

CONSTITUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO CRUISER ASSOCIATION

As Amended 12 November 1989

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be known as the SAN DIEGO CRUISER ASSOCIATION, located in San Diego, California.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to encourage the participation in, and the enhancement of, the skills related to power boat contests, of all types, in and about the waters of the Pacific Coast, contiguous to San Diego County and Northern Baja California. It shall be a non-profit Association in the furtherance of this Article and all of its related activities.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Classes: There shall be two classes of contributing organizations and three classes of individual membership in the San Diego Cruiser Association. The amount of dues will be established by the current Bridge and will be payable by 1 January of the contest year, and will be prorated over the course of the contest year for members joining after the start of the contest year.

Section 2. Sponsoring Organizations: Recognized yacht clubs, United States Power Squadrons, Coast Guard Auxiliary Divisions, or other recognized yachting or boating organizations in the San Diego area which submit their annual dues in a timely fashion, and which also sponsor at least one Cruiser Navigation Contest (CNC), previously referred to as Predicted Log Contest (PLC) during the current competing calendar year.

Section 3. Supporting Organization: This organization is the same as Sponsoring Organization, except that it does not sponsor at least one CNC during the current competing calendar year.

Section 4. Flag Membership: This class of membership shall be composed of those current Flag Officers and those past duly elected Flag Officers of the SDCA who have been active in the Association during some portion of the last two competing calendar years, and who have paid the then required dues. Each Flag Member shall have two votes on any motion brought before the membership at a regular or special meeting of the SDCA at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. Regular Membership: This class of membership shall be composed of such members in good standing, of Sponsoring or Supporting Organizations of the SDCA, who have paid the then required dues. Regular Members shall have the same privileges as Flag Members, except that they shall be limited to one vote each.

Section 6. Honorary Membership: This class of membership is composed of those Flag or Regular members or spouses of either who are no longer racing, or is a surviving spouse of a Flag or Regular Member, but retain an interest in the activity of the Association. Honorary Members will be elected annually by the current elected Bridge and will be listed in the SDCA roster as Honorary Members. No dues will be assessable and no voting rights will accrue to this class of member.

Section 7. Proxy Votes: Proxy votes are not authorized.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The elective officers of the Association shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore, who shall be known as the Flag Officers. Their term of office shall commence on 1 January and terminate at midnight on 31 December.

ARTICLE V

COMMODORES

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to take command of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings and enforce the rules and regulations of the Association. He shall enforce all provisions respecting the conduct of the various Officers of the Association, the conduct of members of the Association, and the general provisions for the welfare of the Association. He shall call special meetings of the Association whenever he deems necessary or upon the written request of ten percent of the Members in good standing. He shall maintain liaison with the Southern California Cruiser Association. He shall receive and approve all cruiser navigation contest courses and instructions sanctioned by the Association. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties and officiate in his absence. The Vice Commodore shall perform the duties as Secretary of the Association and serve as the Correspondent, Statistician, Office of Record and Archivist of the Association. He shall maintain the Association Constitution and Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules, keep records of all sanctioned contest results and maintain Association mailing lists. He shall be the Association representative to the Calendar Committee of the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and the Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties and to officiate in their absence. The Rear Commodore shall serve as the Treasurer of the Association, maintain the financial records and have custody of the bank books of the Association. He shall promptly send the result of all sanctioned contests to the North American Cruiser Association along with the prescribed fee.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of all officers to turn over records of their Office upon proper relief by their successors.

Section 5. Use of the masculine gender in this Constitution and Cruiser Navigation Contest Rules shall include the feminine gender.

ARTICLE VI

AUDIT

The Commodore shall appoint three Members in good standing as his Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall have access to the records and books of the Vice/Rear Commodore at all reasonable times throughout the year and shall make a formal audit report to the Commodore within thirty days prior to the Change of Watch and within thirty days of any mid-watch relief of the Rear Commodore, should that occur.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF FLAG OFFICERS

Section 1. All Flag Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three Staff Commodores, one of whom shall be designated, "Chairman."

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall propose a slate consisting of a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, and a Rear Commodore selected from the roster of Flag and Regular Members of the Association. This slate shall be provided to the serving Vice Commodore in sufficient time that it may be mailed or transmitted electronically to and be received by the Members in good standing thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Ten percent of the Members in good standing may propose by petition a Flag or Regular Member and provide to the serving Vice Commodore a nomination for one or more Flag Officers in sufficient time that it may be mailed to and be received by the Members in good standing fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting will not be accepted.

Section 5. Election shall be by majority of the ballots cast by a quorum of Members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

REGULAR MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be two regular meetings each year: the Annual Meeting, immediately following the announcement of the results of the Association sanctioned point contest in November of each year, and the Semi-Annual Meeting immediately following the announcement of the results of the Association sanctioned point contest in April of each year.

Section 2. Special Meetings may be called as provided for in Article V, Section 1.

Section 3. There shall also be an annual Installation of Officers and awards dinner held; following the elections and prior to 1 January of the following year.

ARTICLE IX

QUORUM

One third of the Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. An Amendment to this Constitution must be carried by a two-third vote of the Members in good standing at the regular or special meeting of the Association, at which a Quorum is present. The purpose of the amendment and its precise wording must be set forth in the call to the meeting. Voting shall be by secret written ballot, tallied and recorded by the Vice Commodore or Flag Officer acting properly in his stead and the results announced to the meeting by the Commodore or Flag Officer properly presiding in his stead.

Section 2. The results of the balloting shall be announced to the Members in good standing by the vice Commodore in his next regular written communication to the entire membership, but in any event, within sixty days of the meeting at which the amendment was voted upon.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Dissolution of this Association, all assets shall be given to a recognized charity or to the city of San Diego, as decided by a majority of the then serving Members in good standing.