

WHIDBEY ISLAND RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

WIRCS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

- Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Whidbey Island Radio Control Society (WIRCS) and shall hereby be referred to as “the club.”

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

- Section 1 The purpose of the club shall be to enjoy and promote the sport of radio control aircraft modeling, to teach and share model building techniques, ideas and modeling skills, and the development of good sportsmanship among it’s members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

- Section 1 Any person interested in the sport of radio control modeling may join the club by taking the following action:
- (a) Attend a regular meeting and indicate his/her desire to join.
  - (b) Any person currently operating a model aircraft or other vehicle, or indicating a desire to operate such models, shall be required to present a valid AMA membership or proof of application thereof, and maintain said membership if operating model aircraft.
  - (c) Obtain a registration form from the Club Secretary to fill out and return.
  - (d) Pay dues in accordance with the club by-laws.
  - (e) Agree to abide by all club rules, by-laws, and guidelines.
- Section 2 A majority of members present and voting shall constitute a quorum at club meetings.

Section 3 Voting shall be limited to those members whose names appear on the Club Secretary's roster and whose dues have been currently paid.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS

Section 1 Any member may terminate his/her membership at any time.

Section 2 The membership of any member shall be automatically terminated when dues are in arrears for three months or more.

Section 3 Any member may recommend to an officer that the membership of another member be terminated for cause. The Club Officers shall investigate the matter and bring the facts before the club at any regular scheduled meeting. If two-thirds of the members present concur in the termination, said membership shall be terminated. The member so affected shall have thirty days to appeal for reinstatement.

#### ARTICLE V

##### DUES

Section 1 Dues shall be paid in the following manner:

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| (a) | General Members:       | \$25.00   |
| (b) | Senior Members:        | \$20.00 (65 years of age)   |
| (c) | Junior Members:        | \$10.00 (any flying member under 18 years of age)                 |
| (d) | Associate Members:     | \$1.00 (to be listed on OLF Security Roster or non-flying member) |
| (e) | Family Membership:     | \$45.00 (two adults and children under 18 years of age)           |
| (f) | Honorary Life Members: | No Fee (membership card and sticker will be provided)             |

Section 2 There shall be a grace period for dues payment extending to March 1 of the current year. A member renewing after March 1 will re-enroll as a new member and pay des in accordance with the club by-laws. Military club members

involved in overseas deployment will have their membership extended through the length of their deployment and continue in effect until the next renewal period.

Section 3 The Club Treasurer shall provide a membership card and a distinctive sticker for the front of the members AMA card at the time dues are paid. A current AMA card with the current club sticker must be exchanged for a frequency flag before flight operations.

Section 4 The Club Secretary shall provide each new member with a copy of the club by-laws, Navy, club and AMA flying rules, plus a club nametag.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

Section 1 General meeting shall be held once a month at the time and place designated by the Club President. Special meetings may be designated by the Club President.

## ARTICLE VII

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 Nomination of officers shall be by voice vote at the October meeting.

Section 2 Voting shall take place at the November meeting by secret ballot.

Section 3 Newly elected officers shall take office at the December meeting.

Section 4 Should an officer resign during the club year, the Club President shall appoint a member of the club to assume the office.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers of the club shall be as follows:

- (a) Elected by Officers (Board of Directors)
  - (1) President
  - (2) Vice President
  - (3) Secretary-Treasurer

- (b) Officers appointed by the Club President (also become a member of the Board of Directors)
  - (1) Safety Officer
  - (2) Field Marshal
  - (3) Frequency Coordinator
  - (4) Newsletter Editor
  - (5) Chief Flight Instructor
  - (6) Navy Liaison Officer
- (c) The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of two formal board meetings each year.
- (d) No elected officer or board member shall hold an office for more than two consecutive terms.

## Section 2 Duties of Officers

- (a) President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at regular meetings and to act as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to maintain the physical assets of the club, including any equipment and supplies. The Vice President will chair any meeting not attended by the President.
- (c) Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the minutes of all club meetings; to notify the club membership of upcoming, regular, and special meetings and events; to collect, disburse and keep current a record of the club's monetary assets, and to post or issue a monthly accounting of the club's funds for the preceding month. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make club records available upon request. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the Contest Guide Book. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make incidental monetary outlays of amounts not to exceed \$50.00 per month, with the approval of the President or Vice President. Expenditures of over \$50.00 for any one item shall require approval of the membership by majority of those present at a general meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will chair at any meeting not attended by either the President or Vice President.
- (d) Safety Officer: Duties to include pre-flight inspection of new and repaired aircraft; analyze causes for any crash, pilot error included; preparation of club field rules; enforcement of AMA Safety Code; prevent individual fliers from flying if their conduct or aircraft is unsafe; supervision of spectator areas, flight line and frequency control; know address and shortest route to a hospital, police department, fire department; know the location of field fire extinguisher; know the names of persons qualified in first aid and CPR; conduct safety classes a part of regular club meetings.

