

Piscataqua Sailing Association 4/19/22

Constitution

1. Name and objectives

This association shall be known as the Piscataqua Sailing Association, hereinafter referred to as the club. It is a nonprofit organization, and its goals shall be:

- A. To promote and conduct organized sailboat racing and education for its members and guests.
- B. To collect and issue information on sailboat racing for members and guests.
- C. To collaborate and take part in the activities of other sailboat racing organizations that interest and help the club in reaching these goals.
- D. To buy, own and sell equipment or other items, for the carrying out the club goals.

2. Membership

A. Membership is extended to all who agree with the goals of the club regardless of race, color, religion, creed sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, veteran status, disability, genetic information, military service, or other protected status, provided that the person follows the requirements expressed in the Constitution and by-laws.

B. Membership shall consist of members who registered as sailboat owners or crew members.

C. Requirements for membership:

- i. Pay annual registration fees.
- ii. Sign release of liability, waiver of claims, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement.

3. Government

A. The Board of Directors for the club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Race Committee chairperson, Social event chairperson, and Fund-raising chairperson.

B. The PSA specialists for the club shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board of Directors and may consist of Governor, Primary Race official, Webmaster and Fleet Handicapper.

C. As decided by the Board of Directors, from time to time, the Fleet captains of the club may consist of the Performance Racing Handicap Racing fleet, Performance Handicap Cruising fleet, J24 one design fleet and Laser one design fleet. Depending on the size of the fleet, more Fleet captains may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

D. The Oversight committee will consist of all Past Commodores who are current members.

4. Ratification and Amendment

A. Ratification of this Constitution shall be made by approval of the membership after being approved by the Board of Directors, with the proviso that notice has been given at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which the vote will occur, and a quorum is met during the vote. At least twenty (20) members taking part in a vote shall make up a quorum.

B. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by approval of the membership after being approved by the Board of Directors, with the proviso that notice has been given at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which the vote will occur, and a quorum is met during the vote.