

Perth Amboy Boat Owners Association

Trading As Raritan Bay Anglers Club
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BYLAWS

Article I. Title

This organization shall be known as the Perth Amboy Boat Owners Association, Trading as The Raritan Bay Anglers Club.

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. To represent the interests of boaters and fisherman operating in the Raritan Bay area, to local and state authorities, in order to guarantee our collective interests are served.

Section 2. To promote safe boating and sportsmanship in the Raritan Bay area.

Section 3. To provide contributions to local charities through donations raised by the organization sponsored events.

Article III. Meetings

Section 1. This organization will meet once on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. twelve (12) months per year.

Section 2. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday the meeting will be held the next day or as scheduled by the President.

Section 3. The President may call special meetings with 48- hour notice to the membership.

Section 4. Twelve active members shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to boat owners and fishermen and fishermen 18 years of age residing in the tri state area.

Section 2. Applications for membership must be presented to the floor at the next regular meeting. At this time the membership may motion to have the application accepted, rejected or turned over to the investigating committee for review.

Section 3. All prospective members will be considered according to the date their application is received by the secretary.

Section 4. All members are required to pay dues at a rate established at the January meeting. This due money is used to pay administrative costs associated with running of the club. It is not intended for social activities.

Section 5. Dues are to be paid in full by the March meeting in order to be in good standing. New members joining the club after July 1 will pay 50% of the dues for that year. Renewals may be mailed to the Perth Amboy Boat Owners Association, PO Box 546 Perth Amboy, NJ 08862-0545.

Section 6. Any member failing to pay dues for the period of one year will be removed from the club roaster and mailing list.

Section 7. Any member serving ten (10) consecutive years in good standing will be granted a lifetime membership and have their dues reduced by 50% for the remainder of their membership and receive a **Certificate** recognizing their tenure.

Section 8. Any person who by reason of time contributed, personal effort and/or financial contribution beyond normal expectations of the organization may be bestowed **Honorary Membership**. This person shall not vote at meetings. This person may attend social functions and shall be given a **Certificate** in recognition of their accomplishments.

Section 9. Any person serving in the military on active duty will remain on the active roster as a member in good standing.

Article V. Election of Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three (3) trustees.

Section 2. Nominations for officers will be held at the November Meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Section 3. Any member wishing to be nominated need not be present; a letter stating eligibility submitted to the President will be sufficient notification. This letter is due at the October meeting.

Section 4. Nominated members need not be present at the meeting to be elected.

Section 5. Officers elected will hold office for one (1) year beginning the first of the year.

Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the office by reason of resignation or any other cause, such vacancy will be filled by a special election held at the next regular meeting.

Section 7. The secretary shall notify the membership in writing prior to a meeting at which nominations and or a special election is to be held.

Article VI. Duties Of The Officers

Section 1. President: Shall preside over all meetings and enforce the rules and by-laws of the organization, act as judge and announce the results of all elections, shall appoint all committees, sign all orders of the treasurer for monies ordered and paid and perform such duties as the laws of the organization require.

Section 2. Vice President: Shall perform all duties of the President in his absence.

Section 3. Treasurer: Shall receive all monies and is custodian of all funds of this organization and shall with the President or Vice President, sign ll properly drawn checks and vouchers. He shall make a report at each meeting of the monies received and paid out, the sources of revenue and expenses in detail. He shall deliver to his successor in office all monies, papers and records in good order. In the Treasures absence, the President may appoint an Acting Treasurer.

Section 4. Secretary: Shall be responsible for calling roll, keeping accurate minutes of all meetings and distribute same prior to the start of each meeting and maintain all records required for the operation of this organization.

Section 5. Trustees: The business and property of this organization will be managed and controlled by the trustees. They shall audit the Treasurer's books in December and report their findings to the membership. Expenditures require the approval of two (2) Trustees with a dollar limit set by the membership at the regular meeting.

Article VII. Duties Of The Member

Section 1. All members shall obey the order of the officers and abide by the By-Laws of the organization.

Section 2. All members must take an active interest in the organization and must put in six (6) hours of work per year to qualify and attend club functions to include the annual picnic. Any member not meeting this requirement will be turned over to the Investigating committee or the executive board for a review.

Section 3. All equipment issued to a member remains the property of the organization and is to be returned upon resignation or expulsion.

Section 4. Members must work 6 hours towards the annual Flea Market to be eligible to attend club sponsored fishing trips. Non-eligible members may pay a predetermined fee to attend these trips.

Article VIII. Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be Investigating and By-Laws.

Section 2. The investigating committee will investigate all charges presented to them by the President or any applications referred to them by the floor. Any other member may refer charges against any other member of this organization. The charge must be specific and in writing to the President who will read the charges at the regular meeting. After charges are read, they are turned over to the Investigating committee who is empowered to investigate the charges and summon any member to testify, the committee will announce the finding of the committee by the Chairperson at the next regular meeting at which time appropriate action will be decided upon by membership.

Section 3. The By-Laws committee shall review the By-Laws every three (3) years and recommend changes. Also, they shall evaluate By-Laws changes and report their findings back to the membership.

Section 4. The president shall appoint all committees and may sit on any committees.

Article IX. Voting Procedures

Section 1. Motions not affecting By-laws changes may be approved by a majority of votes cast. In case of a tie vote, the President may cast a vote in the affirmation to break a tie.

Section 2. Changes in the By-Laws, after procedures stated herein have been complied with, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast.

Section 3. The presiding chairperson may cast a vote for elected office. The vote must be cast before a count of the ballots is announced.

Section 4. Elections to office require a majority of the votes cast. If a majority vote is not achieved, the two persons receiving the highest number of votes will have a runoff election and the one receiving the majority of votes will be elected.

Section 5. Distribution and counting of the ballots will be the responsibility of two (2) trustees.

Article X. By-Laws

Section 1. By accepting membership to this organization all members agree to abide by the By-Laws herein.

Section 2. No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, altered or amended unless a proposal in writing is submitted to the President. The following procedure will be executed.

- A. Proposal submitted and signed by three (3) members and read at the regular meeting. It will then be referred to the By-Laws committee for review and comment at the next regular meeting (First Reading).
- B. Proposal will be read and discussed at the regular meeting (Second Reading).
- C. Proposal will be read, discussed and voted upon at the Third regular meeting (Third Reading). If approved, the amendment(s) shall be adopted immediately. A two third (2/3) majority of votes is required for approval.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in these By-Laws govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable. The executive board through the reference of "Robert Rules of Order, Revised" shall decide all disputes, as to the interpretation.

Voted and accepted by the membership this _____

Attested By:

_____ **President**

_____ **Vice President**

_____ **Secretary**

_____ **Treasurer**

_____ **Trustee**

_____ **Trustee**

_____ **Trustee**