

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – Purpose and Name

Section 1

The purpose of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club shall be to promote family cruising and to serve the interest of outboard motor and motor boat owners, to defend such owners against discriminatory legislation and unjust taxation, to prevent the pollution of all recreations waters, to stimulate a greater interest in boating to develop a fraternal spirit among local outdoor enthusiasts, to own or lease property for Club uses, to develop boat storage and dock facilities, and to do all other things which might contribute to the welfare and pleasure of owners of boat and boat equipment.

It shall be the further purpose of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club when ever possible to initiate, promote and assist other local organizations in civic undertakings calculated to add to the material and social welfare of the City of Tampa, Florida and to its reputation as a pleasure resort, a recreational center, and a community of alert progressive citizens.

Section 2

The name of this Club shall be the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club.

Section 3

The Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club shall be a non-political, non-profit organization.

Section 4

The words “Club” and “Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club” when used in these Bylaws are to be construed to mean the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club, Inc.

Sufficient amount of time is to mean 48 hours in an emergency or 14 days in an non emergency situation.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1

General membership in the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club shall be limited to motorboat owners who are interested in the purposes of the Club as outlined in Section 1 of Article I of these Bylaws.

Section 2

Application for membership in the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club shall be in writing on a form to be prescribed by the Club, and such application shall contain an agreement by the applicant to abide by the provisions of these Bylaws. Said application for membership, upon approval and payment of fees, provides membership for applicant and spouse or significant other.

Section 3

Upon receipt of a written application for membership in the Club, together with the entrance fee, the application shall be referred to the Membership Committee for investigation as to the applicant's morals, general reputation, and desirability as a member of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club. If any member shall have cause to believe the applicant should not become a member, it will be his/her duty to advise the Membership Committee. The application shall then be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval as soon as a thorough investigation of the applicant's qualifications for membership in the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club will permit.

A prospective regular member and spouse or significant other shall participate in an organized Club Cruise in his/her own boat and attend one regular meeting before his/her application can be voted upon. The applicant, if present at the meeting at which this application is being voted upon, will be asked to step outside while the vote is being put on the floor.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 4

There will be three (3) classes of membership in the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club, Regular, Honorary, and Limited.

- (1) Regular – With all rights and privileges of the Club.**
- (2) Honorary – Membership when selected by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. Honorary members shall have Club privileges but shall not be entitled to vote at regular or special meetings of the Club nor hold elective office.**

Section 5

A member may resign from the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club at any time. Such resignation shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the Club Secretary. This resignation will be without reimbursement.

Section 6

Membership in the club shall be terminated for the non-payment of dues in accordance with the provisions in Section 2 of Article VIII of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III – Management

Section 1

The business management of the Club and the care of its real and personal property shall be vested the Board of Directors. Any expenditure of money in excess of the current budget must have prior approval of the membership at a special or regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV – Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Galley Captain, Immediate Past Commodore, and six regular members of the Club, that are regular members in good standing and shall be elected as members of the Board of Directors as provided for in Article V Section 2 of these Bylaws. The Chairperson of the Membership Committee, the Chairperson of the Publicity Committee, and the Chairperson of the Club Properties Committee shall also be Directors with no voting rights as a Director.

Section 2

Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

Section 3

The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

The Secretary shall conduct the secretarial work of the Board of Directors and shall prepare and preserve in a permanent record the minutes of all regular and/or special meeting of the said Board. The Secretary shall also perform such other clerical work as may be assigned.

Section 5

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held once a month.

ARTICLE IV – Board of Directors

Section 6

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commodore, or by any six members of the Board of Directors, upon giving notice thereof in sufficient time to permit members of the Board to be present at such special meetings.

ARTICLE V – Elected Officers

Section 1

The elected officers of the Club shall be a Commodore, Immediate Past Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Galley Captain, and six members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Commodore, Immediate Past Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Galley Captain and Six Regular Members Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors have been elected and have qualified by an acceptance of the office to which elected. Of the six members of the Board of Directors, three shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Club for a term of two years. The newly elected officers and board members will assume their duties and responsibilities under new business of the Annual Meeting held on the first Monday in April.

Section 3

Any elected officer who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings or three consecutive Board of Directors meetings of the Club without submitting valid reasons for such absences will be referred to the Board of Directors for appropriate action as to whether a vacancy exists in the office involved. For the purpose of this Section, the Secretary shall call the roll of the elective officers at each regular meeting and board meeting of the Club and shall maintain a permanent record thereof.

Section 4

Any elective officer may resign from the office to which he/she was elected. Such resignation shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Club.

