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# **Classic Thunder 10<sup>th</sup> Scale Model Boat Club**

## **BYLAWS**

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#### **Article I**

##### **[Name]**

The name of "Classic Thunder" is the official name of the 1/10 scale electric boating club, referred to herein as the Club or "CT". For the purpose of this document, both will be referred to as the Club.

#### **Article II**

##### **[Mission]**

The purpose of the Club is to enjoy and have fun while promoting the hobby of Electric 10<sup>th</sup> Scale Radio Controlled Hydroplanes. To promote the model boating hobby, by hosting and attending workshops, races, regattas and static displays.

#### **Article III**

##### **[Charter]**

CT members race 1/10 scale model Unlimited Hydroplanes. These boats are modeled after the real Unlimited Hydroplanes that raced in the unlimited class of boat racing. CT is dedicated to "duplicating the unlimited class of hydroplane racing as closely as possible". This includes, but not limited to, electric power, scale skid fins for more realistic cornering, and left hand turning just like the real boats. CT members are to recreate the details of the real boat.

#### **Article IV**

##### **[Officers]**

The Club will maintain a minimum of four (4) active members to remain an active club. There will be five (5) elected positions within the Club as follows:

##### **Commissioner**

1. This Person will preside over all meetings.
2. Will form committees and request volunteers from the membership.
3. Will report to the members of the Club.
4. Will represent the Club on matters concerning the direction and monies with respect to other area clubs, and report back to the membership.
5. Will promote stability within the ranks of the Club.
6. Will advice and recommend direction to the Club.

##### **Vice Commissioner**

7. This person will preside over any meeting(s) in which the Commissioner is absent.
8. Will report directly to the Commissioner and to the members of the Club in the Commissioner's absences.
9. The vice Commissioner shall aid and assist the Commissioner in any way possible and shall assume the office of the Commissioner should that office become vacant.
- 9a. Will serve as the Commodore to the club insurance provider.
- 9b. Will attend annual district meetings.

##### **Secretary/Treasurer**

10. This person will take minutes of meeting and read the minutes of the last meeting.
11. Keep and maintain Club activity records, books and current membership roster.
12. Keep records of who is and is not a member in "Good Standing".
13. Supply a rule book to each paid club member.
14. Report Treasury status at regular meetings.
15. Disperse funds covering approved bills.
16. Maintain dues records.
17. This person shall keep all financial records.
18. Will represent the best interest of the Club at all times.

19. Present bills to the attending membership for approval. This person will NOT purchase, or otherwise disperse any Club funds over the amount of \$50.00 without approval from two (2) other officers, or approval of the membership.

20. All Checking/Savings or other money accounts shall be set up with two of the officers names on these accounts. (If applicable)

21. To maintain an inventory of Club property.

Race Coordinator/Statistician

22. Will be a liaison between the Club and area clubs or appoint one.

23. Will create race schedule by February each year.

24. Will record race results, qualifying times, rookie starts, penalties, etc.

25. Keep archive of past years for Club history.

26. Will be responsible for starting the clock, at race events, to begin heats in a timely fashion per the race schedule, or assign the task to someone.

Safety/Technical/Appearance Officer

27. This person will maintain Safety rules and racing regulations, in accordance with club, and when applicable, local, national, and National Hobby Association's guidelines.

28. To develop and maintain Radio Frequency Clips for races, demonstrations and regattas.

29. To report to Membership on Safety issues.

30. This person is to use books and pictures of the real boats to determine approved appearance detail. Visual inspection from 5 feet away.

31. To find, and/or arrange to attend a demonstration by a firm or individual related to the hobby. These meeting guest speakers or demonstrations shall be conducted at a minimum of twice per year, when possible.

Webmaster/Editor

(This is not an elected officer position, but will be a volunteer or appointed by the Executive Committee)(It is not an Executive Committee position)

This person shall aid and assist the Commissioner and Vice-Commissioner in any way possible. Make any special Announcements via electronic, phone, postal mail or other means. Shall write and publish a Website or Newsletter for the Club, at the Club's expense, as approved by the membership.

