

'Code of Conduct' for online OARS communications:

Members of OARS have access to an email-based mailing list and (currently) two WhatsApp-based message groups.

The email-based mailing list will be the primary method used for communication of all OARS events, OARS social events and 'official' communications etc.,

Membership of the WhatsApp groups is optional.

These email-lists and WhatsApp groups are for the purpose of sharing skills and information about 'Radio' and related matters. Please ensure that anything you might post is of relevance.

Radio—related items may be offered for sale. As a courtesy, please let a Committee Member know in advance.

It is expected that members of OARS will 'self-moderate' – if this is done, then the OARS Committee will not find itself in the situation of having to moderate posts/discussions etc.,

We would at all times wish to keep these places running harmoniously – we would not wish to lose members either because of over-moderating or indeed under-moderating.

There are some lines in the sand!

1. NO Politics. We are united through our interest in radio, possibly not much else. There are subjects which could easily be divisive. These topics are probably best kept to oneself.
2. Comments/Posts which are racist, homophobic or in any other way abusive will not be tolerated.
3. Please do not use the groups as a personal chat room or for organising non OARS-arranged events. Please use private emails or other channels for this.

We do not wish to be in a position where we lose members or members cease to contribute because the groups contain material they do not wish to read or because of any bad feeling that has been caused.

If, at any time, we should find ourselves in a position where you might disagree with a 'moderation decision', please contact a Committee member directly, state your concern clearly and politely and the matter will be looked in to.

Posts on other Social Media Platforms which contain comments directed at OARS and/or OARS members which are derogatory, defamatory or in any other way abusive will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Executive of The Committee (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary) and may lead to suspension or expulsion from OARS

Self-moderation is the best way to help us build a vibrant and lively 'radio-focussed' community, which benefits all members. If all members stick to posting comments of radio-related interest, the value of these groups to the overall membership of OARS will be enhanced.

Thank you
OARS Committee