

CONSTITUTION of
LAKE CHAMPLAIN CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, INC.
As Amended October 1, 2008
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Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be : "The Lake Champlain Chapter of The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc."

Article II: PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- a) To provide a means through which individuals sharing a common interest in antique and classic boating can meet, share experience and information, exchange ideas and generate enthusiasm for all aspects of their interest.
- b) To serve as a clearing house for all information relating to antique and classic boating, with access to information regarding classification, restoration, and authenticity of antique and classic boats.
- c) To establish and monitor protocol as it relates to antique and classic boating.
- d) To communicate with and report to the membership, the public, and government at all levels regarding its activities, purposes and goals.
- e) To promote, further and encourage a love and enjoyment of antique and classic boating at its highest level in all of its aspects.
- f) To sponsor antique and classic boat shows for the benefit of the public at large and to educate members of the society and the public at large by conducting research through workshops and tours, and safety protocol as it relates to antique and classic boats and boating.

Article III: GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of this organization shall be the Board of Directors, who shall have the general and plenary authority to conduct all activities, business and other matters to come before it.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of all officers plus nine (9) Directors. The officers of this association shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice-Presidents (such number as the Board of Directors shall designate)
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Immediate Past President

In addition to the authority and duties which are inherent in the nature of their respective offices, the authority and duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in the By-laws.

The decisions and actions of the Board of Directors shall be governed by a majority vote, except that in the absence of a quorum, if at least three (3) Directors are present, the Board of

Directors meetings may be adjourned into an Executive Session for the transaction of business which must be later ratified or confirmed at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting having a quorum.

The president of this organization shall also serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, by virtue of the office, and shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee to which he/she shall be neither an ex-officio member or otherwise server on that committee.

The Vice President(s), the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Immediate Past President shall report directly to the President.

Article IV: TENURE IN OFFICE:

a) Directors shall be elected to a term of three (3) years, with at least three (3) Directors being elected each year.

b) Officers:

1) The President shall be elected for a two-year term after which they will then become Immediate Past President unless the Board determines otherwise by 2/3rd majority vote. The President shall abstain from the vote.

2) Vice President(s) shall be elected for a two-year term after which the senior Vice President will then become President unless the Board determines otherwise by 2/3rd majority vote. The Vice President(s) shall abstain from the vote.

3) The Secretary shall be elected annually for a one-year term without limit on the number of terms.

4) The Treasurer shall be elected annually for a one-year term without limit on the number of terms.

5) The Immediate Past President shall serve for the first term of the succeeding President, the Past President shall abstain from the vote.

Article V: MEMBERSHIP

All regular members of the Chapter must also be members of the Society.

Membership in this organization shall consist of the following types;

a) Founder: person who, at the inception of this organization, devoted their time and talents to its formation and establishment.

b) Charter: persons who by their support and encouragement at the inception of this organization, have subsequently furthered the efforts of the founders.

c) Honorary: persons who, in the opinion of this organization's Board of Directors, are deserving and worthy of this membership by virtue of their conduct, position, achievement or other fitting value.

d) Active-Life: persons being 18 years or older.

e) Family-Life: two(2) or more persons being 18 years or older and maintaining a family relationship.

f) Individual Annual: persons being 18 years or older.

g) Family Annual: two or more persons being 18 years or older and maintaining a family relationship.

- h) Junior: persons being under the age of 18 years.
- i) Associate: persons, firms, partnerships, corporation, institutions or organizations having a special or limited interest in the activities or purposes of this organization.
- j) Expulsion: in addition to expulsion for non payment of dues, any member may be expelled and his membership in the chapter terminated for conduct which the Board of Directors shall determine to have disturbed the order, dignity, business or harmony of the Chapter, or to have impaired its good name, good will or prosperity, or to have violated the constitution and by-laws or any rules or regulations of the Society and this Chapter which are in force at the time of the alleged infraction, as adopted by the Board of Directors. Such expulsion shall be by 2/3 vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting thereof duly called and held; provided, however, that the Board at a prior meeting thereof shall first have voted to institute expulsion proceedings and that thereafter a statement of the charges shall have been mailed by registered or certified mail to the accused member, directed to his/her last recorded address, at least sixty (60) days before action is taken thereon. This statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time when and place where the Board is to take action on such charges and such notice shall state that the accused member will have an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place designated in such notice. The decision of the Board is final and conclusive.

All rights and privileges of an expelled member shall terminate immediately after the expulsion.

