



# LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I NAME, PURPOSE AND BURGEE

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be "Lauderdale Small Boat Club, Inc."

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Lauderdale Small Boat Club (referred to hereinafter for purpose of these By-Laws as "LSBC" or "the Club") shall be to provide launching and dockage facilities for its members; to stimulate greater interest in safe boating; to represent the boating community against burdensome legislation and taxation; to promote the interests and social activities of the pleasure-boating community.

SECTION 3. Members are prohibited from using their boats to transport passengers for hire while on Club waters. No commercially licensed vessel shall be granted docking privileges at the Club.

SECTION 4. The official burgee of the Club shall be as illustrated on the front cover of these By-Laws.

SECTION 5. All members' vessels must fly a burgee or have a decal affixed on the vessel to use the facilities of the Club. Members' vehicles must have an LSBC tag or decal on the vehicle.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. (A) Eligibility: Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of Broward County at the time of application, age 21 or over, who are interested in promoting safe boating shall be eligible for the privilege of membership in the Club.

(B) Total Membership: The number of active and distinguished members of the Club shall be limited to a combined maximum of twice the number of usable boat slips, including "T" dock slips available to the members.

SECTION 2. **Obligations:** Club members, their families, and any guests shall observe and comply with the laws of the State of Florida and the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Club, including the oath taken when you joined LSBC.

*I, of my own free will and accord, in the presence of these members here assembled do solemnly declare – That I will abide by the rules and by-laws of the Lauderdale Small Boat Club to the best of my ability. I pledge myself to be obedient to authority – orderly in the meetings – and charitable in judgment of my fellow members. To all of this – I bind myself – as a member of this organization – whose burgee I am now privileged to fly – I do.*

Any abusive, aggressive or defamatory behavior shall be considered in violation of this obligation. The member shall be held responsible for the actions of his family members and/or guests while on the Club property.

(A) Any reported violation of this Section which damages property of the Club, or any of its members, or which brings discredit upon the Club shall be investigated by the Board of Directors or its designee, who shall report the findings to the Board.

(B) Such investigation shall include a hearing open to all members, if so requested by the alleged violator. The accused member shall have the right to confront and question witnesses in the presence of the Board, whether or not an open hearing is held.

(C) Upon completion of the investigation, the Board of Directors may take any action it deems necessary to maintain the integrity of the Club. Such action may include, but is not limited to, an appropriate fine to be deposited in the general fund of the Club, restitution to the damaged party, suspension for a definite or indefinite period, and/or termination of membership.

### SECTION 3. Classes of Membership:

(A) Active: A member who has paid the required initiation fee, and is current in the payment of all dues, fees, assessments and financial obligations.

(B) Distinguished: An active member who has performed some deed, or series of deeds, which has brought extraordinary positive public recognition to the Club; or any active member whose actions in furtherance of the interests of the Club have been exemplary or outstanding.

The DMC (Distinguished Member Committee) shall consist of the Commodore, who will be the DMC Chairman, the Treasurer, the Director of Docks and Grounds and two qualified voting members nominated and elected by voting members at the March general meeting. A petition recommending potential Distinguished Members shall be presented to the Chairman of the Distinguished Member Committee (DMC) not later than the May general meeting. This petition must be signed by a minimum of ten (10) qualified voting members (as defined in Article II, Section 3 and 4(D)). Nominations (if any) by the DMC will be reported to the Board of Directors before being presented at the June general meeting and published in the June monthly club publication. The bestowing of Distinguished Member status shall be confirmed at the July general meeting by a majority vote of those members voting. Distinguished Members shall be exempted for their lifetime from the payment of dues but shall be required to pay for boat dockage, boat trailer parking, use of LSBC facilities, and special assessments.

(C) Honorary: Friends or family of members of the LSBC who, by interest, achievement, or credit to the Club, have been presented to the Board of Directors with good causes shown for this honor. Upon approval of the Board, a vote of confirmation by the membership is required. Honorary Members are exempted from paying dues and Club assessments, and do not have the use of boating docks, boat trailer parking or LSBC facilities. Honorary Members may not hold office or vote. Those Honorary Members wishing to become Active Members will be granted membership upon completing the LSBC application and paying the initiation fee.

(D) Lifetime Membership: An active member who has accrued 30 years as a member in good standing as described in the rules and bylaws of Lauderdale Small Boat Club shall be awarded lifetime membership by the membership director and committee. Lifetime membership shall afford the member an exemption from the payment of dues but shall require them to pay all applicable boat dockage, boat trailer parking, use of LSBC facilities, and special assessments.

#### **SECTION 4. New Members:**

(A) All persons applying for membership in the Club shall complete such forms as are provided by the Director of Membership. The application shall be returned to the Director of Membership and shall be accompanied by the nonrefundable / application fee established by the Board of Directors of the Club.

