

Working document of United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racers Association



The following structures are the initial documentation to be utilised in formalising a constitution that will be for approval of the first AGM.



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1. Name

UKOPRA is the acronym for the United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association.

It is a not for profit limited liability association of members.

2. Purpose

UKOPRA is an Association for, but not limited to, active powerboat racing competitors to promote, communicate and oversee fair and safe open water offshore powerboat racing for the benefit of members and licence holders.

It is specifically not an event organiser and will provide a framework to race organisers by issuing of licences, raceboat logging and a rule book to allow consistency across events.

It will actively seek to engage with the wider international offshore racing community.

3. Membership

The liability of each Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of its being wound up while he is a member.

Qualification to membership of the organisation is as follows:

Full voting membership is granted with issue of a full licence.

Non voting membership is granted with issue of a passenger licence.

Any member of a registered race team may apply to the committee for full voting membership and issue of a passenger licence.

Full voting membership is granted to volunteers that are either registered non commissioned or commissioned officials.

Non voting membership is granted on application to other registered volunteers.

4. Conduct of members

Members are bound to the aims of promoting safe and fair offshore racing. Any member bringing the sport or association into disrepute may be subject to sanctions by the committee and a final sanction at the AGM by a vote of the members present.



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5. Committee structure

The General Committee will consist of a minimum of five, a maximum of seven members. The committee will decide its chair who will become the chair of the Association for the period of election.

Election of Committee members will take place by a vote of the members present at the last race briefing of the year that encompasses all disciplines, (racing classes?)

Nominations for election to the Committee must be received by the Association in writing, with appropriate CV, one month prior to this date and proxy votes will be allowed for non attendees. Nominees must express their acceptance to serve in a capacity prior to being nominated.

Election of a Committee member is for a two year term, the Committee Member may stand for re election indefinitely.

Any individual may stand for election subject to proposal and seconding by two full voting members.

Meetings will be convened as required by the presiding Committee but subject to at least one annual meeting with all elected members in attendance.

General day to day decisions will be made via rolling email communication.

The Committee holds the rights to form any sub committees it feels necessary to achieve the Association's aims.

The Committee is able at all times to confer with any party in the advancement of the Associations' aims.

Minutes of Committee meetings are not distributed ordinarily however any full voting member can request a copy of same at any time. That request will be satisfied within 7 days of receipt.

The membership holds the committee free of any liability in carrying out the function for which it was appointed.

6. Data Protection

Registrants and licence applicants give their permission for their provided data to be shared both within the Association and with bodies acting to organise events.

In addition the application for a licence allows the Association's Medical Officer to contact any medical practitioner on the applicant's behalf in order to satisfy himself that issue of a licence is appropriate.



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7. Affiliation of event organisers

No charge is made to Organising Bodies for affiliation to UKOPRA. Organisers wishing to utilise the licencing, rules and logging framework for their event should apply in writing at least one month prior to their proposed event and note that acceptance of the framework is acceptance of its suitability for purposes.

As a result of that acceptance the Organising Body agrees to warrant UKOPRA free of any liability that it will cover under its' own insurance arrangements.

Any registered officials will be appointed directly by the Organising Body and protected under its' Employees Liability Policy. Officials are at all times minded to put the event safety above any and all conflicting information and in doing so will have the full backing of UKOPRA to make changes to any rule or qualification criteria giving rise to the conflict.

UKOPRA members will respect that necessity in any event.

6. Finance

The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June each year.

The Committee shall produce audited statement of the Association's finances to the AGM.

Income consists of licence fees solely and expenditure of amounts necessary will be as agreed by the Committee.

7. Changes to The Constitution

Any proposal to the Committee of the Association concerning changes to The Constitution shall be voted on by the Committee and subject to final ratification by a vote of the AGM attendees.

8. Championships

UKOPRA may organise a championship in association with organising bodies and to this end an executive will be formed for the sole purposes.

The executive will be appointed by the Committee but consist of at least a representative of each event organiser.



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9. Visibility and communication

A website will be maintained to disseminate information to its members. www.ukopra.co.uk

A Facebook page will be maintained highlighting any changes to website information.

The website will contain a full contact list for current committee members and email will be received at info@ukopra.co.uk

A full list of email addresses for registered members will be held and pertinent information may be passed by this medium.

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