

# **CENTRAL FLORIDA CRUISE CLUB, INC.**

## **CONSTITUTION**

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### **ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVE:**

Section I: The name of the Club shall be "Central Florida Cruise Club, Inc."

Section II: The objective of the Club is to serve the interests of boating and boat owners; to defend such owners against discriminatory legislation and burdensome taxation; to stimulate greater interest in boating among all citizens in the area served by the Club; to develop a fraternal spirit among local outdoor enthusiasts; to provide a medium for the exchange of boating information and to promote safe operation of boats.

### **ARTICLE II PENNANT**

Section I: The PENNANT of the Club shall be a white triangular flag, with the outline of a blue helm encircling the red monogram "CFC".

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS:**

Section I: The elective officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and Cruise Master.

### **ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:**

Section I: It shall be the duty of the COMMODORE to command the Club, and to preside at all meetings of the Club. He may call a special meeting of the Club at his pleasure, and shall do so at the written request of any three (3) members of the Club, or any two (2) members of a standing committee.

Section II: It shall be the duty of the VICE-COMMODORE to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties; and in the case of absence or vacancy in the office of Commodore, to act as Commodore.

Section III: It shall be the duty of the SECRETARY to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties, and in the case of absence or vacancies in the offices of Commodore and Vice-Commodore, to act as Commodore; to attend and record the minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club; and to conduct such correspondence of the Club as directed.

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Section IV: The TREASURER is to collect and receive all monies due the Club; to verify and pay all bills contracted by it; keep a correct account of same; make a report at all general meetings of receipts, disbursements and account balance; and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

The Treasurer's records shall be audited at the expiration of his term, or at least every two years, by a committee appointed by the Commodore.

Section V: The CRUISE MASTER shall be in charge of the scheduling of cruise dates, times and places, and assigning a Cruise Leader for each such scheduled cruise. The Board shall approve the initial cruise schedule. In the case of absence of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Secretary, the Cruise Master shall act as Commodore.

### **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Section I: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Cruise Master, the immediate Past Commodore, and four (4) directors elected by the membership of the Club. Should the immediate Past Commodore choose not to be a Board Member, a fifth Board Member shall be elected.

Section II: All elective members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one year, or until successors are duly elected and qualified. Six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section III: The Board of Directors may employ whatever personnel they deem necessary, and for which funds are available, to aid in the management of the Club.

Section IV: The Board of Directors shall meet once a month at a time and place designated by the Commodore.

Section V: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commodore who must give reasonable notice as to time and place to enable the members to be present.

Section VI: The Board of Directors shall administer the business of the Club.

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Section VII: Any elected Director missing two (2) successive board meetings, without just cause, may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP:

Section I: Initial application for membership in the Club will be open to all persons who are at least 18 years of age, of good standing in the community, and properly sponsored by an active member.

Section II: Application for membership in the Club shall be made after applicant has participated in one cruise and attended one meeting. A favorable vote by a majority of the board members present shall be required to elect applicant to membership. This having been done, applicant shall become a member upon payment of required dues.

A membership shall be defined as a family unit (i.e. couple, or individual) who are Club Members. Children of that family unit are “crew” and are not Club members, unless they met all of the qualifications of membership and are approved by the Board to be a Club member.

Section III: Membership in the Club may be terminated for non-payment of dues. A member dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues may, upon payment of current dues, be reinstated to full membership.

Section IV: Membership may also be terminated for any reason whatsoever if, by a three-quarter vote of all of the members of the Club present at any regular or special meeting, it is deemed necessary in the best interest of the Club.

Section V: Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office, or be entitled to vote.

Section VI: All Club members are encouraged to complete a boating safety course. In addition, all Club members are encouraged to maintain adequate liability insurance.

Section VII: Club dues shall be on the CFCC website.

Club dues may be changed by the Board. Any changes must be announced prior to the annual meeting.

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Club dues are paid by each family unit – not by each Club member. If a child of that family unit is approved by the Board to be a Club member, they do not pay additional dues.

Section VIII All aspects of membership in the Constitution and By-Laws pertain to Life Time Members, except that Life Time Members do not pay renewal dues.

The criteria set forth for Life Time Members will be determined by the Board.

### **ARTICLE VII VOTING AND QUORUM:**

Section I: Only the Captain and First Mate, who are Club Members, of a family unit are voting members and shall be entitled to one vote each.

Section II: For all matters requiring a vote by the members (for example, changes to the By-Laws or Constitution, annual election of officers and election to fill an open office during the year) details must be sent to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section III: A quorum shall consist of twenty (20) members in good standing that are either at the meeting or that have submitted an absentee ballot. However, if any matter requires a vote at a meeting and prior notification was not possible, then the quorum will only include those members at the meeting.

Section IV: In order for an absentee ballot to be counted in the vote at a meeting it must be received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.