ARTICLE V – Elected Officers

Section 5

The Commodore shall preside at all meetings for the Club and of the Board of Directors. The Commodore shall appoint the Chairperson of all standing and special committees and shall be an ex-officio member of such committees with the exception of the nominating committee. The Commodore, at his/her discretion, has the authority at any time to revoke the appointment of any Chairperson of a standing or special committee, shall assume all the functions and responsibilities conferred upon him/her by these Bylaws, and shall do any and all things calculated to advance the interest of the Club which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 6

During the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall perform the duties and assume the powers and responsibilities of the Commodore, and any other special duties as might be assigned by the Commodore or the Board of Directors. The Vice Commodore shall serve as Chairperson of the Gasparilla Committee.

Section 7

During the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore and Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore shall perform the duties and assume the powers and responsibilities of the Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall also be Cruise-Master and assume all the necessary duties and responsibilities to properly execute this assignment. He/She may appoint a Cruise Committee to plan and lead regular and special cruises.

ARTICLE V – Elected Officers

Section 8

The Secretary shall prepare and record in a permanent record the minutes of all meetings of the Club, and shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Commodore and these Bylaws. Minutes will be prepared and copies made available to members at the next scheduled meeting and will be permanently filed at the Clubhouse.

Section 9

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Club funds. All Club monies received by the Treasurer, from any source what so ever, shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. Such deposited funds shall be subject to withdrawal by checks signed in such manner as may be directed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Club only upon proper vouchers, bills, invoices, or other documents, as having been allowed for payment by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will prepare a monthly report and copies made available to members at the next scheduled meeting and will be permanently filed at the Clubhouse. The Treasurer shall maintain at all times adequate and permanent accounts of all Club monies received and disbursed in the fiscal year concerned.

The above duties of the Treasurer may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be partially allocated to the Secretary.

The Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer shall sign signature cards at the Bank and all checks written against the Club are required to have two signatures.

ARTICLE V – Elected Officers

Section 10

The Galley Captain shall oversee and direct all social and fundraising functions of the Club with the exception of the Gasparilla function, and Club rentals. The Galley Captain shall recruit volunteers and form Committees as necessary to ensure the accomplishment of these functions.

Section 11

Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled by vote of the regular membership at any meeting of the Club. The member chosen to fill the vacancy shall serve for the un-expired term of his/her predecessor.

ARTICLE VI – Election Process

Section 1

Any member of the club, to be eligible for an elective office, must be a voting member and currently actively engaged in activities of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club for a minimum of six months. Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore must have boats suitable for Club functions.

Section 2

A nominating committee consisting of five members will be elected at a regular monthly meeting in January of each year. Two of the committee members to be elected by the Board of Directors from the Board members. Three of the committee members to be elected by the membership.

Section 3

The nominating committee will present a ticket with one or more candidates for each office to the Secretary at the regular monthly meeting in February. This ticket will be read to the membership and posted on the Club bulletin board until the election.

Section 4

At the same meeting in Section 3 of Article VI, nominations will be open from the floor for any and all offices. At the election meeting, nominations will be open from the floor for each office at the conclusion of each balloting for the previous office.

ARTICLE VII – Fiscal Year

Section 1

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of April and end on the last day of March the following year.

ARTICLE VIII – Entrance Fees and Dues

Section 1

Regular membership – The entrance fee for a regular membership shall be \$150.00. The entrance fee will accompany the application for membership. Upon approval of application, the annual dues of \$240.00, pro-rated monthly must be paid.

Section 2

On the first day of February of each year, a written notice shall be mailed by the Club Treasurer to each member of the club stating that the annual membership dues are due and payable as of April 1. A person who has been widowed while husband and wife were active members of the Club will pay half of yearly dues for continuance of regular membership in the Club. If after April 1, the membership dues of any member through inadvertence or otherwise have not been paid, regular membership in the Club shall terminate. Such delinquent member may be re-reinstated within 30 days immediately following the April 1 deadline by paying the current dues for membership, plus a penalty fee of \$50.00. After May 1, former members must comply with Section 4 of Article VIII of these Bylaws for reinstatement.

Section 3

Any motion or action which would require any increase in the financial obligation of the members of the Club would require a 45 days advance written notice of the proposed change. Approval of the majority vote of the members present at a special or general membership meeting would be required prior to any action-taking place. This would include but not be limited to changes in the dues or any assessment that would be required to maintain membership in the club.

ARTICLE VIII – Entrance Fees and Dues

Section 4

The penalty fee for former members desiring reinstatement will be \$50.00 for a regular membership up until May 1st payable in one sum with yearly dues. After May 1st the applicant will be required to comply with Article II Section 2 and 3 of these Bylaws.

Section 5

The entrance fee at various times may be amended as required for a specific period of time to allow the initiation of a promotion plan to obtain new members. This will be accomplished at the discretion of the Board of Directors at any Board Meeting where a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

Section 1

The election meeting of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club shall be held on the first Monday in March of each year.

