

**BY-LAWS  
of the  
EASTERN SHORE SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**Amended February 22, 2014**

**ARTICLE I: NAME - BURGEE - SEAL**

Section 1. This organization's name shall be Eastern Shore Sailing Association, abbreviated E.S.S.A.

Section 2. The Burgee, official symbol of the Eastern Shore Sailing Association, shall be a standard proportioned triangular pennant with the dimensions of the fly one and one-half times the hoist and featuring the profile of a skipjack under sail by pattern in red on a triangular white field with a blue border. It is authorized to be displayed, with dignity, on a vessel under the command of a member in good standing of the Association.

Section 3. The Seal of the Eastern Shore Sailing Association shall be a circle defined by a red edge, having an inner circle scribed in blue, two-thirds radius distance from the center within which the burgee is framed, and having in the border in red at the top, the abbreviation E.S.S.A., at the bottom the founding year, 1974, and in blue to the left TANGIER and to the right CHOPTANK signifying the original fleets of the Association.

**ARTICLE II: OBJECT**

Section 1. E.S.S.A.'s object is to promote racing and cruising events and to encourage sail activities throughout the year.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Any person eighteen (18) or older interested in sail is eligible for membership. Sponsorship by a member and Executive Committee approval is necessary.

Section 2. Any person under age eighteen (18) interested in sailing is eligible for junior membership. Sponsorship by a member and approval by the Executive Committee is required. Junior members shall not vote or hold office.

**ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Section 1. E.S.S.A.'s elected officers shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fleet Captains.

Section 2. The Executive Committee (Bridge) shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past Commodore, and the following four ex-officio members: The Cruise Chairman, the Race Chairman, Newsletter Editor, and Yearbook Chairman. Ex-officio members have no vote.

Section 3. A nominating committee of five (5) members, three from the general membership and two from the Bridge, shall be nominated and elected at the November General Meeting. It shall be their duty to nominate one candidate for office of Commodore and at least one for all other offices. Nominations can be made by members prior to or at the General Meeting up to the time of election. The nominee's consent is required for all nominations.

Section 4. An Auditing Committee of two members shall be nominated and elected at the November General Meeting. They shall file their report with the Executive Committee within sixty (60) days of their election.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may form other committees as necessary.

## **ARTICLE V: DUTIES AND POWERS**

Section 1. The Commodore shall preside at General and Executive Committee meetings and, with the Executive Committee approval, appoint all committee chairmen. He is an ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating and Auditing.

Section 2. The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore and assume the Commodore's duties in his absence or inability to perform.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of general and Executive Meetings and answer correspondence under the Commodore's direction. The Secretary shall obtain a membership list from the Treasurer and distribute notices of General and Special Meetings to all members.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees for deposit in E.S.S.A.'s account in a bank designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer is to pay all E.S.S.A.'s bills which have prior approval of the Executive Committee or any committee chairman and expenditures made by virtue of Executive Committee appropriations. The Treasurer shall keep a true and complete record of all receipts and disbursements of E.S.S.A. and submit a report of these and the amount in their possession at that time at each Executive Committee meeting and at the Annual Meeting. . Each January, the Treasurer shall send every member a dues statement for the following year and submit a list of delinquent members to the Executive Committee by the February General Meeting.

Section 5. The Fleet Captains shall recommend, implement, and supervise all fleet cruising, social, and racing activities as well as submit a tentative calendar for the upcoming year at the February Bridge Meeting. They shall annually review and revise Notices of Races and Sailing Instructions and submit these to the Race Chairman and Bridge for approval prior to publication. They also advise the Bridge at its monthly meetings of activity results and schedule variations.

## **ARTICLE VI: DUES**

Section 1. There shall be annual dues subject to annual review by the Executive Committee. A change in dues can be recommended by the Executive Committee and adopted by a majority vote of members present at a General Meeting or Special Meeting provided proposed changes have been stated in full in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Upon acceptance, each new member shall remit dues to the Treasurer.

Section 3. Continuing members in arrears after the February General Meeting shall be subject to a \$10.00 late payment fee in addition to the dues.

## **ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS - NOTICES - QUORUM**

Section 1. E.S.S.A. shall hold General Meetings in each of the months of November, January, February and March. Nominations of officers will be presented to the Executive Committee at their September meeting. Elections will be held at the November General Meeting. The January General Meeting shall be considered the Annual Meeting with reports of officers and committees submitted in addition to the installation of new officers.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Commodore, the Executive Committee, or through petition of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing.

Section 3. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall determine.

Section 4. Written notice shall be sent to all members prior to General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 5. Ten percent (10%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at General or Special Meetings. Four members shall constitute a quorum at Executive Meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended or new By-Laws adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present at a General or Special Meeting provided proposed changes have been stated in full in the notice of the meeting.