodore shall oversee the affairs of the Club according to the Constitution and By-laws and with the advice and counsel of the Board. The Commodore shall preside at meetings of the Board.

5.2 The Vice Commodore shall be the acting Commodore in the absence or incapacity of the Commodore.

5.3 The Vice Commodore shall be responsible for Club correspondence and for administering elections and referendums on balloted motions.

5.4 The Treasurer/Registrar shall be responsible for maintaining and reporting on the Club finances and maintaining the Club's register of members.

#### **Section 6: Board of Directors**

6.1 The Board of the Club shall comprise the elected or appointed officers.

6.2 The Board shall have the right where a vacancy occurs in any office during a term to fill that office by appointment for the balance of the term.

6.3 The Board may appoint ad hoc and permanent committees as required or appoint individual members to carry out specific responsibilities.

#### **Section 7: Election of Officers**

7.1 Election of officers shall be by ballot at a General Meeting.

7.2 A call for nominations shall be sent to members sixty days in advance of a General Meeting. Nominations for officers will close thirty days in advance of the General Meeting.

7.3 Nominations for Office may be made by emailing the nomination to the Vice Commodore before the cut-off date determined in Section 7.2 and are effective upon receipt by the Vice Commodore of an email from the nominee agreeing to stand for office.

7.4 The elected officers shall serve a two-year term and may be re-elected.

7.5 Elections shall be held at the General Meeting which will be held in the first week of November in odd numbered year.

#### **Section 8: Board Meetings**

8.1 The business of the Board shall normally be conducted under the direction of the Commodore, or in the Commodore's absence by the Vice Commodore, by means of correspondence, telephone conference calls, electronic mail, or any other form of communication agreed to by the Board.

8.2 A quorum for any decision of the Board shall be a minimum of three Board Members.

8.3 In the event of a tied vote, the Commodore shall have a second vote.

### **Section 9: Dues**

9.1 The Board may set the annual dues from time to time as required.

9.2 Membership dues are valid for the calendar year in which they are paid, and become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.

9.2 The current dues are set to \$10.

### **Section 10: Communications**

10.1 The Club will maintain a website and an online forum.

### **Section 11: Amendments to the By-laws**

11.1 These by-laws may be amended by ballot after publication of the proposed amendment by posting on its website at least 30 days in advance of the ballot date.

11.2 A two-thirds majority of the members voting shall be required to approve any change.

### **Section 12: Dissolution**

12.1 In the event of the Club being dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to its current membership or assigned to a Club or organisation having similar aims.

### **Section 13: Availability of Copies**

13.1 Copies of the Club's Constitution and By-laws shall be made available to members by posting on the Club's website.