

Sesuit Boat Owners' Association By-Laws

ARTICLE ONE

Name:

The Name of the organization shall be SESUIT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, herein referred to as the Association, or SBOA.

ARTICLE TWO

Purpose:

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote and encourage safe, enjoyable and available boating and civic activities within Sesuit Harbor in the Town of Dennis.

ARTICLE THREE

Membership:

Section 1: Membership shall be available to any person interested in and willing to assist in promoting the purposes of the Association in accordance with these by-laws.

Section 2: There shall be only one kind of membership, a **Regular Membership**. A regular membership entitles one person, the holder of the membership, one vote at the annual meeting. Members of the same household are also considered members under a single regular membership for that household, however only one paying member is entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 4

Dues:

Dues are assessed yearly as determined by the Board of Directors and are payable in full by May 1st of that year to be considered a member in good standing for that year. Dues received after May 1st up until the date of the annual meeting will be subject to a late fee in order for the member to be considered in good standing.

ARTICLE 5

Composition and term of Officers and Directors:

Section 1: The elected officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The involuntary removal of an officer shall be approved by a majority vote of the

Board of Directors. The officers are to be nominated and elected by the Board of Directors from within its ranks by majority vote on an annual basis.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of the three elected officers and seven or more regular members. Board members shall be elected at the annual meeting in accordance with Article 8.

Members interested in joining the Board of Directors shall make their interest known to a current Board member(s) by the end of each calendar year. Those interested individuals will be invited to a Board meeting by May 30th of the next year to discuss their interest in joining and willingness to participate in several of our activities. The current Board will evaluate the candidate(s) interest at that same meeting and vote on whether to accept the candidate(s) on the Board. At the annual meeting the President will ask the membership to accept the new candidate(s).

Board membership shall not be for any specified number of years but will be determined by each individual's interest in remaining on the Board until he/she decides to resign. However any member who does not actively participate may be asked to resign by a majority vote of the Board members.

Section 3: As it is recognized that there are many facets to enjoyable boating in Sesuit Harbor and many interests and groups the Board needs to represent, the following guidelines in Board membership should be adhered to.

The constituency of the Association is considered to be the following:

West side slip lessees.
East side slip lessees.
Mooring lessees.
Northside slip and rack lessees.
Trailer boats, both west and east sides.
A commercial entity involved with boating.

Of the ten Board members, no more than five (5) should be from any one category as described above.

As many as possible of the above categories described above should be represented. The Board can refuse a nomination or expression of interest from the regular membership if it feels another nomination would best serve the constituency by representing another unrepresented or underrepresented category as described above.

ARTICLE 6

Duties of Officers:

Section 1: The President Shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors
2. Appoint committees at the direction of the Association
3. Represent the Association in the conduct of its business
4. Call meetings in accordance with the By-Laws

Section 2: The Vice President Shall:

1. Preside at all meetings in absence of the President
2. Perform any duties as directed by the President or the Association

Section 3: The Secretary-Treasurer Shall:

1. Record the minutes of all meetings
2. Make report of the minutes of all meetings
3. Conduct correspondence as directed by the President of Association
4. Collect and account for all Association funds
5. Make report of the Association finances at each regular meeting
6. Pay Association debts as directed by the President or Association
7. Invest funds in savings and checking accounts for maximum benefit of the Association

Section 4: Failure to adequately perform the above tasks as considered by a majority vote of the other members of the Board of Directors could result in removal from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7

Duties of Board of Directors:

Section 1: The Board of Directors will:

1. conduct the business of the Association subject to the approval by the voting membership.
2. Recommend amendments to the By-Laws it deems necessary
3. Qualify prospective new Board Members.
4. Attend meetings and actively participate in SBOA business and civic activities.

Section 2: Failure to adequately perform the above tasks as considered by a majority vote of the other members of the Board of Directors could result in removal from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8

Election of Officers and Directors:

Section 1: Vacancies on the Board in any one given year will remain so until the next annual meeting. Vacancies on the Executive Committee will be filled by an election of the Board.

Section 2: The election of Officers shall be by the Board of Directors and by majority vote. The Officers will have a one year term and shall be elected each year.

ARTICLE 9

Meetings:

Section 1: Meetings

- a. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

- b. Annual meetings shall be held during June of each year, the date, time, and place to be designated by the Board of Directors.
- c. The Board of Directors shall designate a regular time and place of Board meetings. It is important that Board members attend meetings in order to be considered active participants. Regular absence from these meetings could result in removal from the Board.
- d. Notice of annual meetings will be contained in the annual newsletter and on the SBOA website. Notice of the recurring Board meetings shall be coordinated by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 10

Amendments to By-Laws

Amendments to the By-Laws shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and ratified by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership in attendance at the annual meeting after proper notice of the content of the proposed amendments is given in advance of the annual meeting.