

# **BY-LAWS OF THE SALT WATER LIGHT TACKLE FISHING CLUB, INC.**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME.**

The name of the association shall be the Saltwater Light Tackle Fishing Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Club").

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES.**

The purpose of the Club shall be to enhance light tackle saltwater fishing and to promote fellowship among the saltwater recreational fishing groups, to share the experiences, information, and goodwill. It shall be the intent of the Club to promote sportsmanship and fair play, and to promote the protection of these natural resources and the values and aesthetics, which they represent.

It shall be the policy of the Club to support the enjoyment of fishing, with true sportsmanship as its highest ideal. It shall advocate and promote boating safety, rescue, and assistance and education of all who use the resource.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.**

Regular membership in the Club shall be open to all persons of goodwill who accept the objectives of the Club, and who have paid the established by the Board of Directors for the following classes of membership:

1. Individual/family membership: Membership by an individual or by all members of an individual family.
2. Sponsor membership: Membership by a company or business.
3. Corresponding membership: Limited membership for an annual subscription to the Club newsletter.

Dues are to be paid in full at or prior to the Club meeting in March and are delinquent thereafter. Delinquent members shall have no standing and shall not participate in any Club function until dues are paid in full. There shall be no prorating of the dues, regardless of when a member joins the Club. An individual/family membership shall have one vote for each member, a sponsor membership shall be entitled to one vote, and a corresponding membership shall have no vote in the election of officers and Board of Directors or in other matters brought before the Club.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS & SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.**

**Section 1.** General membership meetings shall be held the last Tuesday of every month, excluding December, unless this is a holiday, at a time a place established by the Board of Directors and announced in the Club newsletter. In the event that this date is a holiday, the meeting will be held on a date established by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Board of Directors meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding December, at a time and place established by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership at least one week in advance. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or, in the absence of the President, by the Vice President. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to Club members.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the membership of the Club may be called by the President at any time.

## **ARTICLE V. RELEASE.**

By applying for and being accepted into the membership of the Club, each member does hereby release and relinquish said Club, its officers, members, official meeting place and employees thereof, whether singularly or collectively, from any claim for damages or cause of action for injury to the person or property of the member incurred during, in connection with, or growing out of any lawful activity of the Club and conducted under the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of said Club. Further, each member does hereby agree and covenant to hold the Club harmless for any claim for damages or cause of action incurred by any third party for injury to persons or property, while a guest of such member, incurred during, in connection with, or growing out of any Club activity.

This waiver and release shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns of each member.

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS & ELECTIONS.**

**Section 1.** The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Club and up to fifteen (15) additional Club members.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee at the September Board of Directors meeting. The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers and other Board of Directors members to the President at the October Board of Directors meeting. A member can be nominated for one seat only. The President shall submit this slate to the membership at the October membership meeting and shall at that time receive additional nominations for officers and Board of Directors members from the floor. Majority vote of the members present at the October membership meeting shall apply for the election of officers and additional members of the Board of Directors. In the case of a tie, a coin toss by the President shall resolve the election.

**Section 4.** The immediate past-President shall serve on the Board of Directors for one year.

**Section 5.** The officers and other Board of Directors members shall be elected for a term of one year and are eligible to hold office for more than one term.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES.**

The Executive Board may appoint at any time, a chairman and members of ~~for an~~ ad hoc committees for special projects or as deemed necessary to support Club functions.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS.**

**Section 1.** A proposal to amend the By-Laws may be made by any Club individual/family or sponsor member. Proposals must be made in writing and delivered to a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** After due consideration, a majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required to bring a proposal to amend the By-Laws to a vote by the Club membership.

**Section 3.** The vote on a proposed amendment shall be held at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting. The proposal to amend the By-Laws shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those present for passage. Upon passage, the By-Laws are amended.

## **ARTICLE IX. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.**

**Section 1.** All individual/family memberships shall have the following rights and privileges:

- i. Voting privileges - Must be a member in good standing prior to November 1 in order to have voting privileges in upcoming election of officers and other Board of Directors members.
- ii. Opportunity to participate in all Club functions.
- iii. Right to petition the Board of Directors.
- iv. Eligible to hold office.
- v. Shall receive a copy of the Club newsletter each month.

**Section 2.** All sponsor memberships shall have the following rights and privileges:

4. Voting privileges: Must be a member in good standing on November 1 in order to have voting privileges in the upcoming election of officers and other Board of Directors members.
2. Opportunity to participate in all Club functions.
3. Right to petition the Board of Directors.
4. One adult member eligible to be nominated and hold office.
5. Shall receive a copy of the monthly newsletter and have the right to display a "card size" advertisement in each issue.

**Section 3.** All corresponding memberships shall have the following rights and privileges:

1. Shall receive a copy of the Club newsletter each month.

## **ARTICLE XI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all Club and Board of Directors meetings and conduct the order of business. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all appointed committees.

**Section 2.** The Vice-President shall preside at all Club and Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping and publishing minutes of all regular, and special meetings, of both the general membership and Board of Directors, and for notification to the members of special meetings of the Club membership or Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the disbursements of Club funds in service of Club financial obligations, collection of dues and moneys due the Club, and accountability for such monies to the Board of Directors, and reporting to the membership on a quarterly basis.

## **ARTICLE XI. VOTING AND CLUB BUSINESS.**

**Section 1.** Any motion may be presented to the general membership at any Club meeting by the President or by any other member in good standing. Motions must be duly seconded to be considered and a majority of the members present shall be required for passage of the motion.

**Section 2.** At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum must be present before any action may be taken. A quorum shall be fifty (50) percent of the members of the

Board of Directors, but not fewer than seven (7) members. A majority vote of the Board of Directors members present shall be required for passage of any business.

**Adopted the 30 day of September, 2003**

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