



Albemarle Sound Sailing Association (ASSA)

Bylaws

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide an organizational structure for interclub racing.
2. To promote the Albemarle Sound as a viable yacht racing area.

ARTICLES OF THE BYLAWS:

I. ORGANIZATION

The Organization shall be comprised of Yacht Clubs located in Eastern North Carolina.

II. REPRESENTATION

Each Yacht Club that is a member of the ASSA shall provide two (2) representatives. These representatives shall serve for a duration as determined by the Yacht Club they represent. Each Representative shall have the right to vote on issues independent of the other. These representatives shall constitute the ruling "Board of Directors" of the ASSA. The ASSA Board may vote to approve additional individuals as members to the ASSA, however, these individuals will not have the right to vote.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Any Yacht Club may request membership in the ASSA. That request must be in writing. Acceptance into the ASSA must be approved by a majority vote of the ASSA Representative. A Yacht Club may withdraw from the ASSA by written notice to the ASSA.

IV. MEETINGS

The ASSA Board will meet as often as the ASSA Board deems necessary. Meetings can be held in person or through any telecommunication method the Board finds appropriate. One meeting will be designated by the Board as the Annual Meeting.

V. QUORUM

A minimum of one (1) representative from each Yacht Club shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

VI. DUTIES OF THE BOARD

1. To authorize any accounts opened by the Treasurer.
2. To maintain sufficient funds to function efficiently.
3. To run one (1) or more Regattas for the benefit of the member Yacht Clubs.
4. To represent member Yacht Clubs in promoting the ASSA.
5. To solicit sponsorships for ASSA Regattas.
6. To distribute excess funds to charitable organizations.

VII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The ASSA shall consist of eight (8) Officers
 - a. Commodore
 - i. Spokesman for the ASSA
 - ii. Presides over all meetings
 - b. Vice Commodore
 - i. Fulfil the duties of Commodore in the Commodores absence.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Maintain the minutes of all meetings
 - ii. Respond to all correspondence on behalf of the ASSA
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. To maintain all assets of the Club.
 - ii. Record all receipts and disbursements for the Club.
 - iii. Provide the Board with regular reports of the ASSA's financial condition.
 - e. Public Relations Officer
 - i. Responsible for advertising the ASSA and the Club Regattas
 - f. Regatta Chairperson
 - i. Responsible for running the all ASSA Regattas
 - ii. Responsible for assembling the Regatta Committee
 - g. Sponsorship Coordinator
 - i. Responsible for Sponsorships
 - h. Historian
 - i. Responsible for keep records of the ASSA
2. Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

VIII. REGATTAS

Prior to a regatta the Board will form a committee with the authority to run the regatta. This will include; location, dates, number of races, and prizes awarded. Criteria for the regatta will be distributed to members prior to registration. Entry in the Regatta may be opened to boat owners that are not members of the ASSA. These individuals will not be eligible for any awards established as Club Award.

IX. RATING COMMITTEE

A Rating Committee will be formed, from qualified individuals, prior to any race if it is determined a boat entered in the race does not have a qualified rating. The decision committee will be final.

X. AMENDMENTS

These BYLAWS may be changed or amended with a two thirds vote of the member yacht clubs.