

**Constitution of the**  
**NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT**  
**YACHTING ASSOCIATION**

Adopted March 1977

**Article One - Name**

The name of the Association is "Northumberland Strait Yachting Association" (NStYA). Hereafter referred to in these by-laws as "the Association".

**Article Two - Purpose**

The Association was organized for the following purposes:

- (a) To encourage and promote yachting in the Northumberland Strait and adjacent waters, and
- (b) To exercise jurisdiction over all offshore yachting activities sanctioned by NStYA in the Northumberland Strait area. (Amended March 1981)

**Article Three - Membership**

Membership in the Association shall consist of:

- (a) Yacht Clubs on Northumberland Strait and adjacent waters which are members of the Canadian Yachting Association will hold corporate membership as represented by one appointed delegate (Amended 1978), and
- (b) Individual Members shall have the privilege of attending all annual and special meetings of the Association, shall be able to hold office, shall receive publications of the Association and shall be entitled to such ensigns as the Association may adopt.

**Article Four - Meetings**

- (a) The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Saturday of November at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine and notice shall be sent to yacht clubs and individual members at least twenty-one days previous to such meeting. (Amended Nov 2009 to:) **The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in November, on or before the third Sunday at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine and notice shall be sent to yacht clubs and individual members at least twenty-one days previous to such meeting."**
- (b) The attendance of not less than twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the Association. A meeting at which there is no quorum may be adjourned for a period of not more than four weeks and the Secretary shall send a notice of the date of the adjourned meeting to all members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as heretofore provided shall be required at any adjourned meeting. (Amended Nov 2009 to) **The attendance of at least (3) Officers and membership comprising at least one person from (50%) of the member clubs, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the Association.**
- (c) Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President if s/he receives a written request signed by no less than 20 paid members. This request shall state the reason for calling such

a meeting and the business to be transacted at such meeting. The members shall be given twenty-two days notice of this meeting and the President shall call the meeting no later than four weeks after s/he receives the request. The notice of meeting shall also include the reason for the meeting (Amended March 1981), (Amended Nov 2009 to) chance notice required to be given from twenty-two to twenty-one days.

- (d) No business other than that specified in the notice of a special meeting may be dealt with at such meeting without the unanimous consent of those attending the meeting.

### *Article Five - Voting*

- (a) All members shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings, and
- (b) A member who is delinquent in his/her dues shall not be permitted to vote at any meeting of the Association.

### *Article Six - Order of Business*

1. Roll Call,
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting,
3. Reports of Officers,
4. Reports of Committees,
5. Unfinished Business,
6. New Business, and
7. Election of Officers.

### *Article Seven - Officers*

The Association shall have the following Officers:

President  
Past-President  
Vice-President  
Directors (Two-2)  
Secretary  
Treasurer

- (a) A minimum of one member of each Yacht Club shall be a member of the Executive Committee:
- (a) **President** - shall preside at all meetings of the Association and perform such other duties as may be delegated to him from time to time by the Executive Committee, and as Past-President sit on the Executive the following year for one year (Amended March 1981),
- (b) **Vice-President** - shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. In the event the President is unable to perform his duties, the Executive Committee may designate any of the Directors to be interim President,
- (c) **Secretary** - shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, and shall keep an accurate roll of all members of the Association. S/he shall conduct correspondence of the Association, send out all notices and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the position,
- (d) **Treasurer** - shall collect and receive all moneys, keep a correct account thereof and deposit said moneys in the name of the Association in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. When appropriate, and at the Annual Meeting, s/he shall submit a report in writing of the financial condition of the Association. S/he shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the position of Treasurer,
- (e) The Officers of the Association, by virtue of their office, shall be members of the Executive

- Committee,
- (f) No officer or member of the Executive Committee of the Association may receive a salary or compensation from the Association, and
  - (g) The Executive is empowered to draft an amendment to the Constitution to make provision for the Trustees and their duties.

