

# **By-Laws of the Great Texas Fleet**

## **Article I: Title and Purpose**

**Section 1. Name** – Great Texas Fleet

**Section 2. Purpose and objectives**

The purpose of the Great Texas fleet will be to organize and conduct catamaran races.

## **Article II: Membership**

**Section 1. Qualifications:** Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the sport of catamaran sailing.

**Section 2. Dues:** Annual membership dues for the fleet are outlined on the fleet's web site.

- a. Annual membership dues shall be the amount recommended by the Commodore and approved by the members of the fleet at the General Annual Meeting.
- b. The membership year shall be the calendar year.

**Section 3. Privileges of Membership**

- a. A member in good standing status is entitled to one vote within the general membership-voting format.
- b. Only members in good standing status are eligible to introduce motions, vote on motions, or be an officer of the fleet.

## **Article III: Officers**

**Section 1. Elected Officers:** The elected officers shall be comprised of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Immediate Past Commodore, Race Officer and Public Relations Officer.

**Section 2. Officer Eligibility:** Members having good standing status in the fleet are eligible to hold any of the elected positions.

**Section 3. Term of Office:** The term of each elected or appointed officer shall be approximately one year (between General Annual Meetings).

**Section 4. Elections of Officers**

The fleet officers will be elected annually by a majority vote of the members of the fleet in good standing at the General Annual Meeting of the fleet. If no one runs for an officer position other than Commodore, the position will remain open and may be filled by appointment by the Commodore.

**Section 5. Officer's duties**

**A. Commodore**

1. Will preside at all fleet meetings.
2. Responsible for appointing event chairs and scheduling events.

**B. Vice-Commodore**

1. Will be second in command and fill in for the Commodore in his/her absence.
2. Will be responsible for division properties.
3. Will serve as Principle Race Officer for fleet events, and in the event he/she is unable to serve, will appoint a Principle Race Officer in his/her place.

**C. Treasurer**

1. Collect all fees for the fleet.
2. Will keep an accounting of fleet income and expenditures and report the financial status of the fleet at the annual meeting.
3. Will sign all financial obligations and checks.

**D. Event Captain**

1. Will serve as Beach Captain for fleet events, and in the event he/she is unable to serve, will appoint a Beach Captain in his/her place.

**E. Public Relations Officer**

1. Responsible for sponsorship activities.
2. Responsible for marketing and promoting fleet events.
3. Responsible for fleet website.

**Article IV: Fleet Meetings****Section 1. Meetings**

- A. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the Commodore.
- B. Fleet members will be notified of a fleet meeting at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting must be announced on the fleet web site and via email.
- C. Members in good standing may enter motions. The motions pass if more than half the members at meeting approve the motion.

**Section 2. Emergency meetings**

Emergency meetings may be held if the need arises by notification by the officers within a reasonable period of time. A quorum of fleet members must be present for a vote to be taken.

**Section 3. General Annual Meeting**

The date for the General Annual Meeting of the fleet will be determined by the officers of the Fleet. The General Annual Meeting must be held within 15 months of the previous General Annual Meeting. If the meeting is not held within 15 months, any member of the fleet in good standing may request that the General Annual Meeting be held within a three week period after such request is made. This member is then responsible for organizing the General Annual Meeting and must notify the fleet as outlined in Section 1. Officer's elections, treasurer's report and membership fee adoption must be completed in the General Annual Meeting.

**Article V: By-Law Amendments****Section 1. Amendments**

No amendments can be made without prior published notification of such proposed amendment 30 days prior to the vote.

**Section 2. Two thirds rule**

Two thirds (2/3) of the members of the fleet in good standing must be in favor for an amendment to pass.