

# Constitution – Marlin Ski-Boat Club

## **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

### **1. NAME :**

The Club shall be called “Marlin Ski-Boat & Shore Angling Club”.

### **2. OBJECT :**

The object of the club is:

(a) To promote, foster and control the sport of recreational offshore and deep-sea fishing from ski-boats and other craft and shore angling off the coast of the Republic of South Africa and surrounding territories.

(b) To affiliate with, implement and comply with the Constitution and rules of the Natal Deep Sea Angling Association, (N.D.S.A.A.), Natal Coast Angling Union, (N.C.A.U.), Government and any other controlling bodies in South Africa and elsewhere as deemed appropriate by the Committee.

(c) To co-operate with and assist Government, Fishing and Conservation Officers.

(d) Where possible, to keep accurate records of fish caught on rod, reel and line from ski-boats, other craft and from the shore.

(e) To select suitably qualified anglers for competitions in the sport of offshore ski-boat fishing to the approval of the Natal Deep Sea Angling Association and shore angling to the approval of Natal Coast Angling Union, (N.C.A.U.),

(f) To develop membership of the club by all South Africans, irrespective of Race, Creed of Colour and to promote good fellowship between its members, members of other clubs and the General Public.

(g) The Club shall be a non-profit organization and any funds, profits or receipts thereof shall be re-invested in the club and its facilities, for the benefit of the members thereof and the General Public.

(h) To establish reciprocity with the Port Edward Country Club in order that members thereof may enjoy the hospitality and amenities of this Club and vice versa. Such reciprocity shall however not entitle members of the said organization to compete in angling competitions in the name of this Club or to register or claim records in the name thereof.

### **3. OFFICERS:**

(a) The control of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 (FIVE) duly elected members. At least 2 (TWO) members of the committee will represent the shore anglers in the club. The Ski-Boaters and the Shore Anglers are to form their own sub committees in order to handle more

specific issues, which can be tabled at the main monthly meetings.

(b) The Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors have been appointed provided that no more than two members may be elected who live outside a radius of 40 km from Port Edward.

(c) The Committee may fill any casual vacancy that may occur among office bearers, and shall elect a Vice-Commodore from amongst their midst.

(d) The Committee shall have power:-

(1) To suspend, expel and withdraw the boat registration and membership of, any member whose conduct, in its opinion is disloyal, unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Club or who fails to comply with any provision of the constitution or the Club byelaws.

(2) To refuse membership without assigning any reason.

(3) To erase without notice a member's name from the Club membership roll if such member fails to pay his/her subscription within three months of such subscription falling due.

(4) To formulate and amend the Constitution subject to the provisions of clause 9 hereof and Bye laws from time to time.

(5) To give decisions in fishing competitions controlled by the Club where doubt exists. Such decisions shall be final.

(e) The Secretary shall:

(1) Notify each member of the date and venue of the Annual General Meeting which notice shall contain agenda of such meeting.

(2) Read the Minutes of the previous meeting and have same approved and confirmed by the members present and certified as correct by the Commodore.

(3) Keep minutes of all proceedings at the Annual General Meeting and Committee meetings for the incorporation in the records of the Club.

(4) In collaboration with the Treasurer maintain an inventory of all items, which are the property of the Club.

(5) Forward to all members a newsletter, at least once a year, so as to keep members informed of the Club's activities.

(6) Keep an up to date Register of members of the Club.

(f) The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Keep proper books reflecting the financial position of the Club.
- (2) Be responsible for all monies and funds of the Club.
- (3) Disburse such monies as may be required from time to time for the payment of the Club's accounts and dues to controlling and affiliated Unions as authorised by the Committee from time to time.
- (4) Prepare and present a yearly Balance Sheet to the Commodore at the Annual General Meeting.
- (5) In collaboration with the Secretary maintain an inventory of all items, which are the property of the Club.
- (6) In collaboration with the Secretary keep an up to date register of members of the Club.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) All applications for membership must be made in writing on the Club's application forms. Applicants must be duly proposed and seconded by two fully paid-up members of the Club in good standing.
- (b) All applications for membership shall be considered as soon as possible by the Committee who shall have the right to veto any proposal.
- (c) On election of a new member, the Treasurer shall notify him on his election and hand him a copy of the Constitution calling upon him to pay his entrance fee and subscriptions. Upon payment of such dues and further compliance herewith membership will commence.
- (d) The Club shall at all times consist of not less than 35 ordinary paid-up members.

#### **5. SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

On joining the Club, a new member shall pay an entrance fee in addition to the yearly subscription. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance. The term of subscription shall be reckoned as dated from the first day of December in each year. Every member shall, in addition to yearly subscriptions, be liable for any levy imposed by the Committee from time to time.

#### **6. RESIGNATIONS:**

Any member desirous of resigning shall notify the Secretary in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting of his/her intention to do so otherwise he/she shall be liable for the ensuing years subscriptions.

#### **7. COLOURS:**

The Club colours shall be navy blue, light blue, white and gold. Badges :- A shield, the outside bordered in gold, representing bamboo rods bent inwards, surmounted by a five-pointed gold Neptune crown under which is a scroll bearing the words in gold "MARLIN

SKI-BOAT & SHORE ANGLING CLUB". The inside, a navy blue sea with white wave-lines from which a marlin bill pointing left, leaps in a white spray. The background, a light blue sky with a flying seagull on each side of the marlin.