(B) Every applicant must be sponsored by a Club member in good standing who has been a Club member for at least one (1) full year. The sponsor shall attend the applicant's interview with the Membership Committee and shall present the applicant to the Club at the General Meeting following such interview, unless the sponsor is excused by the Director of Membership. The Membership Committee shall have the authority to reject any applicant after the interview, and no reason need be given for the disapproval.

(C) The applicants who have passed the interview and background check shall be voted on by the members of the club at the next General Meeting and the names of all applicants approved by the membership shall be published in the next Club newsletter distributed after the vote. If accepted by the membership, the applicant shall become a member of the Club upon full payment of all required dues, fees and assessments. Initiation fees for spouses, sons and/or daughters of a sponsoring member shall be discounted by ten (10) percent per year of membership of the sponsoring member up to a maximum of fifty (50) percent.

(D) New members, during the first twelve (12) months of their membership in LSBC, shall be required to attend six (6) regular Membership or Board of Directors meetings to earn the privilege of voting in the general elections and work at least twelve (12) Volunteer Work Hours or buy out any of the 12 hours not worked at the rate of \$20 per hour to retain their membership in LSBC. In subsequent years they must attend four Membership or Board Meetings to retain the privilege to vote in the general elections and work at least twelve (12) Volunteer Work Hours per calendar year or buy out any of the 12 hours not worked at the rate of \$20 per hour to retain their membership in LSBC. Volunteer Work Hours can be approved by the Director of the area where the member worked, in behalf of the club. All other active members (who joined prior to April 2013) and distinguished members in good standing shall be required to attend four (4) regular Membership or Board of Directors meetings per calendar year to retain the privilege to vote in the general elections. Any member who cannot attend a regular Membership or Board of Directors meeting may substitute an approved LSBC workday in lieu of attendance at any meeting. It is the member's responsibility to inform the Director of Membership so that the Director of Membership can properly certify the privilege to vote. Failure to notify the Director of Membership will result in the member not receiving credit for his/her approved work. This requirement must be satisfied prior to the date of the general elections. The attendance or Volunteer Work Hours requirements may be waived for reasons of health or employment obligations, upon application to the Director of Membership, and with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Over the age of 65, a member may elect to reduce their Volunteer Work Hours to 6, however it is up to the member to notify the Director of Membership of their option to work only ½ the required time.

(E) A Club member in good standing who has been a member for at least one (1) full year may sponsor two (2) new members per year and must wait 12 months before they are eligible to sponsor another new member.

(F) In the event the Club has reached its capacity on membership, there will be a waiting list and member's immediate family (spouse, son, daughter, parents) will receive first consideration to join the Club.

#### **SECTION 5. Dockage:**

(A) Renting dock space at the Lauderdale Small Boat Club is not a right of membership. Persons renting dock space agree to abide by certain Rules and Regulations pertaining to their vessels. These Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by the Director of Docks and Grounds. Failure to comply with such Rules and Regulations, as adopted, shall result in loss of docking privilege.

(B) Boats admissible for dockage shall not exceed thirty-one (31') feet in length, hull centerline measurement. Boat measurement must be approved by the Director of Docks and Grounds before slip assignment. Boats using lift facilities shall be limited to pleasure craft, subject to the maximum weight and length limits of LSBC travel lift. Boats shall be in such condition as to pass Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Examination or any equivalent examination set forth by the Board of Directors at any meeting. All members' boats shall have current "Florida" registration stickers. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of membership. All slips will be subject to availability. No member holding and currently paying for a permanent slip assignment can be required to surrender it to make room for another boat.

#### **(C) Slip Assignments:**

Any boat docked in a slip or stored on the Lauderdale Small Boat Club grounds must be owned and registered by a current Club member in good standing.

(1) Permanent: A slip permanently assigned to a member for his use until he shall relinquish his rights to the slip. Dockage fee shall be paid until the member gives up the slip.

a) Available permanent slips shall be posted Friday in the Pilot House.

b) Requests for permanent slips shall be in writing for specific available slips. Slips will be assigned on the following Thursday after 3 PM. Permanent slips shall be assigned to the members with the most seniority requesting the slips.

c) There will be no advance requests for permanent slip.

(2) Temporary: Temporary use by one member of a slip permanently assigned to another member. Temporary use of a slip shall require the payment to the club of full monthly dockage fees.

#### **SECTION 6. Dues and Fees:**

(A) All dues, dockage, fees and assessments shall be paid in advance, and shall be due upon receipt of billing and past due on the 15th of the billed month. A Class B penalty will be assessed for late payment for each \$100.00 or part thereof, for each billing period.

