



Radio Sailing Ireland

CONSTITUTION

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. In this document, and in the name of the association, the term RADIO SAILING means the sport of sailing and racing model boats powered only by the wind and includes free sailing of boats not controlled by radio.
- 1.2. Irish Sailing, means the national governing body in Ireland for sailing, power boating and windsurfing.
- 1.3. IRSA means the worldwide radio sailing organization as an affiliated member of World Sailing, dedicated to the enhancement of both current and emerging world radio sailing classes.

2. NAME;

- 2.1. The Association shall be called the RADIO SAILING IRELAND, hereinafter known as RSI.

3. OBJECTS;

- 3.1. RSI is created to promote, co-ordinate and support the sport of radio sailing on the Island of Ireland and to represent Irish Radio Sailing nationally and internationally.
 - 3.1.1. To achieve this objective, RSI shall;
 - 3.1.1.1. Recognise and promote all radio sailing classes being sailed in Ireland,
 - 3.1.1.2. Represent the views, opinions, and votes of its members to Irish Sailing and whenever possible to IRSA,
 - 3.1.1.3. Nominate representatives to Irish Sailing and IRSA whenever possible,
 - 3.1.1.4. Provide advice, and support to its members at all levels of the sport.

4. MEMBERSHIP;

- 4.1. Membership of RSI is open to any individual engaged in Radio Sailing who is either:
 - 4.1.1. Engaged in Radio Sailing in the Island of Ireland, or
 - 4.1.2. Who is resident outside the island of Ireland and who holds Irish Nationality.
- 4.2. Members shall pay an annual subscription set by the general meeting.
- 4.3. A member is considered to be in good standing when he or she meets the membership criteria and has paid the current subscription.

5. MANAGEMENT OF RSI;

- 5.1. The affairs of RSI shall be mended by an executive committee made up of;
 - 5.1.1. Chairperson, who shall be the spokesperson for the association and shall preside over meetings of the executive committee and general meetings,
 - 5.1.2. Vice Chairperson, who shall assist the Chairperson and shall take on the role of Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson,
 - 5.1.3. Secretary, who shall maintain a record of the minutes of executive committee meetings and general meetings. The secretary shall prepare a data protection policy for approval by the executive committee and thereafter shall ensure that data related to members is maintained and processed in accordance with relevant Irish data protection laws.
 - 5.1.4. Treasurer, who shall maintain a record of all members and all money paid and received by RSI and shall prepare an accounting each year for the Annual General Meeting.
 - 5.1.5. Technical Officer shall take responsibility for all matters related to the technical rules applicable to each class of boat being sailed in Ireland and for the measurement of boats that require measurement, and
 - 5.1.6. Registrar who shall maintain a record of boats belonging to members and their sail numbers and shall issue new sail numbers as required. The registrar will also issue measurement certificates to the owners of boats in any class that requires such certification on receipt of proof that the boat has been correctly measured and is in compliance.
- 5.2. The Chairperson shall be the spokesperson for the Association and shall preside over meetings of the association.
- 5.3. The executive committee shall meet at least once in each calendar year and the meetings may be conducted in person or electronically.

- 5.4. The quorum for meetings of the executive committee shall be three and each member present shall have one vote. Decisions shall be made by simple majority of votes and in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- 5.5. Members of the executive committee shall stand down at the beginning of the next annual general meeting, but may be nominated for reelection.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.1. There shall be an annual general meeting of RSI which shall act as the final authority of RSI on all matters relating to the business of the association.
- 6.2. The annual general meeting may take place electronically or in person.
- 6.3. The executive committee shall decide the date for the annual general meeting and the secretary shall ensure that members receive at least twenty-one days notice of the meeting as well as its format.
- 6.4. Any member in good standing may put forward an agenda item, a proposal, or a nomination to the Secretary within ten days of the scheduled meeting date.
- 6.5. No later than 5 days before the scheduled date the secretary shall send out to all members of RSI the notice of meeting and the proposed agenda as well as details of all nominations and motions received.
- 6.6. The agenda for the annual general meeting shall include as a minimum:
 - 6.6.1. Approval of the minutes of the previous annual general meeting,
 - 6.6.2. Election of officers for the next year,
 - 6.6.3. Approval of the accounts of the association,
 - 6.6.4. The member's subscription for the following year. and
 - 6.6.5. Any proposals or motions put forward by members.
- 6.7. The quorum for the annual general meeting shall be ten members or one quarter of the membership, whichever is less.
- 6.8. Decisions shall be agreed by simple majority of votes except in the case of a motion to amend this constitution which shall only be agreed if 2/3rds of the votes are in favour.

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING;

7.1. Either:

7.1.1. At the request of more than half of the executive committee members, or

7.1.2. On receipt of a written request from at least 10 members in good standing,

the executive committee shall call a special general meeting and ensure that members receive not less than fourteen days notice of the meeting and its agenda.

8. DISSOLUTION;

8.1. If 2/3rd or more of the members attending an annual general meeting or a special general meeting approve a proposal to dissolve the association the executive committee shall realise the assets of the association, discharge any liabilities and distribute any remaining assets equitably amongst the members.

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