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BY-LAW 1:

RACE CALENDAR and NATIONAL TITLES

1. **"RACE YEAR"** shall be that period commencing and terminating on a date nominated by each Zone which is approved by AOCRA INC.
2. A Zone Management Committee shall not less than 6 months before the commencement of the next Race Year, prepare a draft Race Calendar for the next Race Year and call for expressions of interest from affiliated clubs within it's respective zone to host a Governed Regatta("Grand Prix circuit regatta") during the race year next following
 - (a) Any affiliated club wishing to host a governed or sanctioned regatta during the next race year in which international competitors will be invited to compete, or a non-standard regatta format is requested, shall not less than six months before the commencement of the next Race Year, lodge with the Secretary of AOCRA INC an expression of interest with the overview, race plan and associated charts as per the regatta rules.
 - (b) Any affiliated club wishing to host a governed or sanctioned event to which international competitors will be invited or a non-standard regatta format is requested, must agree to and the executive must complete and sign the AOCRA Sanctioned Event Agreement and abide by the requirements .

Standard regatta format: one which follows the same format as regattas previously approved and previously sanctioned by AOCRA's management committee.

3. An affiliated club desirous of hosting a regatta governed or sanctioned regatta during the next race year shall not less than 4 months before the commencement of the next Race Year, lodge with the Secretary of the Zone Management Committee an expression of interest stating:-
 - (a) a preferred date and alternatives date(s) for hosting a governed regatta (Grand Prix Circuit).
 - (b) a date for hosting a sanctioned regatta.
 - (c) preference to host a marathon, sprint or combined regatta.
4. The Zone Management Committee shall consider the expressions of interest received and determine the Race Calendar.
5. A Race Calendar shall be submitted to the Management Committee of AOCRA for approval not less than 2 months prior to the commencement of the Race Year.
6. A Zone Management Committee may amend a Race Calendar subject to the approval of AOCRA.
7. In determining the Race Calendar, the Zone Management Committee shall take into consideration any matters it considers relevant including preferred dates, continuity of race dates, weather and tide conditions. Should two or more affiliated clubs be desirous of hosting a regatta on the same date, then if all other things are equal, the Management Committee shall determine by ballot.



8. Unless otherwise determined by the Zone at any Zone Annual General Meeting or Zone General Meetings or by the Management Committee of AOCRA, the Grand Prix circuit in the Zones shall culminate in the Australian National Outrigger Canoe Titles, which shall be held on a date and venue to be determined by the Management Committee of AOCRA. This By-Law does not in any way derogate from By-Law 2 paragraph 11.
9. Unless otherwise approved by the Management Committee of AOCRA, the Regatta Rules adopted by AOCRA as amended from time to time shall apply to any Governed Regatta or regatta sanctioned by AOCRA.