

**BYLAWS  
MANASQUAN FISHING CLUB, INC.  
OF MANASAQUAN, NEW JERSEY**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Manasquan Fishing Club, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECT**

The object of this club shall be to better the art of salt water fishing, promote and implement conservation and ecology practices, render a spirit of comradeship and friendliness among members and the fishing enthusiasts at all times.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1 - The membership of the club shall be unlimited.**
- Section 2 - Any adult, 18 years or older, shall be eligible for active membership upon submitting regular membership application form to include signed endorsement by two sponsoring members in good standing. A review of the candidate's application shall be made by the Membership Committee, whereupon a committee report shall be presented at a regularly scheduled meeting. Voting on a membership application shall take place. A two-thirds affirmative vote shall elect to membership. A person so elected shall be declared a member upon payment of the initiation fee and the annual dues for the current year.**
- Section 3 - The initiation fee shall be the sum determined by the membership. The annual dues shall be a sum determined by membership action and shall be payable by the first of each year. A 60-day grace period shall be allowed that will permit a member to defer payment until the regularly scheduled March meeting. Should a member's dues not be paid by or on this date, that member shall, subject to a Membership Committee review, be withdrawn from active membership.**
- Section 4 - Life membership may be conferred upon an active member meeting stated eligibility requirements upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and a three-fourths affirmative ballot vote by the active membership at a regularly scheduled meeting of the club.**

**Members eligible must meet the following criteria:**

- a. **Candidate must submit in writing to the Membership Committee a request for Life membership.**
- b. **Candidates must be at least 70 years of age and retired from full employment. Candidates must have an active membership a minimum of 20 years prior to making a request for Life Membership.**
- c. **A life member may choose to have none of the obligations of a active member in the club, but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership.**

**Section 5 - Junior Membership shall be open to any person between the ages of 12 to 18 years of age who is a relative of a member in good standing.**

- a. **No dues will be required as long as family member remains a member in good standing.**
- b. **Junior member may serve on a committee but may not chair a committee.**
- c. **A junior member may vote, however their vote will be counted as a present ( goes along with the majority), and cannot break a tie.**
- d. **When a junior members reaches the age of 18 he will after paying dues become a full member, An initiation fee will not be required.**

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

**Section 1 - The officers of the club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vic - President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant treasurer and Four Trustees.**

**The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the club; also, meet the obligations as set forth in the club papers of incorporation.**

**Section 2 - At the regular meeting held on the first Friday in September, a Nominating Committee of five members shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for all the offices to be filled by election at the annual meeting in December. The Nominating Committee shall report their selections to the membership at the November meeting. Before balloting, however, additional nominations for all offices from the floor shall be declared in order.**

**Section 3 - All officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the December meeting at which they were elected.**

**Section 4 - No member shall hold more than one office at any time. No member, with the exception of the, Treasurer, Assistant treasurer Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive term in the same office.**

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

- Section 1 -** The regular membership meetings of the club shall be held on the first Friday of each month from January to December, inclusive, unless otherwise determined by the club membership or by proper action of the Executive Board.
- Section 2 -** The regular meeting on the first Friday in December will be designated the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers. All other matters pertinent to the business of the club will be considered at this meeting.
- Section 3 -** The President may call Special membership meetings by proper action of the Executive Board, or upon the written request of any ten members in good standing. The specific purpose of the meeting shall be stated. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days advance notice shall be given.
- Section 4 -** Three officers and one-fourth of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1 -** The officers of the club and Committee Chairman shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 2 -** The Executive Board shall have general administration of the affairs of the club between It's business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the club, and shall perform such other duties are specified in these By-Laws. Executive Board actions are generally subject to the general membership approval.
- Section 3 -** Unless otherwise designated by the Board, regular meetings of the Board shall be held each month from January to December, inclusive. Special meetings of the Board can be called by the President and shall be called upon the written reuest from three members of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

- Section 1 -** A Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and two members shall be appointed by the President promptly after the Annual Meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the calendar year beginning the first day of January and submit it to the club at its regular January meeting. The Finance Committee can, from time to time, submit supplements to the budget for the current calendar year.

- Section 2 - An Auditing Committee if at least three Trustees shall be activated by the President at the November meeting whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasure's accounts at the close of the calendar year to the report its findings at the January meeting.**
- Section 3 - A program Committee shall be appointed by the President promptly after the Annual meeting whose duty it shall be to plan a balanced program activity covering the forthcoming calendar year.**
- Section 4- Such other Committees as are deemed necessary, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as directed by the Executive Board or the membership. The President shall be exofficio member of all Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.**

## **ARTICLE VIII PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**The Rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the club proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and any special rules of order the club may adopt.**

**The President, at his discretion, may appoint a member to serve as Parliamentarian for the guidance during meeting proceedings.**

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

**These By-Laws may be amended at any regular membership meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the membership present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and read at the previous membership meeting.**

## **ARTICLE X INTRA-CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

- Section 1 - There will be no limit to the number of people per team.**
- Section 2 - A team or an individual may fish from a boat or from the surf and either ocean or river.**
- Section 3 - An entrance fee payable in advance shall be charged by the number of rods used per member (i.e., dead stick plus one rod equals twice the fee.)**

- Section 4 - A guest shall be defined as any person over 18, even if that person is a family member.**
- a. One guest is permitted to participate per member per tournament.**
  - b. The same guest must join the club if that guest participates in a tournament more than once a year.**
- Section 5 - Family members will be defined as spouse and children under 18 years of age.**
- Section 6 - Awards will be based upon the size of a fish by weight or in the case of a tie, by length. Prize money will be awarded by percentage of total money from entrance fees. First Prize 50%, Second prize 30%, Third Prize 20%. One prize permitted per entrance fee paid. We will be on the honor system.**

## **ARTICLE XI GAMES OF CHANCE**

- Section 1 - The club may conduct games at its regular business meetings or at such other times and such other places as shall be determined by the Executive Board.**
- Section 2 - All games of chance shall be conducted in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.**
- Section 3 - The entire net proceeds of all games of chance conducted by the club must be devoted to bettering the art of salt water fishing and/or to promoting conservation and ecology practices.**

## **ARTICLE X DISTRIBUTION OF ORGANIZATION'S ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

- Section 1 - In the event the club shall dissolve, the remaining assets at the time of dissolution shall be distributed as follows:**
- a. All outstanding liabilities of the club shall be paid in full.**
  - b. The members of the club shall vote to distribute any remaining assets of the club to a non-profit organization that promotes fishing, conservation and ecology practices.**

**(Inclusive of all amendments through September 1, 2015)**