

**Bylaws of The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter,
Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc.**

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization will be the Florida Gulf Coast Traditional Small Craft Association, hereinafter the FGCTSCA. It shall function as a chapter of the national organization, The Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc., hereinafter called the TSCA. FGCTSCA shall be affiliated with the Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Museum at Cortez.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

For all purposes hereof, “traditional small craft” shall mean boats built for sail, or manual propulsion from designs established prior to the development of the marine gasoline engine. Modern, or historical variants, or adaptations of traditional designs fall within this definition. This emphasis on design heritage does not reflect on construction materials or techniques.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The purpose of FGCTSCA shall be to encourage and promulgate the study, construction, and use of traditional small craft. It shall also support efforts of the National TSCA in its function as spokesman for traditional small craft builders, owners, and enthusiasts on any subject that pertains to traditional small craft.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- 1.) Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and any such other officer as may be appointed by the President to complete the administrative needs of the Chapter.
- 2.) In addition to normal organizational responsibilities the President shall act as a liaison between this chapter, the TSCA and the Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Museum, and serve as contact person for others in the local area seeking information concerning the chapter.
- 3.) The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President.
- 4.) The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain all chapter records, collect and disperse chapter funds, and edit and distribute the chapter newsletter.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- 1.) Any person is eligible for membership in FGCTSCA and will receive membership in both FGCMM at Cortez and the FGCTSCA, including membership benefits from both organizations, when their annual dues have been paid to FGCTSCA.
- 2.) Membership dues shall be \$35 per year for individuals, and \$50 per year for families. Additional membership category information will be provided to each member with copies of the National TSCA bylaws.
- 3.) The FGCTSCA Chapter shall forward the portion representing National dues to the Treasurer, TSCA, P.O. Box 350, Mystic, CT 06355 upon receipt from a member.
- 4.) The chapter acknowledges that its financial activities are independent of the TSCA national and, aside from the business of dues, there is no financial relationship between the FGCTSCA Chapter and the TSCA.

ARTICLE VI: ACTIVITIES

FGCTSCA activities shall be determined by Chapter officers, and membership, and shall include:

- a. One annual meeting for general business, the election of officers, and etc.
- b. Traditional wooden boat shows.
- c. In the water meets (“mess abouts”).
- d. The publication of a newsletter and appropriate announcements.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the FGCTSCA membership whose dues are fully paid at any meeting of the Chapter, provided that notice of the proposed amendments is made to each member in good standing 10 days before such meeting. A copy of changes approved by the Chapter shall be filed with TSCA National within 30 days of such change.

ARTICLE VIII: DISCONTINUANCE

- 1.) In the event that Chapter membership declines to less than five National TSCA members it will be notified by the TSCA Chapter Coordinator that its affiliation will be terminated after 30 days unless a minimum of five members is reestablished.
- 2.) The FGCTSCA may terminate its status with the national TSCA upon 6 months’ notice in writing and the TSCA may discontinue affiliation with the FGCTSCA upon 6 months written notice.