(B) If a member becomes sixty (60) days in arrears in payment of these fees, the Treasurer shall notify such member of the arrearage by certified mail. A flat fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for each occurrence requiring such action. The Treasurer shall also notify the Director of Docks and Grounds and/or Dockmaster, who shall impound the member's boat. The notice to the member shall notify him/her of the impoundment, and shall demand immediate payment or, in the alternative, the member must appear at the next regular Board of Directors meeting. Unless such member presents a compelling reason otherwise, the Board shall direct that the membership of such member be terminated.

**SECTION 7.** Termination of membership by action of the Board of Directors for violation of these By-Laws shall prohibit any person so dropped from reapplying for membership. The names of persons whose membership is so terminated shall appear in the Club newsletter.

**SECTION 8.** A member may resign from the Club at any time, upon written resignation directed to the Secretary. Members selling their boats cannot transfer or sublet their docks, nor will any refund be made for the unexpired time for which fees have been paid.

SECTION 9. Upon consummation of the sale of a member's boat, the Dockmaster shall be notified in writing, in order that the dock disposition will return to the Club unless the tenant member intends to acquire another boat and intends to use the same dock.

SECTION 10. Members proposing improvements or alterations to Club property must obtain the prior written approval of the Director of Docks and Grounds. All improvements become the property of the Club.

SECTION 11. Any member in good standing who enters active military service shall be exempted from the payment of dues until released from military duty. During such period, he is considered a member in good standing.

SECTION 12. Upon the death of a member, the Treasurer shall make written demand upon the next of kin to settle any account due the Club from such member. This demand and offer shall include notice that failure to settle accounts within thirty (30) days, and make arrangement for continued payment of monies owed to the Club as they fall due, shall be grounds for removal of all property of the deceased member from the Club property. Simultaneously, the next of kin shall be offered the opportunity to join the Club without payment of the initiation fee. This offer must be accepted within sixty (60) days or it shall be deemed rejected and all property of the deceased member must be removed from the Club grounds.

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. Officers and Board of Directors:

The management of the Club shall be vested in the Officers and a Board of Directors.

(A) The Officers shall be: (1) President (who shall hold the title of Commodore), (2) Vice President (who shall hold the title of Vice Commodore), (3) Secretary, (4) and Treasurer.

(B) The Board of Directors shall be comprised of as follows: (1) Commodore, (2) Vice Commodore, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, (5) Director of Docks and Grounds, (6) Director of Membership, (7) Director of Entertainment, (8) Director of Planning.

#### **The Board of Directors shall:**

(C) Have general charge of policy, management and finances of the Club, have custody and control of all property belonging to the Club and shall appropriate such monies as may be deemed advisable within the current budgetary limitations, for the best interest of the Club.

(D) Fill any vacancy in any elective office of the Club by a majority vote of those Directors present at any of its Board meetings. The person so selected shall hold office until the next regular annual election.

(E) Designate depositories in which the Club's funds shall be kept and fix the amount of the bond to be placed on the officers who have the authority to sign checks.

(F) Have jurisdiction in all disciplinary matters.

(G) Enforce the authority given to it under these By-Laws and take any action necessary to conserve the best interests of the Club.

(H) Be exempt from payment of dues, one (1) in water or trailer slip, trailer parking, and lift fees during the individual Director's term of service. All other fees and all fines, penalties and assessments remain in effect.

SECTION 2. Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors or regular meetings of the membership without good and sufficient reason, in writing, shall be automatically dropped from the Board, by action of the Board.

SECTION 3. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. (A) Election of Officers and Directors: The officers and the directors specified in Section 1 of this article, shall be elected pursuant to the procedure set forth in this section.

- (1) Qualified voters: Only qualified members (Active and Distinguished) as defined in Article II, Section 3 and 4(C) of these By-Laws may nominate, second or vote in Club elections. To ensure compliance, the Director of Membership shall have a current listing of qualified voters and qualified candidates (and approved by the Treasurer) available at both the November and December general meeting
- (2) Qualified Candidates: Only qualified members who have been members for at least one (1) year and who are qualified voters at the time of nomination may become candidates for elected office. Any candidate for office of Commodore must have previously served in good standing for at least one (1) year in another office on the Board of Directors.

Nominations/Campaigns: Nominations for elective offices shall be from the floor at the November general meeting. Each nominee shall be permitted to make a five (5) minute speech to promote his candidacy, prior to the balloting at the December general meeting. Up to a 125-word introduction may also be provided for insertion in the November newsletter.

