

**Rules and By-Laws of the
South Orange Seaport Society**
Organized August 1988

A radio controlled Model Boat Club also known as the S.O.S. Model Boaters, exists to encourage and foster the construction and sailing of radio controlled (RC) model boats.

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TO REACH OUR OBJECTIVE WE SHALL:

1. Inform and instruct interested persons in the methods, equipment and suppliers of the RC model boating hobby.
 2. Participate in South Orange Recreation Department and surrounding area public displays.
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- A. The South Orange Seaport Society shall hold business meetings the first and third Thursday of every month. These meetings will be held at the Baird Center. During sailing season, weather permitting, business meetings may be held at the pond. The December holiday party/meeting shall be held at a location determined by the membership.
 - B. To be a member in good standing, dues must be paid by January 31st.
Annual Dues are \$15.00. New members joining after July 1st of a year may pay half year dues of \$7.50.
A new member shall pay an induction fee of \$10.00. This fee is waived for family members or "significant" others of current members.
The South Orange Seaport Society dues year is Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st.
A member who fails to pay his/her dues by January 31st will be considered not in good standing. Good standing status shall be reinstated upon said member when he/she brings his/her dues fully up to date, and upon approval of majority of officers.
Dues may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote at a business meeting for members in good standing who face hard times due to age and/or health Issues.
The Membership may elect an individual, who is not already a member, to Honorary Membership when that person has made an outstanding contribution to the South Orange Seaport Society or the hobby of RC model boating.
 - C. Minor Members (under 18 years of age)
Must be accompanied by an adult member in good standing

- D. New membership applicants may be subject to review by the officers and must attend a minimum of two meetings before the application can be accepted.
- E. Officers will consist of: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- F. Elections shall be at the First Business Meeting in December, providing a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, the vote will be taken at the next month's business meeting and thereafter until a quorum is obtained. The existing officers remain in effect until the election is held. Officers shall serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive years in any one office.
- G. A quorum shall consist of three (3) South Orange Seaport Society Officers and five (5) members in good standing and will be necessary in order to vote on any issue involving spending in excess of \$100.00.
Honorary members and members not in good standing can not vote on any South Orange Seaport matter. Voting will be by a show of hands unless a majority of voting members present request a secret ballot. Majority decides and there will be no proxy votes.
- H. Members will abide by the South Orange Recreation Department's Rules and regulations and by the rules of the FCC and the South Orange Seaport Society.
- I. Membership may be revoked through due process in accordance with the rules of the South Orange Recreation Department, the Village of South Orange, and the By-Laws of the South Orange Seaport Society. A majority of members present by voting at a monthly business meeting shall be necessary for revocation of membership. Cause for revocation must be shown and the member in question must be given 7 days notice prior to such a vote.
- J. Any issues unresolved by these bylaws will be referred to Roberts Rules Of Order for resolution.

3. Officer and their duties.

- A. The **Commodore** shall reside over Business and Special meetings of the South Orange Seaport Society, appoint chairpersons for committees, ensure that directives of the South Orange seaport Society are implemented and shall carry out any other duties as outlined in the South Orange Seaport Society Rules and By-Laws.
- B. The **Vice Commodore** shall assist the Commodore in his duties and shall assume his/her duties in the event of the Commodore's absence. In case of a vacancy in the office of Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall assume the office of Commodore. He/she shall conduct general correspondence (promotion, publicity, etc.) of the South Orange Seaport Society.

C. The **Recording Secretary** shall keep copies of the Rules and By-Laws of the South Orange Seaport Society, and shall keep a true record of all meetings of the South Orange Seaport Society. He/she shall be responsible for maintaining the attendance of the South Orange Seaport Society.

D. The **Treasurer** shall have charge of the financial affairs of the South Orange Seaport Society and shall be responsible for the care and custody of its funds. The purser shall keep and accurate account of receipts and disbursements of the South Orange Seaport Society.

4. **Amendments.**

Notice of intent to amend these By-Laws must be given, in writing, to all members of the South Orange Seaport Society at least seven (7) days prior to the vote on the proposed amendment(s). Amendments shall be effective after approval by a majority vote of members present at a Business Meeting The voting procedure will follow as stated in 20 above. A quorum must be present for the vote to be valid

