

LAKE SUNAPEE CRUISING FLEET BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be known as the Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet, Incorporated [hereinafter referred to as "LSCF"].

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

To encourage and promote leisure and competitive cruising boat sailing on Lake Sunapee. This will be accomplished by: scheduling and organizing sailboat races and regattas; developing fleet standards; holding social functions for members, crews and their families; providing opportunities for individuals to experience and appreciate sailing; and doing such other things as may be deemed necessary to perpetuate fleet sailing on Lake Sunapee.

ARTICLE III BURGEE

The burgee for the Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet shall be a Navy blue pennant, triangular in shape, whose fly shall be approximately 1 ½ times the hoist, edged in kelly green border, with white letters LSCF superimposed on the hoist edge of the flag, with the adopted white sailboat symbol and yellow sunburst above. Burgee shall be flown only from the spreader arm to avoid confusion with the red protest flag.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

1. Fleet membership is open to individuals who own or possess, or whose spouse owns, a cruising type sailboat, said individual shall be known as the boat captain. A qualifying individual can become a Fleet member by delivering a fleet registration form and payment of dues as set forth in Article VII. Only one Fleet membership may be obtained per boat, and each fleet membership includes membership for the boat captain and designated 1st mate.

2. Associate memberships are available for additional crew and supporters of LSCF by payment of dues as set forth in Article VII.

ARTICLE V
CRUISING TYPE SAILBOAT DEFINITION

A cruising type sailboat is defined as a sailboat of any size that is equipped to be away from shore for an extended period of time, under any weather conditions, and capable of returning under its own power. The following equipment must be present and in operating condition for a cruising type sailboat to be eligible to race with the Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet:

1. State of New Hampshire registration,
2. State of New Hampshire mandated safety equipment, and
3. All competing boats must apply and obtain a current PHRF-NE handicap rating.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Fleet officers of the Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet shall be elected annually by a majority vote of members and elected officers in good standing who are present at the annual meeting. The officers and committee chairs shall be deemed the Fleet Executive Committee [FEC], and shall control and organize the affairs of the Fleet.

1. The Fleet Officers are:
 - A. Fleet Captain
 - B. Fleet Racing Lieutenant
 - C. Fleet Treasurer
 - D. Fleet Secretary
2. The responsibilities of the Fleet Officers are as follows:
 - A. The Fleet Captain shall preside at all meetings of the fleet membership and the FEC; appoint committee chairs; and with the advice of the FEC will appoint any vacancies that may occur between elections.
 - B. The Fleet Racing Lieutenant shall fill the Fleet Captain position in the absence of the Fleet Captain.
 - C. The Fleet Treasurer shall receive and secure all funds paid to the Fleet; disburse money on properly authorized orders and/or invoices; maintain a permanent record of all financial matters; prepare a report on the status of the fleet funds for committee meetings; report to the executive committee on the status of paid/unpaid dues; prepare an annual financial report on the status of the fleet and budget projections, and such other duties and responsibilities as are normally associated with the office of treasurer.

D. The Fleet Secretary shall maintain minutes and secure documents of importance as necessary, and such other duties and responsibilities as are normally associated with the office of secretary.

3. The Fleet Committees are:

- A. Race Committee
- B. Rules Committee
- C. Development Committee
- D. Social Committee

4. The responsibilities of the Fleet Committees are as follows:

A. The Race Committee shall be responsible for: scheduling and conducting all races; appointing an individual as handicap governor who shall coordinate obtaining boat handicaps based on furnished information and boat inspection, if required; preparing and publishing race results; procuring and presenting awards; and obtaining current weather predictions prior to each race.

B. The Rules Committee shall make available access to current sailing rules and LSCF sailing instructions; coordinate the hearing of all protests; and manage safety matters.

C. The Development Committee shall be responsible for: encouraging new sailors to join the Fleet; developing and managing the fleet website; and advertising fleet activities to the public.

D. The Social Committee shall be responsible for organizing and scheduling social events for LSCF.

5. The chair for each committee shall select sufficient members to assist and ensure that each function is well managed. The Fleet Captain is an ad hoc member of each committee.

6. Fleet Officers and the Race Committee have absolute authority for determining the eligibility of a boat.

ARTICLE VII DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

The Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet shall charge dues, fees and assessments for the sole purpose of meeting the financial obligations of the Fleet on a calendar year basis. The dues, fees and assessments are not intended to provide a profit for the Fleet.

1. The annual dues are to be determined by a majority vote of the fleet membership present at the May meeting.

Membership designation is as follows:

- A. Fleet Membership
 - a. Captain
 - b. 1STMate
- B. Associate Membership
 - a. Supporting Membership
 - b. Crew Membership

2. Fees may be imposed for special events and activities by a majority vote at a duly noticed meeting of the Fleet Membership.

3. Additional special assessments may be established by a majority vote at a duly noticed meeting of the Fleet Membership, either in person or by proxy, to make for additional expenditures or should there be insufficient funds to meet the LSCF's financial obligations.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Only fleet members and officers are eligible to vote at meetings of the membership. The vote of the fleet membership can be exercised by the boat captain, or in the absence of the boat captain, by the designated 1st mate. Associate Members are allowed to attend all meetings, voice an opinion, but are not allowed to cast a vote.

Prior to the commencement of each sailing season the LSCF shall hold a meeting for all fleet members, associate members and interested parties. The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce new sailors, review the race schedule, discuss new general rules and LSCF sailing instructions, commence the social season and to take such action as is deemed appropriate.

At the end of each sailing season the LSCF shall hold a meeting for all fleet members and associate members when announced by the Fleet Captain. During the meeting awards for the season shall be made, comments about fleet activities shall be discussed, and Fleet officers for the next season shall be elected.

The Fleet Captain, or the Fleet Secretary when directed by the Fleet Captain, can call for a meeting of the FEC or the membership at his/her discretion.

Notice of any fleet meeting containing the agenda must be given seven days in advance of the meeting. Notice may be given by e-mail or other appropriate means that ensures that the membership is duly notified.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire fleet membership and officers, in person or by proxy. A copy of any proposed by-law amendments must be sent with the meeting notice.

The Fleet Captain, upon receipt of a written request for amending these by-laws, shall notify the Fleet members of the requested amendment and schedule a special meeting to review the request and vote on the amendment within a reasonable time period.

These by-laws were adopted May 16, 2009. These by-laws supersede any/all previously written by-laws of the LSCF.