

Wave Blasters of Florida

CONSTITUTION

Effective February 1, 2010

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

1.1 The club shall be known as "Wave Blasters of Florida" herein referred to as WBoF or Club.

1.2 The Club is sanctioned by the "North American Model Boat Association" herein referred to as NAMBA and the "Scale Ship Modeler's Association of North America" herein referred to as SSMANA.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this organization is to promote the designing, building and running of radio controlled model boats.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of the WBoF is open to anyone expressing an interest in model boating and agreeing to abide by the Club's constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS

4.1 The elected officers of the WBoF shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore - Fast Electric, Vice Commodore - Scale and Secretary/Treasurer. The Board of Directors (herein referred to as "the Board") shall consist of the four elected officers and two elected active members at large. The "at large" board members shall be Director at Large, Communications and Director at Large, Safety, elected from the general membership each January.

4.2 Elected officers shall assume duties the first day of February following the January elections.

ARTICLE 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 The Board of Directors (herein referred to as "the Board" shall consist of the six elected officers and members at large.

5.2 The Board shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any person for just cause after a hearing as defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 – RACE DIRECTOR

6.1 The RD will be appointed by the Board.

6.2 The RD responsibilities will be to coordinate and implement all race activities as directed by the Board.

6.3 The RD will keep track of all points and race results as necessary.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

7.1 An annual meeting shall be held during the month of January to elect Officers and Directors.

7.2 There shall be a membership meeting in January and further meetings

whenever deemed necessary by the Commodore.

7.3 Board meetings will be held whenever deemed necessary by the Commodore or any three members of the Board.

7.4 The Commodore shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting. The secretary's minutes of the previous meeting shall be read at all meetings.

7.5 A treasurer's report shall be made at all meetings.

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

8.1 This Constitution may be amended by written ballot or show of hands in which two thirds of the membership approves the proposed amendment. Such amendment shall be effective as of the first of the month following the vote. Each member shall be provided a copy of the approved amendment.

Wave Blasters of Florida BYLAWS

Effective February 1, 2010

SECTION 1 – OFFICERS

1.1 COMMODORE

1.1.1 The Commodore shall administer the affairs of the Club according to the Constitution and Bylaws and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors

1.1.2 The Commodore shall appoint ad-hoc and permanent committees as required.

1.1.3 The Commodore shall appoint a newsletter editor with approval of the Board of Directors.

A.1.2 VICE COMMODORE – FAST ELECTRIC

A.1.2.1 The Vice Commodore – Fast Electric shall be the acting Commodore jointly with the Vice Commodore – Scale in the absence or incapacity of the Commodore and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Commodore.

B.1.2 VICE COMMODORE – SCALE

B.1.2.1 The Vice Commodore – Scale shall be the acting Commodore jointly with the Vice Commodore – Fast Electric in the absence or incapacity of the Commodore and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Commodore.

1.3 SECRETARY/TREASURER – Secretary Duties

1.3.1 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep and maintain all minutes and records of the Club.

1.3.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall provide secretarial assistance to the Club officers as required.

1.4 SECRETARY/TREASURER – Treasurer Duties

1.4.1 The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Club.

1.4.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall control dispersal of all Club funds

1.4.3 The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare and present a written financial report to the membership at the annual meeting and a verbal report to the Board of Directors at all other meetings.

1.4.4 The Secretary/Treasurer shall obtain approval of the Board (three minimum) before dispersal of any funds in excess of \$150.00.

1.4.5 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all Club property, its location and its condition

1.5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1.5.1 The Board of Directors shall provide a staff support function. It shall advise and council the Commodore, and shall share the responsibility for the management and administration of the affairs of the club.

- 1.5.2 A majority of Board members must be present for a quorum.
- 1.5.3 The Board shall establish the overall policy for the Club and shall approve all functions.
- 1.5.4 The Board of Directors shall establish the annual dues amount.

SECTION 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 2.1 Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.
- 2.2 Officers and Directors may only hold office if their dues are current.
- 2.3 The term for the Commodore, Vice Commodore - Fast Electric and Vice Commodore - Scale will be for one year.
- 2.4 The term for the Secretary/Treasurer will be for two years.
- 2.5 The term for the Directors at Large will be for one year.
- 2.6 There shall be no limit imposed on the number of terms and individual may serve in any elected position.
- 2.7 The Board may fill a vacancy on the Board for the remainder of the current year.

SECTION 3 – DUES AND ACCOUNTS

- 3.1 The dues year shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- 3.2 Dues received from new members received after June 1 will be one half of the current year's dues.
- 3.3 Collection of dues shall start November 1.

SECTION 4 – RACING

- 4.1 The Board shall determine all rules and specification of each class ..

SECTION 5 – CLASSES

- 5.1 The WBoF shall have club approved classes for racing.
 - (A) SuperVee 27 STOCK
 - (B) SuperVee 27 MODIFIED
 - (C) AS APPROVED

SECTION 6 – CLUB PROPERTIES

- 6.1 No major club property shall be purchased without approval by vote of the general membership.

SECTION 7 – RADIO FREQUENCIES

- 7.1 No one will be assigned a permanent frequency.
- 7.2 Every effort will be made to allow members with multiple vessels to run the same frequencies on all of their vessels.
- 7.3 Members with only one class of boat will be encouraged to share with members who have only one other class of boat.
- 7.4 Each member is encouraged to have crystals for a second backup frequency.
- 7.5 The FREQUENCY BOARD must be used for racing events for SAFETY purposes.

SECTION 8 – RACING

- 8.1 No gas or nitro boats allowed at Palm Lake. This is a County ordinance.
- 8.2 A race series shall be established for a given class when a minimum of 3 boats indicates intention to run and are prepared to do so.
- 8.3 Racing shall not be scheduled at times of major holidays (Christmas, Easter, New Years, etc.).
- 8.4 Boating will not be permitted on the race course during scoring races except by registered skippers.
- 8.5 All race boats are encouraged to have distinctive markings on the visible part of the hull for ease of scoring.
- 8.6 Safety rules as outlined in the NAMBA Rule Book, Section 8, apply at all times.

SECTION 9 – NON RACE BOATING

- 9.1 No gas or nitro boats allowed at Palm Lake. This is a County ordinance.
- 9.2 The course shall be available for members who wish to run their boats but not race competitively.
- 9.3 The permissible days or times shall be at any time when no scheduled race events are being conducted and it is done in compliance with County ordinances.
- 9.4 Cruising class yachts may be any size and any specification. They must be radio controlled.

SECTION 10 – SPECIAL RULES - MISCONDUCT

- 10.1 Any club director may call for a hearing by the Board when he has reasonable grounds to believe that a member has committed a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship during any club function (meeting, practice sailing, race series, dinner, etc).
- 10.2 If the Board of Directors determines a member has committed a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship it shall levy penalties as appropriate and within it's constitutional powers.
- 10.3 Action shall not be undertaken under this rule without providing a written statement to the offending member and providing an opportunity to defend him/herself against said allegations at a hearing by the Board.

SECTION 11 – AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 These Bylaws may be amended at an annual meeting in which two thirds of the members voting approve the proposed amendment. Such amendment shall be effective as of the first of the month following the vote.