- k) Reinstatement of Expelled Member: No member expelled from the Chapter may be readmitted to the Chapter as a member until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of his expulsion and unless his application for readmission is approved by 2/3 vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting thereof and provided notice that reinstatement of a member is to be considered be included in the notice of said meeting. The application for the various types of membership shall be in such form as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

The rights, privileges, and obligations of all types of memberships shall be conditioned upon current payment of dues allocable to that membership, according to the rate schedule adopted and published by the Board of Directors.

Persons admitted to all the various types of membership shall enjoy the right to vote and hold office, except that the Honorary members, Junior members and Associate members shall have neither such right.

No member shall be admitted nor shall he/she hold more than one type of membership simultaneously.

Article VI: ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

The Chapter Constitution is modeled after the Constitution of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. The Board of Directors shall have the general and plenary authority to conduct all business and act on other matters to properly come before it, including the establishment of By-Laws to supplement the provisions of the Constitution.

Article VII: COMMITTEES

The president of this organization shall appoint the chairman of all committees, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII: ELECTIONS

a) Eligibility: For a member to be nominated as an officer he/she must be a member in good standing of the chapter.

b) Nomination: The nomination and election of officers and directors shall take place at the annual meeting of this organization.

At the next to last scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors preceding the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee from the members of the Board of Directors, who shall nominate by a majority vote of their membership. The nominating committee shall make its report consisting of a full slate for all vacant offices to the last scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, who shall act thereon. The names of the nominees and the positions for which they are nominated shall be published in the notice of the Annual Meeting to the membership.

Further nominations may be made by petition in writing to the president by at least ten (10%) percent of the general membership, presented at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

c) Election: The election of officers and directors shall occur upon the casting and counting of a majority of votes eligible to be cast at the Annual Meeting; and that voting may be in person or by mail.

Article IX: MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet at least three (3) times annually. The Board of Directors shall also meet upon the request of any four (4) of its members or upon written petition of at least ten (10%) percent of the general membership.

The Annual Meeting of this organization shall be held in October or November, with at least thirty (30) days prior notice of the time, place and date being sent to each member at his last known address.

A quorum at the Annual Meeting shall be fifteen (15%) percent of the members eligible to vote.

Special meetings of this organization may be held upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

All Board of Directors and General Membership meetings shall follow a written agenda and shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order.

Article X: FINANCE

a) Dues: The dues payable for each type of membership in this chapter and for membership in The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. shall be billed by and payable directly to The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. in accordance with the dues rate schedules adopted by

- the Board of Directors of The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. concerning Society dues and the dues rate schedule adopted by the Chapter Board of Directors for this Chapter.
- b) Budget: At least fifteen (15) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare and submit to the president a written account of the anticipated revenues and expenses for the coming year.
 - c) Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1st to December 31st of the succeeding year. (As voted April 18th 2023.)
 - d) Depositories: The funds of this organization shall be deposited in such financial institutions, in such accounts, in the name of this organization, as the Board of Directors shall, from time to time designate.
 - e) Due Date: All dues shall be due and payable a rolling twelve consecutive month basis using the expiration date of last membership as the basis for renewal, except that a 30-day grace period will be granted for late payment of dues.
 - f) No Refund: All dues of this organization shall not be refundable.
 - g) Assessments: The Board of Directors may establish and levy upon the membership such special assessments as circumstances may require, up to but not exceeding fifty (50%) percent of each members current dues, stating a reason for the same in a resolution adopted for that purpose.

Article XI: VACANCIES

All vacancies in the position of officers and Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term however created.

Any officer or member of the Board of Directors desiring to resign their office, shall do so in writing submitted to the president of this organization, and shall be effective upon receipt.

Any member of the Board of Directors or officer who shall be absent from three (3) consecutive scheduled meetings, without giving valid cause. shall be subject to removal from office upon majority vote of the Board.

Article XII: PROTOCOL

The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. burgee, as registered with the New York State Secretary of State and the current LCACBS Chapter Burgee as shown below shall be the only burgees used by this Chapter for identification purposes.



Article XIII: RECORDS

A written record of all the Board of Directors Meetings and the Annual Meeting shall be kept by the Secretary as a permanent record of this organization.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse organization monies by written checks and deposits, and shall record executive committee authorized debit card and committee chair transactions. The chairman of each committee shall be responsible for keeping written records of their committee's activities.

Article XIV: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended or changed by a resolution presented to any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board of Directors and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those directors present; provided that written notice of the proposed change and the date, time and place of the meeting shall have been sent to each member of the Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

Article XV: DISSOLUTION

In the event that this organization should ever be dissolved, all of its records, books, documents and property shall be delivered to and become the property of the Mariners Museum of Newport News, Virginia.