

# **CONSTITUTION**

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## Constitution

### **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

This organization shall be known as the ASSOCIATION OF SURF ANGLING CLUBS, INC. hereinafter called "Association".

### **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II**

#### **PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

The principle address of the office of the Association will be designated according to the by-laws.

### **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III**

#### **TRUSTEES**

There shall be three trustees of the Corporation and they shall be elected as set forth in the by-laws.

### **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV**

#### **AGENT**

The Registered Agent of the Corporation is Michael A. Fusco, II, of 644 West Avenue, P.O. Box 1066, Ocean City, New Jersey 08226.

**CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V**  
**PURPOSE AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are as follows:

Section 1. Advance the sport of surf angling and surf casting.

Section 2. Actively engage in a constant and concentrated campaign to secure, and aid in securing, the enactment and enforcement of more protective Federal and State laws for the betterment of salt-water fishes.

Section 3. Seek the enactment of Federal and State laws, which will prohibit the pollution of salt-water bodies and which, will provide for the strict enforcement of same.

Section 4. Form a central governing board to administer interclub affairs.

Section 5. Assist and advise at all times, those clubs included in its membership and bring them into more intimate association

Section 6. Formulate uniform casting and fishing tournament rules, so that all clubs shall contest under identical conditions; and see that all official records are made in strict accordance with the rules.

Section 7. Act as an arbiter to adjust any differences, which may arise between clubs.

Section 8. Sanction dates of tournaments for member clubs of this Association, so that no two clubs shall hold conflicting tournaments.

Section 9. To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in it's by-laws as same are applicable to the Association described therein and as the same may be amended from time to time as provided within the by-laws, said by-laws being incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

Section 10. To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, of all initiation fees, annual dues for members, and to pay all expenses in connection with the operation of the Association including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property or operation of the Association.

Section 11. To have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges, which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New Jersey by law, may now or hereafter have or exercise.

Section 12. The method of distribution of the assets of the corporation upon dissolution shall be set forth in the by-laws of the Corporation.

**CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in the Association of Surf Angling Clubs Inc. shall be open to any club, which includes surf angling and/or surfcasting in its recreations.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association in writing. It shall enclose an agreement to abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the Association and also a list of the officers. Initiation fee and annual dues shall accompany such application.

Section 3. After the club application has been favorably screened by the officers of the Association, the club shall be accepted as a provisional member—with all rights and privileges of regular member, until the next annual meeting of the Association at which time the club shall be presented to the delegates present and said club shall be eligible for regular membership and may be admitted upon a majority vote.

**CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII**  
**INITIATION FEE AND ANNUAL DUES**

Section 1. The initiation fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00)

Section 2. The annual dues shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) payable in advance, on or before the annual meeting(3/12).

Section 3. A provisional club, not being accepted at the annual meeting, will be entitled to the refund of prepaid dues and initiation fee.

## **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII**

### **DELINQUENTS**

Section 1. If the dues of any club are in arrears for sixty days after the annual meeting, the privileges of this Association may be revoked at the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Any clubs seeking reinstatement, who have voluntarily dropped from the Association through proper notification to the Secretary, will not be required to pay the initiation fee. All others will have to pay a new initiation fee.

## **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX**

### **OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be the President, Vice President, two Assistant Vice Presidents\*, Secretary\*\*, Treasurer and Trustees. \*(3/09), \*\*(3/12)

Section 2. In addition to the above officers, a Regional Director from each state represented in the Association shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3. The officers shall be members of clubs in good standing.

Section 4. The officers shall be elected from delegates, who represent clubs which have held membership in the Association for at least three (3) years next preceding their election. They shall serve for one (1) year from the date of the annual meeting, or until their successors are elected.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Assistant Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT:** It shall be duty of the President to preside at all meetings and perform such duties as are customary for said officer. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. Committees appointed by the President may be removed by him whenever they do not properly perform their duties. He will assume responsibility for yearly re-issuance of corporate papers by June first of each year. In the event they lapse, he will, as a corporate fine, assume the cost of the resistance papers.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act in the absence of the President. It shall also be his duty to act as coordinator of all appointed Regional Directors. He will assume directorship of the H. W. Shaner Tournament.

**ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (2):** It shall be the duty of the Assistant Vice-Presidents to learn the duties of the President and Vice-President in preparation for possible election to these offices. (3/09)

**SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive new applications for membership in the Association and to process same. He shall make a full report of the business transacted by his office at meetings of the delegates. He shall maintain a book in which all record casts, sent to him with proper credentials, are entered; keep a file in which records sent to him by the clubs of this Association and see that these records sent are properly attested and in the form required by this Association. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to mail the following to member clubs: copies of the Constitution and By-laws and all amendments thereto; a copy of all Association meeting minutes; a copy of the minutes from all Executive Board meeting during the past year; and all other information which may be requested during the year by other officers. He shall send out notices for dues and receive and turn all monies over to the Treasurer and keep a receipt for the same. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary (3/12) to take minutes at all meetings of the Association and its Executive Board and maintain a record of same. He shall assume control of the tournament schedule, provide proper forms to clubs managing tournaments, maintain records of tournament officials, clubs and winners, provide publicity for the tournaments, and file all results at the year's end. He shall verify liability payments with the Treasurer and assist with the website.

**TREASURER:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to handle all Association funds and maintain a complete record of same. He shall issue a receipt, on request, for any monies received by him. He shall, upon request of four (4) members of the Executive Board, turn over all funds and records to the President. He is entirely responsible for all monies belonging to the Association.

**TRUSTEES:** The Trustees shall oversee the normal business of the Association at least once each year. This is to include checking the finances. They shall review all complaints of improper conduct of the Association officers.

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS:** Each Regional Director shall be responsible for activities in this respective state which deal with conservation of natural resources as they may affect member clubs and legislation for the same. He shall be responsible to the Vice-President of the Association for the reporting of such activities as they occur. He shall also be empowered to appoint an Advisory Committee, consisting of members from member clubs of this Association, within his jurisdiction, to aid him in the exercise of his duties. He shall endeavor to enlist new clubs in to the Association in order to strengthen the Association's ability to operate within his jurisdiction.

## **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI**

### **DELEGATES**

Section 1. The delegates shall consist of three (3) members from each club. The senior delegates will cast the single vote for his club.

Section 2. The delegates shall be members of clubs in good standings.

## **CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part at any annual meeting of the delegates of the Association, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present – providing a quorum is present and provided notice in writing, setting forth the section or sections to be amended, is mailed to all member clubs at least 30 days prior to such meetings.

In an emergency, determined by a two-thirds majority of those delegates at any annual meeting, the 30-day notice section may be waived and an amendment may be made at the annual meeting.