The above officers shall form the Executive Committee and act in the best interest and welfare for The Club.

The election of the officers shall be held yearly, at a regular meeting of a quorum of members. (Quorum, meaning all those members in good standing and present and causing a majority vote of all members in good standing and present. Except, the quorum number shall not be less than one-half of the Total Membership). The term of office shall be two (2) race seasons, the term is to begin and end at the first meeting in the calendar year. Three (3) members shall be elected in odd calendar years [Commissioner, Secretary/Treasurer, Safety/Tech] and two (2) members [Vice Commissioner, Race Coordinator] shall be elected in even calendar years.

A member in good standing shall be one that has attended a minimum of one half (1/2) of the regularly scheduled meeting / races. Included in this are Regattas that may require representation by the Club and put on by a different organization. Any member that does not meet or exceed these requirements shall maintain his/her membership but will not possess any voting rights. Legitimate excuses such as but not limited to, work, illness, family commitments, health or other items as determined, will not be held against a person of good standing.

Nominees for these positions shall come from the membership at a meeting prior to January of the voting year. Nominees will be members in "Good Standing". The person receiving the majority of votes then shall assume the elected position after the election, for a period of two (2) Years or until a) he/she resigns, or b) withdrawal is requested by the members per Article XIII. A limit of three consecutive terms (six years) shall be imposed on all club officers. An exception to a term limit must be granted by a unanimous vote of the remaining officers. Vacancies will be filled by appointment from the Executive Committee to fulfill the remainder of the vacated position term.

Article V

[Membership]

There shall be no restrictions on membership based on gender, race or creed.

All membership shall have the same rights and privileges with respect to membership in "Good Standing". All other members will have the same rights and privileges except for voting. (See section under Article IV).

Individuals shall become a member of the Club upon paying the appropriate dues.

Individuals shall remain members by paying the current dues.

Members shall become "members in good standing" by adhering to the section in Article IV. The Membership is expected to act in the best interest, and welfare of the club.

Any member of the club may be suspended or have their membership terminated by a 2/3 majority vote of the members at a regularly scheduled meeting for infraction of the Club's rules and regulations, or if it is apparent to the membership that the member does not have the welfare of the Club in his/her best interest.

Any member in question will be counseled by the committee in an attempt to resolve problems and/or attitudes. Failure to resolve the issues at the committee level will result in the suspension of the member.

Membership definitions:

Owner/Driver Member/Member in Good Standing deemed to be an individual with an R/C model operational, competed or under construction, wishing to race or operate at club events and races, be willing to help and participate at club functions and events, and above all want to have fun and enjoy the hobby.

A member in good standing shall be one that has attended a minimum of one half (1/2) of the regularly scheduled meetings / races. Included in this are Regattas that may require representation by the Club and put on by a different organization. Any member that does not meet or exceed the requirements shall maintain his/her membership but will not possess any voting rights. Legitimate excuses such as, but not limited to, work, illness, family commitments, health or other items as determined, will not be held against a person of good standing. Club members are encouraged to take part in Club activities including, but not limited to, sanctioned Classic Thunder races, club meetings, club opinion polls, club representation and planning of future club events.

Associate Member, deemed to be an individual or commercial business not wishing to participate as an Active Member and in addition, be willing to help and participate or contribute to Club functions and events. (A member NOT in Good Standing will automatically become an Associate Member until such time as he/she becomes a member in Good Standing).

Honorary Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the majority of the membership at a regular club meeting.

Article VI

[Meetings]

Regular meetings (usually one per month during the Winter Months) shall be held on a day, time and place to be determined by the attending members at any given meeting, race, or Regatta. The Commissioner and/or Officers can call a special meeting any time upon sufficient notice (minimum 10 days) to all members of the Club, via electronic, voice, fax, mail or other means of communications.

Executive committee meeting dates and times will be announced in advance in order to give general club members an opportunity to attend (as observers only).