(3) Election Committee:

(a) An Election Committee Chairman shall be elected from the floor at the October general meeting. This Chairman shall select as his Committee any number of members to assist him in conducting the actual balloting at the December general meeting. It should be noted that any member of the Election Committee who may accept nomination for office must immediately resign his position on the Committee

(b) The Election Committee shall:

1. Cause to have printed, in the November newsletter, notice of the election and the names of the candidates for the offices.
2. Produce written ballots to be distributed for absentee ballots.
3. Produce written ballots to be distributed to membership at the December general meeting.
4. Arrange the seating of all persons present during balloting to insure the segregation of qualified voters from unqualified members.
5. Distribute the ballots.
6. Compile and certify the results of the balloting.
7. Announce the results of the election; and
8. Make other arrangements as may be necessary to ensure the appropriate conduct of the secret balloting.

(4) Election:

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted at the December general meeting. At that time, the Director of Membership shall certify each nominee's eligibility for candidacy, based upon the parameters set forth in Article II, Sections 3 and 4(C) herein.

(a) Each office shall be voted upon individually, and in the order listed in this Article.

(b) The candidate who receives the majority (50 percent of votes + one (1) of the votes) shall be declared the winner of each office. If there is no majority winner, then there will be a run-off election of the two (2) candidates who have received the most votes.

(5) Absentee Ballots:

In instances where a member will not be attending the general election, arrangements may be made to receive the member's vote in absentia.

(a) The members seeking to vote in absentia must meet the qualifications for casting a ballot, as set forth in Article II, Sections 3 and 4(D), herein.

(b) Members must apply to the Director of Membership, in writing or by Email, for an absentee ballot no later than three (3) weeks prior to the general election. The Director of Membership will forward all qualified requests to the Chairperson of the Election Committee and the Election Committee must make the absentee ballots available to the members no later than two (2) weeks prior to the general election.

(c) The absentee ballot must be received by the Chairperson of the Election Committee, in a plain white envelope marked 'absentee ballot' inside an envelope with the members name on it, no later than the beginning of the meeting of the general

election. At the beginning of the meeting of the general election, the Chairperson of the Election Committee will verify that all absentee ballots received are valid. He will then remove and discard the outer envelope and give the inner envelope to the Election Committee to be opened and added to the general election ballots.

(d) Absentee ballots will not be counted towards or affect any runoff.

(6) Terms of Office:

The officers elected at the December general meeting shall hold office, beginning with the annual (January) Board of Directors meeting, until their successors have been elected and installed.

(B) Elections shall be for a term of one (1) year. The Commodore and Vice Commodore shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive elected terms.

**SECTION 5. The Commodore** When present, the Commodore shall preside at all Membership meetings of the Club and its Board of Directors. The Commodore shall be the Parliamentarian and shall conduct Board and Membership meetings in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order. The Commodore shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Election Committee. The Commodore may appoint the Chairman of any committee that he deems necessary, except the Election Committee.

**SECTION 6. The Vice Commodore shall:** (A) Assume the duties of the Commodore in the latter's absence and assist the Commodore in all ways possible. (B) Be responsible for the coordination, presentation, and monitoring of the capital improvements budget. (C) Have the general responsibility for community relations and public relations for the Club. (D) Co-sponsor, with the Director of Entertainment, at least one (1) community service event each year.

**SECTION 7. The Secretary shall:** (A) Keep a record and minutes of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. Such records shall be the property of the Club and shall be available for inspection at each regular Board and general membership meeting. (B) Keep a list of the names and addresses of all members. (C) File and preserve on Club grounds all documents, records, reports and communications connected with the business of the Club. (D) Act as secretary of the Board of Directors. (E) Mail the required notices of all meetings of the Club or Board of Directors. (F) Maintain a current Rules and By-Laws file, to be stored at the Pilot House as to be available for inspection at the request of any member. (G) be responsible for the monthly newsletter and web site.

**SECTION 8. The Treasurer shall:** (A) Collect and hold in the name of the Club all monies received by and belonging to the Club. (B) Pay all bills contracted by the Club which shall be certified correct by two members of the Board of Directors, or by the Chairman of any committee which has contracted for such bill by virtue of any appropriation by the Board of Directors, or by the general membership. (C) Keep a true and complete record of all monies and property of the Club received by him, and of all disbursements made by him of said monies and/or property. (D) Make monthly recaps of all receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors and to the general membership. (E) Not later than the fifteenth (15th) of each month, mail to the last known address of each member a bill for all dues, assessments and charges. (F) Enforce the provisions of Article II, Section 6 of these By-Laws. (G) Receive an expense allowance, as suggested by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. (H) Appoint a Finance Committee to assist him in reviewing, accumulating, and prioritizing budget proposals and revenue requirements for presentation to the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 9. The Director of Membership** shall appoint such members he deems necessary to serve with him on a Membership Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all membership applications and interviewing applicants and may submit approved applications to the Board of Directors for presentation at the next general membership meeting. The Director of Membership shall maintain records of meeting attendance to permit enforcement of Article III, Section 2. Note the involvement of the director of membership regarding Absentee ballots Section 4, 5b.