Section 2

The installation of officers shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors after the election and preceding the first Monday in April. The annual meeting of the Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club will be held on the first Monday in April. The newly installed officers will assume their duties and responsibilities at this meeting under new business.

Section 3

Unless otherwise ordered, regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Monday of each month.

Section 4

Special meetings of the Club may be called by the Commodore at any time or upon request of twenty percent (20%) of the regular members. The Commodore shall notify the membership of said special meeting in sufficient time to permit members to be present at such special meetings.

Section 5

Any motion or action at any regular or special meeting of the Club shall require the approval by vote of a majority vote of the members present. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

Section 6

All meetings of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with basic parliamentary procedure outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X – Committees

Section 1

The Commodore, following the annual meeting, shall appoint a Standing Membership Committee Chairperson. The duties of the Membership Chairperson shall be to investigate the morals, general reputation and desirability for membership of all applicants for membership in the Club, and to submit a report of its findings to the Board of Directors for appropriate actions.

Section 2

The Commodore, following the annual meeting, shall appoint a Standing Publicity Committee Chairperson. The duties of the Publicity Chairperson shall be to use all legitimate means to publicize the activities of the Club through the mediums of the press, radio, television, internet, or otherwise, but is not authorized to expend any of the Club's funds for such purpose without authority from the Board of Directors. Since the Commodore approves the Publicity Chairperson, the Commodore shall oversee the Publicity Chairperson to ensure all publicity is appropriate to promote the Club's image.

Section 3

A Standing Program Committee Chairperson can be appointed at the discretion of the Commodore following the annual meeting. The duties of the Program Committee shall be to provide entertainment and educational programs for the Club members.

Section 4

Three Club members appointed by the Board or a reputable accountant will accomplish auditing of the books and accounts of the Club following the annual meeting. Funds for this service will come from the regular Club account.

ARTICLE X – Committees

Section 5

The Commodore, following the annual meeting, shall appoint a Standing Club Properties Committee Chairperson. The Club Properties Chairperson shall have general charge of the Club House and the supervision thereof. The Chairperson shall formulate and promulgate rules governing their use hereinafter set forth. The Chairperson shall make recommendations for repairs or improvements that are needed to the Board of Directors. The Board may authorize such repairs or improvements, as it deems proper for the good of the membership at large.

Section 6

A Standing Committee chaired by the Vice Commodore will form following the annual meeting. The duties of the committee shall be to plan and execute the Gasparilla functions.

Section 7

The Commodore may appoint such special Chairpersons that in his/her judgment may be required to promote and expedite the Club's marine and civic activities, or for any other purposes consistent with the objective of the Club and the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 8

In accordance with Section 5 of Article V of these Bylaws, the Commodore is authorized to revoke the appointment of any Chairperson of a standing special committee at any time.

ARTICLE XI – Conduct and Safety

Section 1

The Cruise Committee, upon approval of the Board of Directors, shall adopt cruise regulations, which will have the force and effect of Bylaws. Such regulations shall provide for the conduct and safety of all members or guest while on any cruise authorized by the Club. The conduct of a guest is the responsibility of the sponsoring member.

Section 2

The Club Properties Committee shall upon approval of the Board of Directors adopt regulations for conduct and safety on Club Properties which have the force and effect of Bylaws. Such regulations shall provide for the conduct and safety of all Club members while on the Club property and the responsibility of the Club member for his/her guests.

Section 3

Violation of the Cruise or Club Properties regulations by any member or his/her guest could subject said member to suspension or expulsion from the Club. Reporting of a violation that warrants corrective action shall be the responsibility of each member. A report of the violation will be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors within ten days of the alleged violation. This report will be acted upon by the Board of Directors and will require an affirmative vote of the members at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE XII – Order of Business

Section 1

The proceedings of all regular meetings of the Club shall be conducted under the following order of business.

- 1. Meetings called to order**
- 2. Introduction of new members and visitors**
- 3. Roll call of Officers**
- 4. Program**
- 5. Reading of minutes of previous meeting**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Letters of Communication**
- 8. Reports from Standing Committees**
- 9. Reports from Special Committees**
- 10. Unfinished Business**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Welfare of the Club**
- 13. Adjournment**

ARTICLE XIII – Amendments

Section 1

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present providing one week's notice of the proposed amendment or amendments, and of the meeting at which the same are to be considered and voted upon, shall have been previously mailed to all members of the Club.

ARTICLE XV – Effective Date

Section 1

These Bylaws shall be effective from and after the date of adoption and shall remain in effect until the same shall have been amended in whole or in part.