

St. James Fishing Club By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the Club shall be the St. James Fishing Club.

ARTICLE II: Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be to promote fellowship, sportsmanship, knowledge of and interest in the sport, and conservation practices related to the art of salt water and fresh water sport fishing.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Regular membership in the Club shall be open to all persons residing in or owning real property in St. James Plantation, including the St. James Marina, who accept and agree to comply with the objectives of the Club. Membership shall be by family unit which shall include the spouse and/or children under the age of 23 residing in the same household. Annual membership dues shall be per family unit and shall be established by the Executive Board. A member shall be considered in good standing if all membership requirements are met and annual dues are current.

Section 2: An Associate membership in the Club shall be available to adult persons not living or owning property in St. James Plantation who are sponsored by regular Club members in good standing. Associate members shall pay the same dues and enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular members, with the exception of sponsoring associate members. Associate membership shall be limited to ten percent (10%) of the number of regular members, provided however, that an associate member in good standing shall not be dropped from membership if the number of regular members declines. Sponsoring members shall be responsible for arranging gate passes for associate members.

Section 3: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote per family unit. Only members in good standing may vote, nominate officers, petition for an amendment to the By-Laws or serve on a committee of the Club.

ARTICLE IV: Officers; Executive Board

Section 1: The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one additional board member who shall be appointed by the President. The elected and appointed officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Club.

Section 2: The officers to be elected by the Club membership shall be nominated by the members present at the regular November meeting.

Section 3: The officers to be elected by the Club membership shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the regular December meeting from those nominated at the November meeting.

Section 4: Officers elected in December shall take office effective January 1. The officer appointed by the President shall take office effective upon appointment. The term of office of all officers shall expire on December 31.

Section 5: No officer shall serve in the same position on the Executive Board for longer than three consecutive years.

Section 6: There shall be a minimum of two (2) regular meetings of the Executive Board in each calendar year. The President shall establish the dates, times and places of the regular meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by any Executive Board member upon at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to all other Executive Board members, either by email, letter, telephone or personal notice and by providing a copy of the agenda to the extent known. In an emergency where time is of the essence, the President may waive the notice requirement. At least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board must be present at any Executive Board meeting in order to conduct official Club business.

Section 7: The Executive Board shall approve all expenses in excess of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and all contracts having a value in excess of Five Hundred (\$500.00) by motion. The motion shall authorize a specific officer or officers to execute the contract on behalf of the Club. The President and/or Treasurer shall have the authority to approve expenses or contracts under Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Section 8: The Executive Board shall not have the authority to enter into any loans, issue debt or borrow money on behalf of the Club, without the approval of a majority of the full membership in good standing of the Club.

Section 9: Any vacancy on the Executive Board shall be promptly filled by the majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board for the unexpired term of the vacant position.

ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at all membership and Executive Board meetings and shall appoint standing and ad hoc committee chairpersons and one non-elected Executive Board member. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all appointed committees.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall preside at all membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President and shall be the liaison between the Executive Board and the committee chairpersons.

Section 3: The Secretary shall take, transcribe and maintain the minutes of all membership and Executive Board meetings and distribute copies of approved minutes to the membership or Executive Board, as the case may be, on a timely basis. The Secretary shall provide notice of all meetings to the membership in accordance with these By-laws.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall collect and deposit dues and other receipts of the Club on a timely basis, pay such reasonable and necessary bills as are approved by the Executive Board, maintain the financial books, records, and receipts of the Club, and provide such periodic reasonably-detailed financial reports to the Executive Board and membership on the financial status of the Club, but in no event not less than quarterly.

Section 5: All checks drawn on the checking account of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer or in his absence, the President.

ARTICLE VI: Membership Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Club membership shall be scheduled monthly in at least eight (8) months of the year. If an action is required to be taken at a monthly meeting and the meeting is not held in the specified month, the action shall be taken at the following monthly meeting.

Section 2: In January of each year, the Executive Board shall adopt a schedule for regular meetings of the Club to be held during the calendar year, up to and including the regular meeting of the following January. The annual schedule of meetings shall include the date, time and place of the meeting. Upon adoption, notice of the annual schedule of meetings of the Club shall be provided to all members. The annual schedule of meetings may be amended by majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event of a change in the annual schedule, at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of the change shall be provided to all members, either by email, letter, telephone or personal notice.

Section 3: Special Meetings of the Club membership may be called by the Executive Board upon at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to all members, either by email, letter, telephone or personal notice. Notice of the special meeting shall include the date, time and place of the meeting as well as a copy of the agenda to the extent known.

Article VII: Annual Budget

Section 1: The Executive Board shall present the proposed annual operating budget of the Club at the regular February meeting.

Section 2: The proposed budget shall be deemed adopted if approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting at which the budget is considered. If the proposed budget fails to receive a majority vote for approval, the proposed budget shall be deemed defeated and the Executive Board shall present a revised proposed budget to the membership at the following regular monthly meeting, until budget approval from the membership is received.

Section 3: The latest approved budget of the Club shall remain in effect until a subsequent budget is adopted.

Section 4: The annual operating budget may be amended by the affirmative vote of the majority of members present at any meeting of the membership at which the amendment is considered.

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

Section 1: The Club shall have the following standing committees:

A. Program Committee: The function of this committee shall be to develop programs for the membership that comply with the objectives of the Club.

B. Membership Committee: The function of this committee shall be to develop programs to attract new members, maintain current members and recommend to the Executive Board whether an applicant for membership has met the membership criteria of the Club.

Section 2: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish ad hoc committees, whose purpose shall be as determined by the President.

Section 3: The President shall appoint a chairperson for each of the standing committees and any ad hoc committee on an annual basis. The members of each committee shall be appointed by the committee chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Board, on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1: A proposal for an amendment to the By-Laws may be presented by the Executive Board or by the written petition signed by members in good standing constituting at least ten (10%) percent of the total membership of the Club . The proposal shall be in writing and contain the proposed language of the amendment. Copies of the petition and proposed amendment shall be presented by the Secretary to the membership at the next regular meeting. A vote of one-third of the members present at the regular meeting shall be required to move the proposal to amend the by-laws to a final vote.

Section 2: The final vote on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws shall be held at the following regular meeting. The proposal to amend the By-Laws shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those present for approval.