**SECTION 10. The Director of Docks and Grounds** shall be responsible for the routine management and maintenance of the grounds, marina and facilities of the Club. The Director shall: (A) Recommend to the Board the candidate for the position of Dockmaster and Assistant Dockmaster. (B) Supervise, manage and assign duties to the Dockmaster(s). (C) Have the authority to dismiss a Dockmaster for cause; however, the Dockmaster may appeal such dismissal to the Board of Directors. (D) Be responsible for the implementation of improvements, modifications or major maintenance recommended by the Planning Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. (E) Recommend the salary and recommend pay adjustments of Club employees to the Board of Directors for the Board's approval. (F) The Director of Docks and Grounds shall be responsible for the developing and posting emergency plans for the Club in case of a hurricane.

**SECTION 11. The Director of Planning shall** appoint and chair a Planning Committee, consisting of the Vice Commodore, the Director of Docks and Grounds, the Treasurer, and a minimum of three (3) other active members, to: (A) Identify major short-term maintenance and capital improvement projects and devise a strategy for their implementation during the following 12-month period. (B) Present said short-term plan to the Board and when approved, the Membership for its approval at the March general meeting. (C) Identify, define, structure and present to the Board and when approved, the membership, at the August general meeting, a long-term plan outlining the needs, goals and objectives of the Club. (D) The Director of Planning shall plan, promote and stage cruises and assist as directed by the Director of Entertainment in any social event that both deem desirable.

**SECTION 12. The Director of Entertainment (Social)** (A) May appoint a committee to assist him in the discharge of his responsibilities. (B) Shall plan, promote and stage such social events, community service events, contests, tournaments and such other entertainment he deems appropriate, to promote fellowship in the Club and good will in the community. (C) Shall plan each event, excepting community service events, to avoid a net loss to the Club. (D) Shall stage at least one (1) social event each year designed to raise funds for the General Revenue fund of the Club. (E) Shall co-sponsor, with the Vice Commodore, at least one (1) community service event each year. (F) Shall make a financial and social impact report to the Board of Directors at the next Board of Directors meeting following each event. (G) Shall maintain a posted up-to-date calendar of LSBC activity and facility reservations. (H) Shall communicate in writing with newsletter and web site managers to allow promotion of social events.

**SECTION 13. Budgets:**

Each Board member, sometime prior to October each year, shall prepare an operating budget outlining the proposed fiscal needs pertaining to his area of concern for the following year. These budget proposals will reflect specific price-outs and reasonable discretionary funds covering all projects warranting consideration. Budgets will be coordinated with the Finance Committee to ensure completeness and reasonable priority weighing. The Finance Committee will accumulate proposed expenditures and revenues and make recommendations as to proper balancing of expenditures, fee schedules and reserve growth. Budgets will be finalized by the Board of Directors and presented to the general membership at the December general meeting. A recap of the completed year and plans for the upcoming year will be prepared by the Board of Directors and included in the March Club publication.

**SECTION 14. Recall:**

Any Director may be removed from office, providing:

(A) Two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified\* members voting at a general meeting require that a Recall vote be taken at the next general meeting to remove that Director from office. This vote shall be reported in the Club newsletter to notify all members of the action.

\*NOTE: See Article 2 Section 4 (C) (D) for qualifications to vote.

(B) If two-thirds of the qualified members vote to recall the Director, he shall immediately surrender his office, and all papers, books, and Club property in his possession by virtue of his office.

(C) The Commodore shall appoint a qualified member to serve the remainder of the Director's term. This appointment is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. See Article III 1d

**ARTICLE IV  
MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION 1.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commodore, or by request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Monday of each month. At the first meeting of the Board in January of each year, the outgoing Board members shall meet with the Board-Elect to affect an orderly transfer of Club affairs.

**SECTION 3.** Monthly general membership meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Monday evening of each month.

SECTION 4. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman of Rules and By-Laws who, in turn, when requested will appoint a Committee of five (5) members who shall review operating Rules and By-Laws of the Club. They shall report to the Board of Directors before submitting their recommendations to the membership.

SECTION 5. Any Director may spend up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars on any project, function, purchase, or transaction beyond that Director's approved budgeted amount for that type of expenditure, without the approval of the Board or membership, provided said expenditure type is within his budget and that said expenditure is within the purview of his office. Expenditures between five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars must be approved by the Board prior to the incurring of the obligation. Expenditures in excess of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars shall be presented to the general membership for approval prior to the incurring of the obligation and shall be let to bid unless the bid process is contrary to the best interest of the Club, in which case special note of reason for not bidding shall be made in the minutes of the Board of Directors and General meetings.

