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C1 Name

The name of this club is the **ORCA DX and CONTEST CLUB**, herein referred to **ORCA-DXCC**.

C2 Special Interest Club

ORCA-DXCC is an association of licensed Amateur Radio Operators, specifically focused on the **HF** DX'ing and Contesting aspects of Amateur Radio.

C3 Purpose of the Club

ORCA-DXCC provides a foundation and opportunity for fellowship, understanding, encouragement, development, and support of like-minded Operators.

C4 Club Membership Policy

While primarily a British Columbia based club, membership is open to anyone, anywhere holding an Amateur Radio licence with an expressed interest in DX and Contesting.

C5 Definition of HF, DX'ing and Contesting

- C5.1 ORCA-DXCC defines HF as Amateur bands allocated by the Federal licencing authority between 1.8 to 54 MHz (160 m to 6 m).
- C5.2 ORCA-DXCC defines DX entities as those listed per ARRL DXCC Rules.
- C5.3 DX'ing, for competitive or award purposes, is defined as operation in accordance with a Sponsor's published HF DX rules.
- C5.4 Contesting, for competitive or award purposes, is defined as operation in accordance with the Sponsor's published HF contest rules.

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B1 Club Officers and their Duties

B1.1 ORCA-DXCC will elect officers, from the membership at large, for the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

B1.2 The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall management of ORCA-DXCC in accordance with these Bylaws and to uphold the principles embodied in the Constitution.

B1.3 The Board of Directors, hereafter called the "Board", includes,

B1.3.1 President presides over the AGM & the monthly meetings, is responsible for the upholding of the Constitution and Bylaws, and supervises Officers and Directors.

B1.3.2 Vice President assists the current president as required and assumes the duties of the President in his absence.

B1.3.3 Secretary keeps minutes of AGM and Board meetings, maintains correspondence pertaining to club activities and informs members of such meetings.

B1.3.4 Treasurer collects the annual dues, cares for the financial affairs of the club, prepares monthly financial statements, and pays all accounts authorized by the Board. Receives membership applications and maintains a membership data base, and an email distribution list of members.

B1.3.5 Technical Advisor provides technical support for members regarding HF station infrastructure.

B1.4 ORCA-DXCC is organized by Regions according to Section "O", Organization, following this Bylaw section. Regional Directors will be elected by regional members to represent the members of that region. Directors report to the Board.

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B1.5 Regional Directors determine the location, date and time of meetings for the regional membership, arrange an agenda or program, and email minutes of meetings directly to the entire membership ORCA-DXCC to ensure cohesion within ORCA-DXCC.

B1.5.1 Greater Vancouver – Fraser Valley Director

provides regional representation of ORCA-DXCC members in greater Vancouver through the Fraser Valley to and inclusive of Hope city limits.

B1.5.2 South Island Director

provides regional representation of ORCA-DXCC members South of and inclusive of Nanaimo Airport.

B1.5.3 North Island Director

provides regional representation of ORCA-DXCC members North of Nanaimo Airport.

B1.5.4 Interior Director

provides regional representation of ORCA-DXCC members East and North of the Hope City limits.

B1.5.5 USA Director

provides regional representation of ORCA-DXCC members in the United States of America.

B1.6 The Board will appoint various Committee Chairs to manage specific aspects of ORCA-DXCC who will report to the Board.

B1.6.1 Webmaster Chair

generates, enhances and maintains the ORCA-DXCC website and its content, administers the club's online forums, and promotes the website within DX and contest communities.

B1.6.2 Contest & Operating Chair

oversees contest and operating events undertaken by members of ORCA-DXCC. Such events are completely managed by the event organizer.

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B1.6.3 Publications and Promotions Chair

Prints and publishes hard copy of ORCA-DXCC documents as required in support of ORCA activities.

B1.6.4 Convention Chair

chairs the activities of the ad hoc DX Convention committee, which is struck every 4 years in anticipation of ORCA-DXCC hosting the Pacific Northwest DX Convention.

B1.7 The length of term of office for Officers and Directors is unspecified, but can be changed at the AGM in accordance with Section B1.1 and B6.

B1.8 The term of office for Chairs is indefinite as they are appointed by the Board with consent of the member.

B2 Membership Criteria

Prospective members shall meet the following requirements:

B2.1 Be a licensed amateur radio operator.

B2.2 Attest to a specific interest in DX and Contesting activities as per the Membership form.

B2.3 Be accepting of the informal social nature of the club.

B3 Membership Process

B3.1 Membership is open to anyone meeting the above criteria.

B3.2 While primarily a club serving the interests of British Columbia, Canada and other Pacific Northwest members, anyone, anywhere, meeting the requirements of Section B2 may be a member.

B3.3 Individuals wishing to join shall complete an application form available on the ORCA-DXCC web site.

B3.4 Every member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with the Bylaws.