### **Article Eight - Executive Committee**

- (a) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and individual members. The Committee shall have at least one member and no more than three members from each club (Amended March 1981),
- (b) The Executive Committee shall have general control and management of the affairs and funds of the Association. It shall have full power and it shall be its duty to carry out the purpose of the Association, as provided in these by-laws,
- (c) The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside,
- (d) One third of the entire Committee shall constitute a quorum and a vote of a majority of the Committee present at any meeting at which business thereat,
- (e) Without in any way limiting the general powers of the Executive Committee, it shall amongst other things:
  - a. Consider and act upon application for membership in the Association,
  - b. Appoint committees and chairmen thereof as it may deem appropriate to further the purpose of the Association,
  - c. Issue measurement and racing rules,
  - d. Set dates and formulate arrangements for various events,
  - e. Determine the recipient of various awards of the Association,
  - f. Fill vacancies in the Officers' and Executive Committees until the next Annual Meeting, and
  - g. Determine handicap system to be used in races.
- (f) The business of the Executive Committee, to the extent possible, shall be carried by correspondence . The Committee shall meet at the call of the President at such a place and time as s/he may determine. The Secretary shall send a notice in writing to each member of the Committee sufficient in advance of the meeting so that members shall have ample time to attend. A member may vote by mail on questions which have been submitted to them for their vote. Members voting by mail shall be deemed to be present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum on questions submitted by vote (Amended March 1981), Vote by email and electronic means (Amended Nov 2009), and
- (g) The Executive Committee may expel or suspend any member of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the entire committee for any violation of the by-laws or for any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee, is improper and prejudicial to the welfare, reputation or best interest of the Association. No member shall be expelled for a period exceeding three months without having been given two weeks written notice of the charges. Said member can submit to the Committee a written answer to such charges and shall be provided with the Executive's final decision in writing within two weeks.

### **Article Nine - Committees**

- (a) All committees and their chairmen as heretofore provided shall be appointed and their duties shall be delineated by the Executive Committee. Names of Committees shall be listed in the Constitution but not their duties. The duties shall be used as guidelines and the Trustees shall be deleted from the list of Committees (Amended March 1981), and
- (b) A Protest Committee shall be set up for the purpose of hearing appeals from individual races.

## **Article Ten - Dues**

The dues of the Association shall be as follows:

- (a) Yacht Clubs,
- (b) Individual members, and
- (c) Visiting members.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall have the power, at its discretion, from time to time, to change the dues and categories of the membership, subject to ratification at the next Annual Meeting.

## **Article Eleven - Nominating Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than three and not more than five members and shall delegate the chairman thereof. One member of the Nominating Committee may be a member of the Executive Committee,
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office to be balloted for at the Annual Meeting, and
- (c) This provision shall not exclude independent nominations made in any other way.

## **Article Twelve** **Forfeiture of Membership**

The membership of the Yacht Club or individual member may be declared forfeited by the Executive Committee for non-payment of dues.

## **Article Thirteen** **Amendments (Amended March 11, 1979)**

All amendments to these by-laws must be sent out as a notice of motion at least twenty-one (21) days prior to an Annual Meeting.

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at an Annual Meeting of the Association. (Amended Nov 2009 to:) These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

## **Amendments (Amended at AGM Nov. 2009)**

1. Article Eight ó Executive Committee - paragraph (f) references to voting by mail add "by email and electronic means"
2. Article Four - Meetings paragraph (a) replaced with:  
"(a) The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in November, on or before the third Sunday at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine and notice shall be sent to yacht clubs and individual members at least twenty-one days previous to such meeting."
3. Article Four ó Meetings - paragraph (b) replace first sentence with:  
"(b) The attendance of at least (3) Officers and membership comprising at least one person from (50%) of the member clubs, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the

Association."

4. Article Four ó Meetings ó paragraph (c) Special meetings ó chance notice required to be given from twenty-two to twenty-one days.

5. Article Thirteen Amendments. Change last sentence to read "These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association."

### **General Instructions:**

Fees: Association Dues are as described in article 10. An additional \$5.00 starter/finisher fee will be charged on registering for each race.

### **Race Requirements**

When registering racers are required to show NStYA membership cards and NStYA rating cards. Racers must be CYA. members. Boats racing must be C.C.G inspected. Mainsail number will be mandatory for all NStYA events

Sail Numbers: CYA and 1YRU - sail numbers are available by writing to:  
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