OTTAWA ROWING CLUB
Proposed Policy Changes for 2017 AGM

Membership

3.08 Competitive rowers at the Club shall be governed by the rules of eligibility as set out by Rowing Canada Aviron and shall be classified under the RCA Rules of Racing.

Change to:

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Health and Safety

a) Safety Advisor
   a. The ORC Executive may appoint a Safety Advisor to assist with the development, review and enforcement of the policy.
   b. Safety Committee will review this document every 12 months and submit any changes to the executive for approval.

Change to:

a) Safety Advisor
   a. The ORC Executive may appoint a Safety Advisor to assist with the development, review and enforcement of the policy.
   b. The Technical Director will review this document every 12 months and submit any changes to the executive for approval.

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Under Policy 2, Safety in the rowing environment, a) traffic patterns, a. Ottawa River

   ii. Approved turning points are displayed on the front of the New Boat House. These are subject to change from the safety committee where required.

Change to:

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Under Policy 2, Safety in the rowing environment, b. Gatineau River

   i. Prohibited unless approved in advance by the ORC Safety Committee.

Change to:

   i. Prohibited unless approved in advance by the ORC Technical Director.
Under Policy 2, Safety in the rowing environment, a) Weather Hazards, b. Cold Water

i. Cold Water Rules apply when the river water temperatures are below 10 degrees C or as
determined by either the Safety Committee or Technical Director. Cold Water Rules remain in
effect until lifted by the Safety Committee or Technical Director.

Change to:

i. Cold Water Rules apply when the river water temperatures are below 10 degrees C.

Under Policy 2, Safety in the rowing environment, a) Weather Hazards, c. Low light conditions

A. Low light conditions will be determined by the Safety Committee or Technical Director.
B. Low light conditions include mornings before sunrise and evenings after sunset.
C. Rowers must return to the docks no later than the evening ‘curfew’ set by the Safety Committee or Technical Director. It is the responsibility of each rower to know the ‘curfew’.
D. All shells on the river in low light conditions must have a bow and stern light which give
360 degree visibility to signal their presence to others.
E. Each rower, including coxie, on the river in low light conditions must wear a personal light,
and whistle.

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360 degree visibility to signal their presence to others.
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and whistle.

Under Policy 4, Safety conscious people

The following groups of people are deemed to be Safety conscious people within the ORC

a) Executive Director / Safety Committee / Lead Coach / Technical Director

Change to:

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a) Executive Director / Lead Coaches / Technical Director

Under Policy 4, Safety conscious people

Under b), c), d) and e):

Replace ‘Must view RCA Safety video annually’ with ‘Must complete ORC safety training annually’
Under Policy 6, Safety procedures, a) Safety training, a. Orientation

a. Orientations:
All members must attend and complete an ORC orientation prior to going out onto the water for the first time each year. This Orientation will be updated on an annual basis by the safety committee.

b. RCA Safety Video
All members must review the RCA Safety Video prior to going out on the water for the first time each year. This video must be watched in full.

Change to:

a. Orientations:
All members must attend and complete an ORC orientation prior to going out onto the water for the first time each year. This Orientation will be updated on an annual basis by the Technical Director.

b. ORC Safety Training
All members must complete ORC safety training prior to going out on the water for the first time. This safety training must be competed annually.