SECTION 6. Club Functions: The individual responsible for any function must submit to the Treasurer, at the Board meeting immediately following such function, an accounting of the expenses as to overage or loss. The Treasurer shall in turn make a complete and final report at the next regular Board meeting.

SECTION 7. Long-range improvement plans submitted by the Director of Planning and approved by the membership shall be adhered to and executed on schedule, unless changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership voting at a general meeting.

SECTION 8. To change any vote or decision of the Board of Directors requires the proposed change be published in the monthly Club publication and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership voting at the next general meeting.

SECTION 9. These By-Laws may be amended or revised as follows:

- A. Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing to the Rules and By-Laws Committee for review.
- B. The Bylaws committee will assist the member proposing the change to write the amendment in such a way that it accomplishes the goal without becoming improper or illegal within the scope of LSBC.
- C. This properly worded proposed bylaw would then require (and must bear) the signed approval of a minimum of twenty-five (25) members in good standing.
- D. Bylaws and any amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the Bylaws Committee.
- E. Bylaws and any amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented to the membership by the Board of Directors. The Board may not withhold presentation to the membership.
- F. Notice of the proposed change must be published in the Club monthly publication and be made available by posting in the Dockmasters office for members to view prior to the general meeting when it is to be voted on.
- G. The amendment or revision must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting at any general meeting, provided (A), (B), (C) and (D) above have taken place.
- H. The approved amendment shall be published in the next monthly Club publication.

SECTION 10. Rules and any amendments to the Rules shall be recommended to the membership by the Board of Directors and shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the members voting at a general meeting. The new rule or amendment shall be published in the next monthly Club publication.

SECTION 11. Dues, charges and assessments of any kind shall be recommended to the membership by the Board of Directors and voted on in the same manner as amendments to the Rules.

SECTION 12. No person employed by the Club may become a member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 13. The adoption of these By-Laws shall render null and void all previous Club By-Laws and any Rules and Regulations in conflict herewith.





# LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1-PREAMBLE These rules are set forth in the spirit of good boat and club practices in order that we may have pride in our Club and promote safety and protection of our common and individual property.

### 2-MEMBERSHIP

- A. It is the responsibility of all members to read and abide by the rules posted on signs in the area around the docks.
- B. Boats and all associated equipment, including trailers, are the exclusive responsibility of their owners. Membership does not include any personal services by an employee of the LSBC. LSBC is not responsible for theft or loss or damage to boats or any of their equipment.
- C. Guests must be accompanied by a member. Members will make every effort to precede their guests' arrival and will instruct their guests beforehand to wait at the pilot house or outside the gate if they arrive earlier than the member, to prevent misunderstanding at the docks or on the boats.
- D. Members shall not permit prospective buyers to inspect their boats unless in the company of the owner or his agent. Advertisement of the sale of members' boats shall not refer to the Lauderdale Small Boat Club.
- E. Multiple ownerships must be declared. All co-owners must be members of the Club and have their own gate card. Gate cards and keys will not be loaned or duplicated. Violation of this rule may result in a reprimand or suspension by the Board of Directors.
- F. Spouses and children under 18 years of age and living in the same household with members will share the same grounds privileges. All children under the age of 12 shall be accompanied by a parent.
- G. Membership cards may be checked by any other member to prevent unauthorized use of boats or Club facilities.
- H. There shall be no reckless display of firearms on Club property; violation of this rule may result in a reprimand or suspension by the Board of Directors.
- I. Anyone on club grounds must always have their dog or dogs on a leash and are responsible for cleaning up after them. Dogs are not allowed in the Clubhouse while members are eating.
- J. You are not allowed to bring your own alcohol into the clubhouse or the adjacent structures if the beer machine is running. No smoking of any tobacco product is permitted within any building on LSBC grounds. Members who violate this rule will be subjected to disciplinary action from the Board of Directors including fines levied or termination of membership for repeated violations. REV 1/9/17

### 3-USE OF PROPERTY

- A. When members use Club equipment (i.e., pumps, battery chargers, etc.) they shall sign with the Dockmaster for the property, and it shall be the responsibility of the member signing for the property to see that it is returned. Club property shall not be removed from the grounds.
- B. Members must clean up after themselves before leaving an area. Members violating this rule may be subject to a Class D fine plus the cost of the cleanup.
- C. Reservations for the kitchen and the Clubhouse must be made with the Entertainment Director and must include the required security deposit and rental fee. There will be a security guard fee if non-members will be entering the gate. A rental fee for rental of the kitchen and a fee for rental of the Clubhouse. The security deposit will be equal to the rental fees. The security deposit will be refunded after the rental; however, expenses incurred by the Club for cleaning or damage during the rental, as determined by the Dockmaster, will be deducted. Reservations will be booked in order received but in all cases Club functions will hold precedence over all other reservations. See rentals fees.
- D. All contractors working on the property for hire are required to have general liability insurance and list LSBC as an added insured and provide LSBC with a rider stating such.