Article VII

[Membership Meeting Conduct]

Meetings shall be conducted in the following manner.

Meeting called to Order by presiding person.

Roll call. (Collect participating members on assign in sheet.

Minutes of the last meeting read. Additions and corrections asked for, then approved by membership.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Bills presented for payment, or if prepaid with officer's consent (See Article IV, section 19).

Motion, support, and acted upon with voice vote. (Note: Bills prepaid will be presented as a matter of record only; all prepaid bills are per-approved)

Letters and other communications presented and read.

Old Business,

- a. Reports of delegates and committees.
- b. Any other old business.

New business

Adjournment

After Adjournment, then our guest(s) will present their presentations.

Meetings shall be concluded in a professional fashion following the format given above, with a version of the Robert's Rule of Order, being the preference.

Members shall raise their hand and be acknowledged by the Chairperson for the floor and not interrupt the member currently speaking nor begin a new point of discussion without approval of the Chairperson. Talk among the membership shall be avoided or kept at a minimum during the course of the meeting.

Article VIII

[Rules Procedure]

The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt, modify, amend, or otherwise change CT Racing Rules. However, the Executive Committee may not take action that in any way conflicts with the original intent of the CT charter.

The Executive Committee can assign a committee to review proposed rule changes from club members in good standing. This committee will report on how the proposed rule(s) will impact the competition and the original intent of the CT charter.

Note: Club members are also encouraged to provide ideas and recommendations to the CT club officials. If the idea or recommendation contains many parts or is fairly complicated, it must be submitted in writing. Be as specific as possible and explain the merits of the idea in as much detail as you see necessary. You may even want to demonstrate your idea in some way. **Club officials will accept all ideas or recommendations** evaluate them, and then determine whether any adjustments to the existing rules or regulations are warranted.

The Executive Committee may decide to put a proposed rule change up for a club vote. A majority vote will adopt the proposed rule. If the vote result is a tie, the proposal goes back to the Executive Committee for a vote of the five (5) officials. If this vote results in a tie, the Commissioner will make the final determination of the proposal.

All changes made to the CT Racing Rules by the Executive Committee shall become effective as of the date of the meeting at which the change was agreed to unless the Executive Committee selects a later effective date.

Article IX

[Committees]

Committees shall be formed to carry out the duties assigned to it by the Commissioner. The Commissioner or chairperson of the meeting shall appoint them. Committee members shall be Volunteers present at the meeting at which the Committee is formed.

Committees will consist of 3 to 7 members in good standing.

Committees shall report their status and progress at each scheduled meeting.

Committees have the authority to request assistance from any member in order to achieve its objective.

Article X

[National Association][When it becomes necessary for competition]

The Club shall be a chartered Club member of a National Scale Model Boat Association as voted on by the membership for the purpose of obtaining national recognition and liability insurance for its events and home pond sites, if required, and this liability insurance is not purchased locally.

The operational boats shall be 10<sup>th</sup> scale model designs driven by battery power.

**All active members must be members of our national affiliation for insurance purposes.**

Article XI

[Donations]

Donations to the Club shall be handled in the following manner:

As per the request of the Donor.

As directed by the Committee formed for the special event or purpose.

This includes donations for Regattas or Fun Runs.

Article XII

[Club Dissolution]

If the Club should dissolve for whatever reason, it is agreed to sell, any and all of its assets and the proceeds combined with the remaining treasury, and donate these proceeds to another local Model boating organization or charity chosen by the remaining members.

Article XIII

[Bylaws Amendments and Removal from Office]

Amendments to the CT Bylaws or an Executive Committee member may be removed from office. A formal vote by the registered CT members in good standing concerning either of the aforementioned may be initiated by petition of no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Club members or by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall then submit by mail a ballot regarding the petition matter to the registered club members in good standing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the petition. All ballots received by the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after mailing the petition shall be tallied, 2/3 majorities is required to validate the petition, and any vote is considered final.

Any petition submitted by a registered member in good standing shall be accompanied by \$30.00 fee to cover the cost of printing and mailing ballots.