

**BYLAWS OF
THE DOWN EAST CHAPTER , TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT
ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the organization will be the Down East Chapter, Traditional Small Craft Association Inc. It shall function as a Chapter of the national organization, The Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc. Hereafter called the Association.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

For all purposes hereof, “traditional small craft” shall mean boats built from designs developed prior to the gasoline marine engine, for sail or manual propulsion. Modern or historical variants or adaptations of traditional designs fall within this definition.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSES**

The purpose of the Chapter is to encourage the construction and use of traditional small craft. The Chapter shall also function as a spokesman for traditional small craft builders, owners, and enthusiasts on any subject that pertains to traditional small craft. This will include communicating with regulatory authorities, legislators, corporations, and trade associations to express the Association’s point of view on legislation, regulations, or interpretation thereof, which legislation or regulations pertain to traditional small craft.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

The officers of this Chapter shall be a designated coordinator who will serve for one year and an assistant coordinator who shall become the coordinator the following year. The duties of the coordinator shall be to act as a liaison between this Chapter and the national Association, and to serve as the contact person for others in the local area in need of information concerning the Chapter.

**ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Any person who supports the purposes of the Association is eligible for membership in the Down East Chapter. Membership in the national Association will be strongly encouraged but not mandatory. Chapter dues shall be the same as national dues except that a half rate shall be available to students, elderly and those who are unable to pay the full amount. The Chapter acknowledges that its financial activities are independent of the national Association.

**ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS**

The Chapter shall have one annual meeting in the fall for general business and the election of officers. Other activities such as messabouts, lectures, and cosponsored events shall be determined by the membership. Announcement of the annual meeting and all other activities shall be made known to the members by email, phone calls or regular mail.

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS**

The Bylaws may be amended by vote of the members of the Chapter.

**ARTICLE VIII
DISCONTINUANCE**

Whenever the Chapter has less than five national Association members, it will be notified by the Chapter Coordinator that its affiliation will be terminated after thirty days unless the minimum five members is reestablished. The Chapter may terminate its affiliation with the national Association upon six months notice in writing to the Chapter Coordinator, and the national Association may discontinue affiliation with a Chapter with six months written notice.