## **8. MEETINGS:**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of December. At this meeting the Commodore shall present a report on the general concerns of the Club during the year ending 30 November.
- (b) A Financial Statement for the previous year shall be presented to the meeting and proper books of account and a register of members shall be available for inspection.
- (c) Any other business affecting the Club may be transacted, provided notice thereof is submitted to the Secretary or the Treasurer, at least 7 (SEVEN) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and same is included in the Agenda thereof.
- (d) The Secretary shall give Ten days notice of this meeting to each member.
- (e) Fifteen fully paid-up members shall constitute a quorum at any Annual or Special Meeting.
- (f) At all meetings of the Committee or the Club the Commodore or failing him the Vice-Commodore shall take the Chair. Should they not be available, the meeting will appoint an alternative Committee member to chair the meeting.
- (g) Meetings of the Committee shall be held monthly or at any time when convened by the Commodore or Secretary.
- (h) At all meetings of the Committee the quorum shall be 5 (FIVE).
- (i) At all meetings of the Club, if the voting is equal, the Commodore shall have the casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- (j) Any member of the Committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee, without valid leave, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat.
- (k) Special General Meetings may be convened upon 7 (SEVEN) days written notice to all members by the Commodore or Vice Commodore after consultation in Committee or by written application to the Secretary signed by 7 (SEVEN) members who are in good standing and such meetings shall deal only with such matters as are specified on the Agenda thereof.
- (l) No member not in good standing shall be competent to vote at any meeting of the Club or Committee.
- (m) A member who is also an active member of any other Angling Club shall not be permitted to vote in matters where a conflict of interests may arise between the two clubs.

## **9. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:**

Alterations to the Constitution can be made only at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Written notice of the proposed alteration must be given to the Secretary in writing and he/she shall place such proposed alterations on the Agenda. The Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting may authorise the Commodore and one committee member to do all things necessary to draft amendments to the Constitution or to comply with the Liquor Act.

## **10. COMPLAINTS:**

Any member having a complaint or suggestion must forward same in writing to the Secretary to be placed before the Committee at the next meeting.

## **11. FINANCIAL:**

(a) At the time of amalgamation of the 2 (TWO) clubs, each club will retain their own bank account balances, which will be entered into the club books in the respective names by the club Treasurer:

- Ski-Boaters
- Shore Anglers

These funds will belong to the respective members of each division of the club and will be managed by the duly elected committee members for each division.

(b) From this point forward all common revenue raised in the Club will be deposited into 1(ONE) bank account which will become the property of all members & will only be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Club and it's facilities.

(c) Each division will be responsible for their own fundraising for the purpose of meeting financial goals for specific individual events. The Treasurer will credit the relevant divisions for specific funds raised and debit the relevant divisions for specific funds used once authorized to do so by the relevant committee of such division.

(d) The funds of the Club shall be deposited into a suitable Bank Account. The Treasurer together with one of three additional authorised signatories must sign withdrawals from this account.

(e) All cheques made payable to the credit of the Club shall be made payable to the "Marlin Ski-Boat & Shore Angling Club".

(f) Should the Committee so decide, an examiner shall be appointed by the Committee who shall examine all books and vouchers and records in the hand of the Secretary and/or Treasurer and shall report on these at the Annual General Meeting each year.

(g) No profit either from the sale of liquor by the Club or otherwise shall accrue to any individual.

(h) No person residing within 15 kilometers of the Club premises shall be eligible as an honorary, temporary or reciprocity member except where:

(1) Such person is eligible under the rules of the Club by reason of his holding a public office or is a bona fide candidate for membership or has conferred some special benefit upon the Club, or

(2) By resolution of the Committee such person is allowed the privileges of membership while engaged in any fishing competition.

(i) Fully paid-up members may introduce guests in their company to the Club premises providing that:

(1) The number of guests of any member may not on any occasion exceed two in number at any one time; and

(2) No guest residing within a radius of fifteen kilometers of the Clubhouse shall be introduced on more than one occasion in any calendar month, unless authorised by a member of the Committee. The responsibility of ascertaining whether a guest is eligible to be introduced to the Club shall rest on the member introducing him or her.

(3) Members introducing guests shall inscribe their names and full residential addresses in the Visitors' Book immediately upon arrival at the Club and shall sign the entry.

(4) No member shall introduce any person as a guest to the Club premises who has been rejected as a member, posted as a defaulter, or who has been suspended or expelled from the Club.

## **15. COMPETITIONS:**

(a) Open and Club competitions will be held from time to time periodically at a time and date as decided by the Committee, notice of which competition will be posted on the Club Notice Board by the Secretary.

(b) The Committee will select all teams to represent the Club in any competition, whether at Club level or otherwise.

## **16. INDEMNITY :**

The Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any loss of life, damage, injuries sustained or for any other reason not stated while using the Club facilities, either directly or otherwise.

## **17. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:**

In the event of the dissolution of the Club the assets thereof shall accrue and be transferred to the National Sea Rescue Institute, Shelly Beach branch for use by them in their sole and absolute discretion.

**THIS CONSTITUTION RATIFIED AND ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB HELD AT PORT EDWARD ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF DECEMBER 2002**

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