

Constitution of The East Coast Outrigger Racing Association (E.C.O.R.A.)

EIN: 22-3654350

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the East Coast Outrigger Racing Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

ECORA is organized to create an association that can serve as a governing and guiding body. Its purpose is to serve as a means to organize events in the growing sport of outrigger canoe racing and to assure competing clubs that a clear and level playing field is established for each sanctioned event. ECORA has been chartered to formulate a set of rules to act as a foundation for well-organized racing events. Beyond the racing focus, ECORA's goal is to work diligently with the various clubs to perpetuate the rich cultural experience that is so much a part of this wonderful sport. Included in ECORA's charter is the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ECORA is open to interested clubs in furthering the purposes of the organization. Membership shall be controlled by conditions set down in the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

There shall be four elected officers of the East Coast Outrigger Racing Association.

Section 1. The President shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be responsible for conducting all general meetings and all Executive Committee meetings.

Section 2. The Vice President shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be responsible for assisting the President in conducting all general meetings and carrying out the duties of that office.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be responsible for the record of all decisions made by the body. The secretary shall also be responsible for correspondence emanating from and directed to the organization, and for maintaining the official roster of member clubs and individual members.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be elected to a two-year term and shall be responsible for the keeping of funds and the recording and accounting thereof.

Section 5. The biennial Officers' terms shall commence and end at Annual Meetings.

BY-LAWS OF THE EAST COAST OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section 1. Membership will run for the calendar year. New memberships accepted after the annual meeting shall run for the entire following calendar year.

Section 2. Membership entitles a member club to one vote at the Annual Meeting and on any vote of the entire membership during the course of the year. This right to vote at ECORA meetings requires that the club (or individual member who has paid the voting membership dues of \$35.00) is paid up through the immediately previous years dues. All club or individual members are eligible for any elective office or appointed position.

Section 3. Annual dues are set by the membership upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and are payable by January 31st.

Section 4. A member of the East Coast Outrigger Racing Association may be considered for expulsion upon certain grounds; for example, refusal to render aid in a life-or-limb-threatening situation, or failure to pay dues for two consecutive years. Expulsion occurs upon a 2/3 vote of a special Judiciary Committee and shall comprise of three Executive Committee members, two members chosen by the individual under consideration and two members appointed by the President.

ARTICLE II ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. There shall be at least one meeting of the membership of ECORA per year. Notice of this meeting, with proposed agenda, shall be sent out at least 30 days (from postmark) prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A standard item at the meeting shall be the election of officers for the following year, if one or more Officer terms are due to expire. ECORA Officer terms are two years in length; all but the Treasurer are limited to no more than three consecutive terms – the Treasurer may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, shall present a slate of officers and committee chairmen, which shall be

published in the Notice of Annual Meeting. Members shall vote upon this slate, including any nominations from the floor. All elections shall be by simple majority.

Section 3. The quorum of the Annual Meeting shall be those present.

Section 4. A general membership meeting shall be called by the President upon written request of 20 members. At least 15 days' notice to the membership is required.

ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive power of the ECORA shall rest in the hands of the Executive Committee, comprising of the four officers and the chairmen of the standing committees (or in their absence, a member of that committee).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consider for approval actions proposed by the committees and expenses incurred by them. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general directions of ECORA policy.

Section 3. For any single expenditure over \$500.00 the committee must refer the matter to the general membership. This shall not include regular race expenditures, provided the race is part of the regular year's schedule.

Section 4. The Executive Committee meeting shall be open to the general membership. Voting shall be limited to the Committee members unless notification of a special situation is sent out at least 15 days before such a meeting.

Section 5. The President of the ECORA shall preside at these meetings. In his/her absence, the Secretary shall preside.

Section 6. The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 5.

Section 7. Executive Committee meetings may be cancelled by the President upon written petition of 5 members.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

There shall be seven standing committees reporting to the Executive Committee.

Section 1. **RULES:** Responsible for overseeing East Coast races, organizing teams for international participation and other ECORA-sanctioned races. Responsible for all rules under which ECORA clubs compete.

Section 2. **TRAINING:** Responsible for preparing training manual and videos, clinics and providing training education and opportunities.

Section 3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Responsible for maintaining a copy of the complete roster of all ECORA member clubs, membership recruiting and renewals, and assisting the treasurer with the collection of dues.

Section 4. **NEWSLETTER:** Responsible for producing "Ho'e Wa'a", the ECORA newsletter.

Section 5. **MARKETING & ADVERTISING:** Responsible for aiding club-sponsored races in any and all publicity in connection with East Coast races, meetings, and events.

Section 6. **FUNDRAISING:** Responsible for organizing all fund-raising events, presenting the purpose of the ECORA to corporations for sponsorship, and coordination of all fund raising events with the Publicity Committee for proper continuity.

Section 7. The above committees are chosen by their chairmen, who are nominated and approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 9. **AD HOC** committees may be formed at any time by the Executive Committee.

Proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the Notice of Annual Meeting. Amendments may also be submitted and proposed at a special meeting (see Article II, Section 4). All amendments shall be ratified by a 2/3rd vote.

These By-laws and Constitution became effective January 31st, 2007.

Deb Hall, President Terry Wilton, Secretary