### 4-DOCKAGE

- A. All boats must be moored in a manner prescribed by the Director of Docks and Grounds or the Dockmaster, who shall make regular inspections. If moorings fail to meet accepted standards, the owner shall be notified to make corrections and, if not done within seven (7) days, mooring lines will be replaced by the Dockmaster, and the owner billed for the material and labor. Absolutely no lines shall be fastened to water lines or electrical conduit.

**B.** Each member shall make his boat available for boarding and inspection by the Director of Docks and Grounds, or his designee, upon reasonable notice to the member.

**C.** Boats admissible for dockage or trailer storage shall be limited to pleasure craft, thirty-one (31') feet or less in center-line length.

**D.** The design main propulsion engine(s) shall be installed, function, and deliver power to the propeller(s), in both forward and reverse.

**E.** The design steering system(s) shall be installed and turn the vessel to both port and starboard.

**F.** The design fuel tank(s) shall be installed, and free from leaks.

**G.** The hull, superstructure and deck shall be structurally sound. (The term, "design" shall not exclude customization of the vessel or its equipment but is intended to preclude modification of the vessel for the purpose of the circumvention of these rules.)

**H.** The exterior of all boats permitted dockage or storage shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition.

**I. Boat Registration:**

- a. Current Florida registration decal must be affixed to the boat or appear before the Board with an explanation.
- b. All members with boats in a slip or on a trailer must give to the Secretary a copy of their current Florida registration within 30 days of renewal date.
- c. Members bringing a boat into the Club for the first time must give a copy of their current Florida registration to the Secretary.

**J.** All docks and dock boxes shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition.

**K. Enforcement:**

1. Any docked vessel found by the Director of Docks and Grounds, or his designee, to be in violation of the foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be brought into compliance with such Rules and Regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of Docks and Grounds, or his designee, within sixty (60) days after written notification of the vessel's owner by the Director of Docks and Grounds.
2. The Director of Docks and Grounds, or his designee, shall report to the Board of Directors any failure, or refusal to so comply, at the next succeeding Board of Directors meeting. The vessel's owner shall be afforded an opportunity to explain his position to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, upon hearing both sides, shall vote to determine if the vessel complies.
3. If the Board of Directors determines that the vessel is not in compliance, one of the following may occur:
  - a. The vessel will be excluded from the marina.
  - b. The owner will be granted an additional thirty (30) days to secure compliance.
  - c. If, at the end of a thirty (30) day extension, the member fails to satisfy the Board of Directors of the vessel's compliance, the vessel must be removed from the Club within ten (10) days after written notice to the owner by the Board of Directors.
  - d. If the member refuses to comply with such notice of removal from the Board of Directors, the membership of that owner shall be immediately terminated by the Board of Directors.

**L. Members** only are permitted to operate boats in the basin.

**M. Boats** entering and leaving the basin will do so at the lowest possible speed to prevent wake damage to docked boats.

**N. Gasoline** transferring operations shall be conducted at the engine dock only, for fire safety. Violation of the gasoline transferring operation rule will be subject to Class H fine.

**O. The boat ramp** must be kept clear for launching purposes. No boats shall be docked at the ramp.

**P. All water hoses** shall be disconnected from the docks between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily unless member is on Club property. Violation of this rule will be subject to a Class A fine for each occurrence. All electric cords shall be disconnected from the docks between all hours of each calendar day, 24 hours, 8 a.m. of one day to 8 a.m. of the next day, unless the member is on Club property. Members must submit a written request for electrical hook up to the Dockmaster if unable to be present during any time their vessel is plugged in, limited to two times each month. Violation of the electrical hook up rule will be subject to the following: (1) first offense a certified registered letter to the member, at his/her expense, informing them of the violation; (2) each additional offense subject to a Class E fine thereafter. The Dockmaster may waive this rule one-day at a time, upon request, due to emergency.

