

BY-LAWS OF THE ONSLOW BAY SALTWATER FISHING CLUB

May 2020 Revision

ARTICLE I- NAME

The association shall be called the "Onslow Bay Saltwater Fishing Club" (hereafter referred to as the club)

ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the club shall be to foster camaraderie and interaction among all types of saltwater fishermen, to promote the sharing of information and experience, and to provide a forum by which views and concerns can be presented to the public. It shall be the intent of the club to promote involvement in the maintenance of our saltwater resources, to ensure the right of free access to and the responsible use of those resources and the promulgation of information regarding issues confronting the resource and sport to both members and non-members.

It shall furthermore be the intent of the club to oppose practices, decrees, or legislation (originating from any body, group, or organization or individual) that is seen harmful to the objectives listed above.

It shall be the policy of the club to promote recreational fishing in all of its forms, as a family activity, as a sporting endeavor, as a means of subsistence, as an opportunity for competition, and as a way of enhancing friendships and comradeship.

It shall furthermore be the policy of the club to advocate and provide an educational forum to its members concerning such varied subjects as, but not limited to, regulations, boating safety, survival procedures, and equipment use and maintenance.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership in the club shall be open to 50 adult persons of good will who accept the objectives defined above and have paid the prescribed annual dues announced by the Executive Committee each year. A single membership shall include the applicant and all members of the applicant's immediate family (spouse and children under the age of 17 years). Once 50 paid memberships are achieved, the secretary will retain all additional requests for membership and offer membership as slots become available through normal attrition on a strict date of receipt basis.

The Executive Committee will review all membership applications before the application is sent to the membership for a majority vote. The Executive Committee has the authority to accept and reject applications for membership.

Dues are due and payable on or before the January meeting. Delinquent members will not be able to participate in any club activities until their dues are paid. If dues are delinquent for one year, the member will require the same voting procedures as a new member. Those joining at the October

meeting will have their dues paid in full for the following calendar year. Guests can only attend one meeting. Membership dues, once the member is voted in, are non-refundable. A family is entitled to one vote, the member or their spouse is the only persons eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IIIA-HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members are free memberships with limited privileges issued by the club whenever the membership deems appropriate. Honorary Members may attend club meeting and functions, but will not be able to hold office or be entitled to any other rights bestowed upon paying members. Honorary memberships will be given to Junior Members under the age of 18 years whose parents or guardians are not members. Honorary Members desiring to become regular members must do so in accordance with the By-Laws outlined above.

ARTICLE IIIB- ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERSHIP

Membership is free to all active military personnel. This membership has limited privileges; the member spouse and children can attend all club functions and meetings, however, they will not be allowed to vote, hold office or be entitled to any other rights enjoyed by the dues paying members. Memberships can be transferred to a dues paying membership once all new member regulations are satisfied.

Article IIIC – Junior Membership

Junior memberships will be given to Junior Members under the age of 17 years whose parents or guardians are not OBSFC members, accepts the objectives defined above and have paid the prescribed annual dues announced by the Executive Committee. Junior Members will not be able to hold office or vote in OBSFC elections. Junior members must be sponsored by an OBSFC member in good standing who will be responsible for the Junior member while attending OBSFC meetings and functions. Junior Memberships must be approved by the OBSFC Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV –MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every month. If this day falls on a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled on the following Tuesday. Meetings will consist of a business meeting, an educational presentation, and a social in between. Any member of the Executive Committee may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee. All business meetings will be presided over by the President. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall preside and in the absence of the Vice President, the following order: Secretary, Treasurer, senior member of the Board of Directors. The President may call Special Meetings of the General Membership at any time.

ARTICLE V- RELEASE

By applying for and being accepted into the club, each member does hereby release and relinquish said

club, parent organization, its officers, members, official meeting places, and employees, whether singular or collectively, from any claim for damages or cause of action for injury to the person or property of the member incurred during, in connection with, or growing out of any lawful activity of the club. Further, each member does hereby agree to hold said club harmless for any claim or damages or cause of action incurred by any third party for injury to persons or property, while a guest of such member, incurred during, in connection with, or growing out of any club activity. This waiver and release shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees of each member.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

The Officers constituting the Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and (4) elected Board Members. Nominations for Officers and two Board Members will be made annually in person at the January meeting. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee at the December meeting to poll the membership for candidate for Officers and Board Members. At the January meeting nominations will be presented to the membership by the Nominating Committee Chairman, members can make additional nominations from the floor. Members can be nominated for one office and must have their current dues paid and must have attended at least four meetings during the prior calendar year to be eligible to run for office; verified by the Sign In Sheet. Elections will be held at the January meeting. A majority vote in person will apply. Should there be a tie vote, another vote will be taken. If tied the second time, the newly elected President or succeeding officer in the President's absence will cast the tiebreaker. The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected to one year terms and can hold office for more than one term. The two Board Members are elected to two year terms on a staggered basis, with two being elected every year.

ARTICLE VII-COMMITTEES

The President may appoint, at any time, the Chairman of an ad hoc committee for special projects or functions.

ARTICLE VIII- AMMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

To change or delete a By-law, the change must be presented to the Secretary/Treasurer in writing, at a regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the Secretary/Treasurer will read the proposed change or deletion. At the next regularly scheduled meeting the By-law change or deletion will be read again. Discussions will take place and a two-thirds majority vote of the members, voting in person, will be required for adoption.

ARTICLE IX- REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Any member of the club can bring charges of misconduct. The charges must be made in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer who will give each member of the Executive Committee a copy. The Executive Committee will meet and could ask the member being charged to appear at that meeting. The Executive Committee by a majority vote can elect to suspend the member for a stated period of time, or expel the member from the club.

ARTICLE X- RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

All single memberships shall have the following rights and privileges:

1. The right to vote in all matters referred to the membership by the Executive Committee.
2. Opportunity to participate in club functions.
3. The right to petition the Executive Committee.
4. The right to speak freely, without fear of reprisal or condemnation, at all business meetings when the floor is open to comment.
5. Adult members are eligible to be nominated for and hold office.

ARTICLE XI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The Executive Committee shall be made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer, and 4 (FOUR) At-Large Board Members.

The President shall preside at all Club and Executive Committee Meetings, and conduct the order of business. The President will be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of all appointed committees.

The Vice President shall preside at all Club and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President and will act as the Program Chairman.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the Minutes of all regularly scheduled and special business meetings, for the timely distribution of newsletters and announcements to eligible members, for notifying of members, Officers and Executive Committee of special meetings, and for all correspondence as directed by the General Membership and Executive Committee.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial obligations, collection of dues and monies due the club, accountability of such monies to the Executive Committee and club members, and the payment of financial obligations. Any Officer or Member may incur no debt without authorization of the Executive Committee and reporting to the membership.

The President, at any regular business meeting, may replace an officer that missed three consecutive meetings. Nominations for the replacement will be taken from the floor and a vote will be held to determine the replacement. Such replacements will serve the remained term of the Officer that was replaced.

ARTICLE XII-QUORUM

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum must be present before any action can be taken. A quorum shall be 4/7 (four sevenths) of the voting members of the committee and a majority vote of the Committee shall be required for any passage of any business. The President will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, voting only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE XIII- PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be in effect.

ARTICLE XIV – RESIGNATIONS

Resignations do not have to be accepted by the General Membership or Executive Committee. If the resignations are presented in writing, or communicated in any way, in the presence of two Executive Committee Members, the resignation will be effective immediately.

ARTICLE XV

Recording of any meetings with any device, without majority approval of those attending the meeting is illegal and will result in immediate expulsion from the club.