

HERRING ISLAND SAILING FLEET

BY-LAWS

Adopted 1992

Amended 2002 & 2004

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

- Sec. 1 - The name of this Association shall be the Herring Island sailing Fleet.
- Sec. 2 - The purpose of the Fleet shall be to conduct sailboat races in the vicinity of Herring Island" and to promote fellowship among the members.

ARTICLE II

Officers and other Officials

- Sec. 1 - The Officers of the Fleet shall be the Head Herring (Commodore), Second Smelt (Vice commodore), and Kipper (Secretary-Treasurer).
- Sec. 2 - Such other officers as may from time to time seem convenient to the Head Herring shall also be elected by the members and shall have such duties as may be delegated to them by the Head Herring.
- Sec. 3 - The Officers shall be elected by the members by ballot at the annual meeting of the Fleet and they shall hold office until the adjournment of the next annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected in their stead. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. Whenever the fleet is party to an agreement that requires the Head Herring or another officer of the Fleet to be or become a member of Miles River Yacht Club or any other boating organization, no person shall be elected to office who does not comply with the applicable requirement. Failure to maintain compliance shall be considered to be a resignation from office.
- Sec. 4 - Any vacancy in office may be filled by the Head Herring, but only for the term for which the person chosen originally shall have been elected.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

- Sec. 1 - Head Herring. The Head Herring shall be responsible for the conduct of races and general management of the affairs of the Fleet, preside at all meetings of the Fleet, enforce all rules and regulations of the Fleet, and, with the Kipper, sign all written contracts and obligations assumed by the Fleet.
- Sec. 2 - Second Smelt. The Second Smelt shall assist the Head Herring in the discharge of the duties of that office and shall assume the duties of the Head Herring if he is absent, resigns or is incapacitated.
- Sec. 3 - Kipper. The Kipper shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Fleet, have the custody of all reports and documents connected with the business of the Fleet, keep a correct roll of the members and their yachts, conduct the correspondence of the Fleet and issue notices of all meetings of the Fleet and Other matters pertinent to races and other activities of the Fleet, have the custody of all Fleet funds, collect all moneys due by annual dues, assessments, charges and subscriptions, keep Fleet funds on deposit and pay all proper expenses of the Fleet. The Kipper shall present an account at the annual meeting of the Fleet.

ARTICLE IV

Membership - Dues

- Sec. 1 - Any owner of a sailboat or any other person interested in joining an association of racing sailors may become a full or racing member member by filing an application with the Kipper on the rescribed form and paying dues for the current year. If full membership cannot be accepted because the acceptance of the membership would cause the Fleet to exceed or further exceed any limit imposed by a currently effective agreement on the percentage of members of the Fleet who are not also members of Miles River Yacht Club or any other boating organization the applicant may, upon payment of an amount equal to 75% of the dues for the current year, be accepted as a racing member and compete in all races of the Fleet, vote on issues relating to the conduct of races, and attend all social functions but shall not be entitled to vote for the election of officers or on non racing issues. Racing members may choose to become full members of the Fleet and shall be acceted in the order of their original applications whenever this maybe done without exceeding the aforesaid limit.
- Sec. 2 - Any member who fails to pay his or her dues by the time of the first race shall cease to be a member.
- Sec. 3 - Annual dues shall be fixed by the members at the annual meeting and, untill changed, shall remain in effect without further action.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 - There shall be an annual meeting of tha Fleet, to be held during the non-racing season. Notice of tha time and place of holding the annual meeting shall be sent by the Kipper to every member.
- Sec.2 - Special meetings of the Fleet may be called by the Head Herring or when requested *in* writing by at least five members. Notice of the time and place of holding special meetings shall be sent to each member at least ten days prior thereto, and shall also state the reason for calling the meeting.
No business shall be considered at any special meeting except the business for which the meeting was called.
- Sec.3- Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Fleet by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.