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B4 Revoking Membership

- B4.1 Late payment of dues does not reduce yearly amount due (refer to section B8.2).
- B4.2 Membership renewals not paid by the end of March will result in the automatic removal of said member who will no longer be in good standing, and will be removed from the membership roster and email list.
- B4.3 A delinquent member, not in good standing, may not attend meetings, and has no rights or privileges as granted by the club.
- B4.4 Membership in ORCA-DXCC may be revoked in circumstances where a member violates the aims and principles of the club or when the membership believes that the welfare of the club is in jeopardy due to the actions of the member in question.
- B4.5 A membership can be revoked with the submission of a petition signed by at least 5 members of the Regional membership and voted on by the Regional membership at a scheduled meeting governed by Rule B10.5.
- B4.6 Non-compliance with Rule B3.4 constitutes grounds for revocation of membership.

B5 Life Membership

- B5.1 ORCA-DXCC membership may nominate Life Membership for an individual whereby the individual can enjoy the status and benefits of membership without paying the yearly dues.
- B5.2 Life Membership may be conferred by the Board for an individual who has served the club, or the DX or contest communities, with distinction over a substantial number of years, and who has shown leadership and a high level of accomplishment in the pursuit of DX'ing or Contesting during their amateur radio career.
- B5.3 Life Membership will be officially bestowed by the Board at the AGM.

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B6 AGM and Board Meetings

- B6.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in January of each Year. The Secretary will advise the membership of the location, date and time.
- B6.2 The President will call Board Meetings to be held on an as-needed basis.
- B6.3 The Secretary will communicate to the Board and club members the location, date and time for Board meetings, via email, at least 2 weeks prior to the Board meeting.
- B6.4 As Board members are elected from the membership at large and since not all Board members may be from the same region, physical attendance may not be possible.
- B6.5 Board meetings may take place in the region that has most Board members. Remaining Board members will attend via teleconference. Optionally, a Board meeting can take place entirely by teleconference.
- B6.6 The Secretary will circulate minutes of the AGM and Board meetings to the membership by email.

B7 Fiscal Year

- B7.1 The Fiscal year is from the first day of January to the last day of December.

B8 Dues

- B8.1 Yearly dues will be set at the AGM.
- B8.2 Dues are payable on application. Upon receipt of Dues, the prospective member will only then be listed on the ORCA-DXCC web page roster and become a member in good standing.
- B8.3 Renewal dues must be paid by the end of March. Refer to Section B4.2 for details.
- B8.4 Members joining in midyear will pay a percentage based on the remaining months left in the current fiscal year.

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B9 Funding

- B9.1 The Treasurer will maintain financial records of all transactions showing all sources of revenue and expenditures. All monies will be administered through the ORCA-DXCC bank account.
- B9.2 Each region will be recognized as entitled to a portion of the overall membership dues for their discretionary spending. Such portion will be a percentage of the regional dues collected.
- B9.3 ORCA-DXCC will retain the remaining percentage of all dues collected from all regions for common club expenses.
- B9.4 The Board will determine the percentages at the AGM.
- B9.5 The ORCA-DXCC Board may from time to time provide funds in support of a DXpedition or other radio related function. The amount of the contribution will be determined at a Board meeting.
- B9.6 From time to time ORCA-DXCC Board may request additional funding from its members for special projects such as the DX Convention, Field Day or similar events.

B10 Voting

- B10.1 All members in good standing have 1 vote each and are entitled to vote on any motion put to the membership.
- B10.2 Mandatory voting by the membership is required for,
 - B10.2.1 Dues increases
 - B10.2.2 Changes to the Constitution
 - B10.2.3 Changes to Bylaws
 - B10.2.3 Expenditures recommended by the Board or requested by Regions for amounts exceeding \$500
- B10.3 The Secretary is required to give notice of motion by email to all members no later than 2 weeks prior to a vote being taken.
- B10.4 Voting can be performed in person at any meeting, by email being submitted to the Secretary, or by proxy.

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B10.5 A passing vote requires a 2/3 majority of those who vote.

B10.6 Regional issues that have no impact to ORCA-DXCC in general, or to other regions can be conducted autonomously by those in attendance at a meeting.

B11 Quorum

B11.1 NO QUORUM exists for the purposes of voting on items listed in Section B10.2 as ALL members have the right to vote.

B11.2 Quorum for all other meetings shall consist of the attending members.

B12 Amendments Specific to the Constitution and Bylaws

B12.1 Proposed changes to the Constitution of ORCA-DXCC require 30 days notice given to the membership.

B12.2 Proposed changes to the Bylaws of ORCA-DXCC require 30 days notice be given to the membership.

B12.3 Comments arising from proposed changes to be communicated to the Secretary by email or by posted mail for review by the Board within the 30 days.

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- O1 ORCA-DXCC membership covers a very large geographic area, that is, British Columbia and beyond.
- O2 ORCA-DXCC is a non-centric organization, that is, the Greater Vancouver – Fraser Valley region, with likely the majority of members, does not control the club.
- O3 To ensure fair representation for all members, ORCA-DXCC has Regional districts.
- O4 Regional Districts are defined by geographical boundaries, and where regional meetings will be held.
- O5 Regional Directors are elected to represent members in their region.
- O6 Regional districts may act autonomously but are bound by the Constitution and Bylaws of ORCA-DXCC as all ORCA-DXCC regions act as one organization.
- O7 Regional meetings are coordinated by Regional Directors.
- O8 Regional districts may be created as member population may demand. The Board must approve new regions or changes to existing regions.