**Q. No air conditioners** are to be in use at any time while docked at Lauderdale Small Boat Club.

**R. No water bailers** in the Club.

**S. Members** are allowed only one slip.

## **5-TRAILERS/TRAILERED BOATS**

- A. A trailer parking fee will be charged per month plus the boat fee. However, if the boat is kept on the trailer (no slip usage), the trailer fee is waived. Dinghy owners will be charged the same rate that we charge for empty trailers. See rate schedule
- B. Available trailer spaces shall be posted on the bulletin board in the pilothouse. Requests for a space shall be in writing and specify the desired space. After ten (10) days of posting, permanent slips shall be assigned to the members with the most seniority requesting the space. There will be no advance requests for permanent space.
- C. Only authorized trailer grounds are to be used.
- D. All boats on trailers are to have current registration numbers
- E. Washing, painting and minor repairs are permitted in the trailer area, with the Dock master's approval.
- F. After a boat is launched, the trailer must be returned to the allocated trailer space. Under no circumstances can the trailer be left at the ramp. A 72-hour courtesy area is available from the Dockmaster for trailer/boats.
- G. Owners who are members and do not have allotted space may use the ramp and may be assigned a courtesy space by the Dockmaster for trailer/boat.
- H. Trailers are to show the owner's name and must be locked.
- I. Violators of rules and regulations will be assessed a Class D fine for each violation.
- J. Trailer parking assigned spaces (slips) are on the East side of the club. If you have both a slip in the water and a reserved trailer parking space (slip) you will be billed for having two slips.

## **6-HAULOUTS**

- A. Members desiring to have their boat hauled or launched will make arrangements with the Dockmaster. No boats will be hauled or launched after 3:00 p.m. except in an emergency. All fees for use of lift will be paid in advance. (Only Club employees or authorized personnel are to operate the lift.)
- B. Maintenance Haul: A fee per foot will be charged for lift out, cradle, and return to water. Included in the lift fee will be 21 days of cradle time- All fees and penalties are plus tax and must be paid before the boat is returned to the water. See fee schedule
- C. Emergency Haul: (boat sinking): A fee per foot will be charged for lift out, cradle, and return to water. All fees and penalties are plus tax and must be paid before the boat is returned to the water. See fee schedule
- D. Fast Haul: (short haul)
- E. A lift fee will be charged for a fast haul (short haul), maximum time of (2) hours. See fee schedule
- F. A lift fee per foot will be charged for lifting a boat on or off a trailer. See fee schedule
- G. The lift shall only be used for lifting boats and authorized Club purposes.

## **7-Meeting Times**

- A. That Board of Directors meetings of this organization shall begin at a time to be determined by the Board of Directors by majority vote, and General Membership meetings shall begin at a time to be determined by the Board of Directors by majority vote, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Board of Directors of Directors with 30 days' notice provided the membership.

### Fee and Fine Schedule

Initiation Fee	\$1,000 + Tax REV.3/07
Membership Dues	\$35.84 Monthly + Tax (\$38.35)
Returned Check (Insufficient Funds)	\$27.50
<b>DOCKAGE FEES</b>	
Boats up to 26' in length (In water or on trailer)	\$105.63 Monthly + Tax (\$113.02)
Boats over 26' in length (In water or on trailer)	\$127.53 Monthly + Tax (\$136.46)
Trailers (No boat)	\$31.58 Monthly + Tax (\$33.79)
Pump outs (Bilge)	\$55.00 1 <sup>st</sup> Time, \$110.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Time and \$165.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Time + Tax
Haul out (cradle & return, 21 days)	\$3.30 per foot + Tax
Emergency Haul out (Cradle & return, 3 days)	\$1.27 per foot + Tax. In addition, a fee of \$8.09 a day will be charged for 3 days of cradle time. Starting on the 4th day a rate of \$17.60 per day will be charged, on the 11th day \$26.40 a day, on the 18th day \$35.20 a day
Fast Haul out (Short haul – 2 hours)	\$33.00 + Tax
Lift boat on or off trailer	\$3.30 per foot + Tax
<b>RENTALS</b>	
Clubhouse	\$220.00 + Tax \$220 Cleaning Deposit
Kitchen	\$110.00 + Tax \$110 Cleaning Deposit
BBQ (Not Available For Rent)	
Security Guard Fee	\$165.00
Pressure Washer	\$16.50 + Tax
Battery Charger	\$3.30 + Tax
<b>FINES</b>	
Registration and Decal Class F	\$27.50 + Tax
Dock Box Class F	\$27.50 + Tax
Electric Plug In Class F	\$27.50 + Tax
Water Hose Class A	\$5.00 + Tax
<b>Fines listed in body of Bylaws and Rules</b>	
Class A	\$5.00 + Tax
Class B	\$7.25 + Tax
Class C	\$14.50 + Tax
Class D	\$15.00 + Tax
Class E	\$25.00 + Tax
Class F	\$27.50 + Tax
Class G	\$50.00 + Tax
Class H	\$100.00 + Tax