

**BY LAWS
of the
INTERNATIONAL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. The name of this association shall be the "International Power Boat Association, Inc."

Section 2. The purpose of this association shall be to promote safe piloting of pleasure vessels and in the furtherance of that purpose to sponsor and sanction piloting contests of "Predicted Log Contests" to improve the piloting and seamanship abilities of the contestants.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section I. Membership in this association shall consist of the following classes:

- A. CLUB - Club members shall be:
 - 1. Organized yacht and boating clubs within the states of Alaska, Oregon and Washington that shall apply to, and be accepted by, the Board of Trustees, and
 - 2. The G of G Power Boat Navigators Association of B. C.

- B. ASSOCIATE - Associate members shall be:
 - 1. Individuals who are members of a club qualifying under "A-1" above,
 - 2. Organized yacht and boating clubs in Canada which are members of the G of G Power Boat Navigators Association of B.C., and
 - 3. Individuals who are Canadian residents and who are members of the G of G Power Boat Association of B. C.

- C. RECIPROCAL - Individuals who are members, or whose clubs are members, of a similar organization with similar objectives as the association, organized and existing outside of the states of Alaska, Oregon, Washington or the Province of British Columbia or individual members of a Honorary member, to be known as "Reciprocal" members.

- D. HONORARY - Individuals or organizations elected by the Board of Trustees, whose contribution to, or interest in the association is such that the association desires to recognize such contribution or interest, to be known as "Honorary" members, for such period of time as is determined by the Board of Trustees.

- E. FELLOW – Individuals elected by the Board Trustees that have a distinguished record of involvement in the IPBA. IPBA “Fellows” have full voting rights, in the IPBA regardless of Yacht Club membership.

Section 2. No individual shall have any proprietary interest in the assets of the association nor shall such individuals have any vote in the affairs of the association, these privileges being reserved to members qualifying under Section 1-A above.

Section 3. The annual dues for each class of membership shall be:

- A. For each CLUB member as identified by Section 1A1 – Per club annual dues will be set by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis.

Section 4. All dues, for all classes of membership, shall be payable as of January 1 of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by the following April 1. All dues and other charges shall be paid in United States funds or equivalent.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The government of the association shall be vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of three (3) officers and six (6) non-officer Trustees shall be elected each year for a term of one year.

Section 2. The three sections provided for in Section 1 above shall be the "Puget Sound South" section, the "Puget Sound North" section and the "Gulf of Georgia" section.

- A. The "Puget Sound South" and "Puget Sound North" sections shall consist of Club members located in the States of Washington and Oregon and such other boating organizations as the sections may recognize. The designation "South" and "North" shall correspond to Club members in each of two operating areas, South and North, for the purposes of management of contest operations.
- B. The "Puget Sound North" section shall consist of Club (Group) members and individual members of the G of G Power Boat Navigators Association of B. C. or other boating organizations as the sections may recognize.

Section 3. Each section shall handle the local affairs within their geographical areas. Some of the specific areas of local control are:

- Provide judging for local contests.
- Supervise scoring for any overall championship based on local contests (Crombie, Bryant and Armstrong trophies).

- Pick the section representatives for the Century 21, Barusch, North American Invitational and the Pacific Northwest Championship as well as any other future contests of a similar nature.

Section 4. If a trustee shall be unable to attend a regular or special meeting, a proxy shall be designated for that meeting. In the event any Trustee shall be absent without good and sufficient reason, of which the Board of Trustees shall be the sole judge, from two consecutive regular or special meetings the Board of Trustees shall declare the position vacant and shall fill the vacancy as provided for in Article IV, Section 4.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees may expel any member club whose dues are delinquent if, in their judgment, diligent effort has been made to collect the dues of the delinquent club.

Section 6. The Board of Trustees may expel any class of member, other than club, for actions detrimental to the association, of which the Trustees shall be the sole judge but only after a hearing, if a hearing is requested by the member subject to being expelled.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees shall have general supervision of all activities of this association and shall approve, or disapprove, all actions of individual officers, or committees, of the association.

ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS

Section 1.

- A. Commencing for the year 1999 and in each year thereafter:
 - a. At the annual meeting there shall be elected three (3) officers and six (6) Trustees.
- B. The Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of the immediate Past Commodore as the chair and two Past Commodores or other similarly qualified members.

Section 2. The Secretary shall list the nominations for officers and Trustees in the call for the annual meeting.

Section 3. All officers and Trustees so elected shall be installed at the annual meeting, and shall assume their duties when installed.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in any of the elected offices, the next lower officer shall be advanced to the vacant position and the Board of Trustees shall elect a new Rear Commodore to serve until the next annual election. Vacancy of a Board Position shall be elected by the Board of Trustees to serve until the next annual election.

**ARTICLE V
MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. The international affairs of the association shall be managed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of a Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore who shall be known as "Flag Officers".

Section 3. The Commodore shall be the executive officer of the association, the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees and shall appoint all committees and name the chairman, unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 4. The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the performance of the duties of the office and in case of the illness or absence of the Commodore, shall assume and perform duties of the Commodore. The Vice Commodore shall act as Parliamentarian and be chairman of the Rules Committee.

Section 5. The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore and shall fall in line after the Vice Commodore with similar powers. The Rear Commodore shall be chairman of the Trophy and Awards Committee and the Annual Banquet Committee.

Section 7. No "Flag Officer" shall be elected to the same office more than twice.

Section 8. The following standing committees may be appointed prior to the February meeting from the associate members of the association:

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| A. Trophies and Awards | E. Publicity |
| B. Observers | F. Auditing |
| C. Sanctions | G. Judging |
| D. Scoring | |

Section 9. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a secretary to perform, under the supervision of the Commodore, the clerical duties ordinarily performed by a secretary, including the keeping of the minutes and records of the Corporation. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all club, reciprocal and honorary classes of membership, shall be responsible for all printing, notices and property of the association held by that office, shall hold the position at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and shall turn over to the successor all records and property of the association. The Secretary shall have no vote in the affairs of the association by virtue of this office.

Section 10. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a treasurer to perform, under the supervision of the Commodore, the clerical duties of a Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the association and shall disburse them by checks signed by the Treasurer or one officer. The Treasurer shall keep records of receipts and disbursements and shall perform such other duties as shall be incidental to the

foregoing duties. The accounts of the association shall be reviewed annually by a committee, appointed for this purpose, which shall report to the Board of Trustees at the meeting next following the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall hold the position at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees, shall turn over to the successor all records and funds of the association and shall have no vote in the affairs of the association by virtue of this office.

ARTICLE VI RULES COMMITTEE

Section 1. During the February and May meeting, the Board of Trustees shall act as a Rules Committee.

Section 2. The Rules Committee shall:

- A. Prescribe the Standard Rules for Predicted Log Contests and have these rules printed for the guidance of contestants in sponsored contests.
- B. Prescribe or endorse the Special Rules for any sponsored contest. This obligation may be delegated to a "Contestmaster" or "Cruisemaster" for any contest of more than one hundred and fifty (150) miles in length.
- C. For any sponsored contest, determine the date of the start and finish, the site of the start and finish, the host clubs for the start and finish and establish the course of the contest, together with all control points and times of arrival at the finish point.
- D. Establish the amount of entry fee for participants in any sponsored contest.
- E. Prepare and have printed a "Standard Contest Log" for suggested use in sponsored contests.
- F. Prepare changes to the Standard Rules for Predicted Log Contests.

Section 3. The Vice Commodore may appoint a Technical Committee, or committees, to assist the Rules Committee in the performance of its obligations and duties.

