

# BYLAWS OF THE TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be The Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc., hereafter called the Association.

## ARTICLE II DEFINITION

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 Association is to encourage the construction and use of traditional small craft. The Association 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 the interpretation thereof, which legislation or regulations pertain to traditional small craft.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officer or officers as may be appointed by the Council of the Association (Council) pursuant to the authority given to it in Article V.
2. The President, and in his/her absence the Vice President, shall preside at the meetings of the Association and of the Council and shall exercise the usual functions of the President.
3. The Treasurer shall collect all revenues of the Association and shall pay all debts of the Association incurred by the Council or by its authority, and keep the Association's accounts.
4. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Association and of the Council and shall give notice of their meetings.
4. Each officer shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council.

## ARTICLE V THE COUNCIL

1. Nine Directors, to be known collectively as the Council, shall control and manage the affairs, funds, property, and expenditures of the Association and shall execute its bylaws. The term of office of each member of the Council shall be three years. Upon completion of a three-year term, the Director may not be re-elected to the Council for one year. Three members of the Council shall be elected annually by the members of the Association by ballot. The three candidates having the highest number of votes shall be elected, a tie to be decided by lot. The Council may fill vacancies occurring therein otherwise than by expiration of term. The term of office of the person in line of succession to the presidency shall be held in suspension so as to have the opportunity to be elected president at the discretion of the Council. The president may serve a limit of two consecutive years.
2. The Council shall meet directly after each annual meeting of the Association, and the Council shall elect from its own body the President and the Vice President. The Council shall also elect the Secretary and Treasurer from its own body or may elect any member in good standing for these posts. These officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting. The aforesaid officers of the Association shall collectively have the general direction of the management and operation of the Association while the Council is not in session, subject to such rules and orders as may be prescribed by the Council.
3. Any person filling an unexpired term by appointment must stand down at the end of that term, but shall not be barred from being nominated for a full three-year term, and then to be elected by ballot by the general membership.
4. Special meetings of the Council shall be held when ordered by the President or by three members of the Council.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of June in each year. The annual meeting of the Council shall be held directly after the annual meeting of the Association.

2. At the annual meeting, the order of business, after reading the minutes, shall be: (a) the report of the Council; (b) general business; (c) announcement of voting and election returns.
3. Notices of all meetings shall be mailed at least two weeks before such meetings, unless shorter notice is directed by the Council.
4. Twenty members of the Association shall be a quorum at the annual meeting. A majority shall be a quorum at all meetings of the Council.

## ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- I. The annual dues of the Association for Individual membership shall be \$15.00 annually, qualifying the individual for one vote and all other rights and privileges of membership, including one copy of each mailing by TSCA. The annual dues of the Association for Family membership shall be \$15.00 qualifying all members of the immediate family to participate in TSCA activities but with the restriction of only one vote per family and the family will be sent only one copy of each TSCA mailing.
2. Any five or more members (Individual Members and/or one representative each from Family Memberships) may form a Local Chapter by submitting Bylaws to the TSCA Secretary which are consistent with those recommended by TSCA. Local Chapter membership is not restricted to National members so long as the minimum of five National members is maintained.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

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

## ARTICLE IX VOTING & ELECTION PROCEDURES

Voting by the general membership shall be conducted by mail. Ballots shall be mailed to the membership at least two weeks before the voting deadline, which shall be indicated on the ballot. All marked ballots shall be returned to the Secretary before the voting deadline. Voting and election returns shall be announced at the annual meeting and in *The Ash Breeze*.