- (e) Field Marshal: Duties to include supervision of field layout (parking, flight line, etc.); greet new faces at the field and explain the sport and how to become involved; knowledge of location of nearest hospital, police department and field fire extinguisher; knowledge of first aid and location of first aid kit; erection of temporary signs during flying sessions; field clean up (FOD, litter, etc.); presentations to club at open meetings on problems; ability to handle non-fliers who may disrupt operations; personal knowledge of public officials to contact if needed, both Navy and civilian, who will assist with any problems.
- (f) Frequency Coordinator: Duties to include establish, maintain and publish a chart of frequencies in use by club members; investigate any instance of frequency interference, suspected or confirmed; advise membership of any channels which may be subject to interference; take appropriate action to report and, if possible, eliminate interference; operate a transmitter impound during schedule events, where event size dictates or for all AMA-sanctioned events; advise field marshal of requirements for frequency control devices, including pins.
- (g) Newsletter Editor: Duties to include preparation and distribution of the monthly club newsletter to all members and others on the mailing list.
- (h) Chief Flight Instructor: Duties to include providing and/or arranging for instruction to new or inexperienced pilots on the operation of radio control model aircraft; inspect and test-fly newly built or rebuilt aircraft for those members requesting same; recommend to the club president those deserving of their AMA solo patch. To the extent practical, but without expense to the club unless approved by the membership, arrange for trainer aircraft and buddy boxes for orientation flights for those who might be interested in the radio control hobby, in accordance with AMA rules for such flying.
- (i) Navy Liaison Officer: Duties to include representing the club in all relationships and business involving contact with the U.S. Navy at NAS Whidbey Island.

## ARTICLE IX

### SAFETY

- Section 1 All members shall abide by those rules governing the operation of radio control models as stipulated in the AMA model aircraft regulation book, and the NASWHIDBEYINST 11132.G (and subsequent revisions) and club by-laws.

Section 2 Noise Abatement Program: All members shall work toward the goal of minimizing noise complaints and an environment that is not hazardous to the hearing of members and spectators.

- (a) Mufflers: All aircraft, with the exception of those specifically built for racing, shall have a sound level of no more than 100db at 10 feet over grass at full throttle. Aircraft owners not in compliance shall be advised to make corrections. If found not in compliance a second time without having made an attempt to correct the offending aircraft shall be grounded until repairs are made. Aircraft specifically built for racing and configured in accordance with AMA rules for racing aircraft may be flown in racing configuration no later than 6:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlier.
- (b) Monitoring: The club Safety Officer shall periodically monitor noise at the flying site and request corrective action be taken for any aircraft not meeting the 100 db/10-foot guideline. The club Safety Officer, at his discretion, shall cause any aircraft to be immediately grounded if its noise level is deemed hazardous to hearing or the well being of the club.

Section 3 Flight Training Programs: Under the direction of the Chief Flight Instructor, the club will organize, supervise and support a program to train and certify new members and flight instructors to safely fly at OLF Coupeville. The club will provide an RC model trainer, videos and flight training manuals in support of the program. The club RC trainer will be restricted to demonstration flights and dual flight instruction with a buddy box only.

- (a) Flight Instructors:
  - (1) Chief Flight Instructor. The Chief Flight Instructor is appointed by the Board of Directors. Desirable characteristics in the Chief Flight Instructor are proficiency as an RC pilot, the ability to instruct others, use of a buddy box, knowledge of AMA and club safety rules, and the ability to manage the club's Flight Training Program.
  - (2) Flight Instructors. Other club Flight Instructors shall be recruited and trained as necessary by the Chief Flight Instructor. Desirable characteristics for Flight Instructors are proficiency as an RC pilot, the ability to instruct others, use of a buddy box, and knowledge of AMA and club safety rules.
- (b) New Pilots: The objective of flight instruction is to give members sufficient hands-on training to permit safe solo flight (flying without the direct support of a qualified flight instructor) with the member's aircraft. Safe solo flight shall be at the discretion of qualified flight instructors, but shall include as a minimum verbal verification of knowledge and understanding of flying site rules, frequency pin and start up procedures, taxi and take off from the center line of the designated runway, oval pattern flight, figure eights at constant altitude, power on and off landings

on the designated runway. Demonstration of these skills will result in the designation Club Certified Pilot.

- (c) Experienced New Members: New members shall demonstrate flying proficiency for a club flight instructor and be designated a Club Certified Pilot before engaging in unsupervised solo flight at the club flying site. Standards are the same as those for a new pilot. If the member's flying skills need refreshment in the opinion of the examiner, a program of instruction shall be worked out between the examiner, member being examined, and the Chief Flight Instructor.
- (d) Inspection: Inspection of new or rebuilt aircraft is recommended, but not required unless it is the member's first RC model, in which case inspection is mandatory. Inspection shall include, but not be limited to, control surface deflection (direction and amount); CG location; radio range check; visible structural integrity; alignment of the engine and flying surfaces; and servo to control surface connections.
- (e) Records: The club Chief Flight Instructor shall maintain a list of those members qualified to solo, date qualified, and type of aircraft. A list will also be maintained and published in the club newsletter with the names of qualified flight instructors with the type of buddy box available (JR, Futaba, etc.).

## ARTICLE X

### GENERAL

- Section 1 Amendments, additions, or deletions may be considered by the membership at any regular meeting. Agreement by a majority of members present is necessary for adoption of any amendments, additions, or deletions to the club by-laws.
- Section 2 The club assumes no responsibility or liability resulting from the acts of individual members.