ARTICLE VII TYPES OF CONTESTS, FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Sponsored contests:

- A. A "Sponsored Contest" is a piloting contest under the control of the association, its officers or committees, operated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the association, for trophies owned or controlled by, or furnished at the expense of, the association.
- B. The contests sponsored by the association shall be:

- (1) The International Cruiser Contest
- (2) The Capitol to Capitol, or Alaska, Contest
- (3) The Century 21 International Challenge Contest
- (4) The Pacific Northwest International Championship Contest
- (5) Such other contests as may from time to time, be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Fees: Each sponsored contest shall have an entry fee as determined by the Rules Committee of the association.

Section 3. Any association or reciprocal member shall be eligible to enter any sponsored contest upon payment of the entry fees required.

ARTICLE VIII TROPHIES

Section 1. No trophy shall be accepted by the association for any event unless the Deed of Gift shall place in the association absolute ownership and control of the trophy, subject to the stated purpose of the donor.

Section 2. All trophies owned and controlled by the association shall be awarded in accordance with the Deed of Gift and the rules of the association.

Section 3. All trophies shall be held by the club of the winning contestant. The club so holding a trophy shall be responsible for its safety and for its return to the association not later than October 1st of each year. Members of non IPBA clubs and boating organizations can compete for all race and annual/perpetual trophies. Such non IPBA clubs and organizations may win annual and perpetual trophies but such trophies will reside with the host (sponsoring) club. Annual IPBA trophies, if won by a non IPBA club and/or organization will return to the last IPBA member club that won the trophy.

Section 4. Pacific Northwest International Champion

- A. During the 1983 contest year and annually thereafter the five best skippers from each of the three operating areas shall be determined who shall then be eligible to compete for the title "Pacific Northwest Champion" during the International Cruiser Contest that year. Determination of eligible skippers shall be based on the preceding years performance. The list of eligible skippers shall be submitted to the Commodore prior to the close of registration for the International Cruiser Contest.
- B. The rules and conditions of this contest shall be as set out by the Rules Committee of the association.
- C. The Championship so determined shall be for the year in which the contest is held.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall hold a meeting on the first Saturday of February and a "May" meeting within ten (10) days of May 1st of each calendar year. The annual meeting shall be coordinated with the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the IPBA and shall be scheduled to fall between the second Saturday before Thanksgiving (in the United States) and the first Saturday in December as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Commodore, or upon request of any three (3) member clubs, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give fifteen (15) days notice of the time and place thereof.

Section 3. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for an association meeting. For the meetings specified by Article IX, Section 1, absent trustees shall be represented by proxies as provided in Article III, Section 4. In the event a trustee or designated proxy is not in attendance, the highest ranking flag officer in attendance shall designate a proxy for that meeting only, to provide a full Board for action on business coming before the meeting.

Section 4. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern meetings of the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws or the special rules of order of the association.

Section 5. Any member in attendance at a meeting may recommend action and/or move that a specific course of action be adopted. Only members of the Board of Trustees, as constituted for the meeting per Article IX Section 3, and two delegates from each member club shall have voting rights.

ARTICLE X GOVERNMENT OF THE SECTIONS

Section 1. Each section shall be governed by delegates from the clubs comprising the section.

- A. The Gulf of Georgia section shall have delegates from the clubs as determined by that section or as now provided by the G of G Power Boat Navigators Association of B. C.
- B. The Puget Sound sections shall have delegates from the clubs on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or major fraction thereof of annual dues paid to the association, but no club shall be entitled to more than two delegates.

ARTICLE XI Deleted

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The by-laws of the association may be amended at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, provided the proposed amendment or amendments have been communicated by mail to the Board of Trustees and the clubs not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.

Section 2. Amendments to the by-laws may be initiated by the Board of Trustees, by either section or by petition signed by two (2) or more member clubs. These by-laws shall be effective upon their adoption and at such time shall nullify all previous by-laws and amendments.

Section 3. The by-laws may only be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of those eligible to vote in accordance with ARTICLE IX, Section 5.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BY-LAWS

These by-laws shall be effective upon their adoption and at such time shall nullify all previous by-laws and amendments.