

# **BY-LAWS**

## **Of the**

## **Cruising Club of New England**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### ***Name***

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be the ***Cruising Club of New England***; hereinafter referred to as *the Club*.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### ***Emblem***

SECTION 1. The emblem (burgee) of the Club shall be a swimming mermaid of green (upper torso in light green, fins in dark green) on a field of white surrounded by a border of dark green.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### ***Purpose***

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Club shall be to promote the sport of yachting, good fellowship and the cruising of New England waters by vessels of adequate size and capability.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### ***Officers and Duties***

SECTION 1. The officers of the Club shall be and rank as follows: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The Commodore shall be in charge of the squadron, shall officiate at all meetings of the Club and shall be Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Commodore will enforce all rules and regulations of the Club and delegate authority as deemed necessary. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 3. The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties and shall officiate in his absence.

SECTION 4. The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties and shall officiate in their absence.

SECTION 5. The Fleet Captain, by appointment of the Commodore, shall assist the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore in the discharge of their duties. The Fleet Captain shall plan, organize and execute the annual Club cruise.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Governors. The Secretary shall keep all documents related to Club activities and shall be Clerk of the Corporation. The Secretary shall keep a register of all yachts belonging to members of the Club detailing the make, description and rig of such vessels and their locations.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, fees and assessments for the Club and shall deposit them in suitable accounts as approved by the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall keep the Board of Governors informed on a regular basis of the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all paid-up members and members whose dues are in arrears. The Treasurer shall provide each member who has paid dues with an appropriate membership card.

SECTION 8. The term of office shall be one (1) year for all officers.

## **ARTICLE V**

### ***Board of Governors***

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) members-at-large and Immediate Past Commodore.

SECTION 2. The Board of Governors shall have full managerial and regulatory powers of the Club.

SECTION 3. The Board of Governors shall conduct the affairs of the Club and make rules of the Club as deemed proper and necessary. The Board shall approve all appropriations of the Club but shall not make the Club liable for any debt which the treasury can not meet.

SECTION 4. The Board of Governors shall have the power to expel or suspend any member who violates the By-Laws or other rules of the Club or, for conduct which the Board deems to be improper for the general well-being of the membership.

SECTION 5. The Board of Governors shall meet at least twice annually. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. The term of office shall be one (1) year for all members of the Board of Governors.

## **ARTICLE VI** ***Membership***

SECTION 1. Membership in the Club shall be open to all persons with an expressed interest in yachting and specifically an interest in cruising the waters of New England.

SECTION 2. Regular membership shall be entitled to those persons owning a vessel, power or sail, capable of extended cruising.

SECTION 3. Associate membership shall be entitled to those persons who do not meet the stated category for Regular members, at a reduced rate. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote and shall not serve as an officer or a member of the Board of Governors and shall not be allowed to use the Club moorings.

SECTION 4. Life membership shall be entitled to any member who has maintained Regular membership in good standing for at least twenty-five (25) consecutive years, with no additional dues incurred.

SECTION 5. Honorary membership shall be bestowed upon individuals as determined by the Board of Governors. Honorary members shall be exempt from any and all dues, but shall not enjoy voting privileges, election to office or membership on committees.

**ARTICLE VII**  
***Committees***

SECTION 1. The Commodore may, at his discretion, appoint as many committees as he deems necessary and appropriate to properly operate the Club.

SECTION 2. When appointing a committee the Commodore shall also designate who shall serve as its chairperson.

SECTION 3. Appointed committees shall make regular and accurate reports to the Commodore of its business and proceedings.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
***Dues, Fees and Assessments***

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall determine the dues, fees and assessments of the Club. The Board shall give proper notice of all monies due and shall set a date by which all monies shall be paid.

SECTION 2. Any member who fails to make proper payment of dues, fees or assessments shall be expelled or suspended by the Board of Governors as deemed necessary.

**ARTICLE IX**  
***Meetings***

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held between the fifteenth day (15th) of January and the thirty-first day (31st) of March each year. Such other meetings of the membership may be held as deemed necessary by the Commodore.

SECTION 2. Notification of meetings of the Board of Governors, the Annual Meeting and other meetings determined by the Commodore shall be made by the Secretary at least ten (10) days in advance of any meeting.

SECTION 3. The dates for all meetings shall be determined by the Commodore.

**ARTICLE X**

## ***Elections***

SECTION 1. Election of all officers, except fleet captain, and members-at-large of the Board of Governors shall be made at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. All nominations shall be made from the floor by Regular or Life members.

SECTION 3. Voting shall be limited to Regular or Life members present at the Annual Meeting. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

SECTION 4. Officers and members-at-large of the Board of Governors shall serve until the next Annual Meeting or until successors have been appointed.

SECTION 5. The Commodore may appoint, in case of vacancy, any officer or member of the Board of Governors who shall serve until the next Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI *Amendments***

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Club may be amended by the membership at any meeting of the Club provided the proposed amendment(s) has been approved by the Board of Governors and a copy of such approved amendment(s) has been mailed to each voting member not later than ten (10) days preceding such stated meeting.

### **ADOPTION**

The date of adoption of these By-Laws with all preceding amendments inclusive is recognized to be the Annual Meeting of March 20, 1987.

Amendment to Article VI Section 3 passed at Annual Meeting of March 20, 2004.

Amendments to Article I, Section 1; Article IV, Section 5; Article V, Section 1; Article VI, Sections 2, 3, 4; Article X, Section 1 and addition of Article VI, 5, passed at the Annual Meeting of March 28, 2009.