

By-Laws of the Sewell Mountain Sailing Association of West Virginia

ARTICLE 1 Name and Location

This organization shall be known as Sewell Mountain Sailing Association of West Virginia, Inc. Its location shall be Summersville Lake, Mt. Nebo, West Virginia

ARTICLE 2 Purposes

Purposes for which this Organization is founded are: to obtain, develop and maintain adequate sailing facilities and/or accommodations at and upon Summersville Lake; to cooperate and counsel with duly constituted authorities concerning the furtherance of the objective and interest of the Organization and the betterment of Summersville Lake and its environs; to promote the sport of sailing and foster and emphasize a spirit of mutual helpfulness and courteous consideration among the members of the Organization, to support local charities as determined by the executive committee and to promote safe and courteous boating of all types.

ARTICLE 3 Membership

1. All persons desiring to further the purposes of the Organization shall be eligible for membership.
2. There shall be four classes of membership:

Premier: This membership will offer special access to association boats and other benefits, including, but not limited to an immediate family membership of up to five members. The immediate family members over the age of 18 and living at home or attending college will have a vote, allowing no more than five total votes. All members of that group, shall be entitled to hold office

Regular: Any person desiring membership, upon making an application and paying the annual dues shall become a regular member. Regular members are entitled to vote and hold office.

Student: Elementary, secondary and full- time college students, ages 7-24 who are not included in a regular family membership. Student members are entitled to participate in educational and club racing activities. Parental or Legal guardian permission will be required for those under 18. Student members do not have voting or office holding privileges.

Honorary: Honorary membership may be bestowed upon any person so elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. No dues shall be assessed to honorary members and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of a regular member except the privilege of voting or holding office.

ARTICLE 4 Dues and racing fees

Dues and/or racing fees may be set by the membership at the annual meeting and or by the Executive Committee, by majority vote. Annual dues shall be assessed January 1. Any member that fails to pay the annual dues by April 1 shall be dropped from membership. Members failing to pay racing fees prior to participation in the race or race series shall not be eligible for a trophy or year- end race award points.

ARTICLE 5 Meetings

1. The annual meeting shall be held in October at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee.

2. Executive Committee meetings shall be called by the Commodore or by two other members of the Executive Committee, as needed to conduct the affairs of the Organization between regular meetings of the membership.
3. Regular meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Committee.
4. Regular meetings may be called by the Commodore or upon a request by twenty five percent of the Executive Committee.
5. **Quorum:** The number of members of the Executive Committee and/or regular members at any members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.
6. Ten days' notice shall be given to all regular members of any meeting of the membership and a like notice shall be given to members of the Executive Committee of any meeting of that body. That notice shall be made via phone, letter or electronic mail (e-mail)

Article 6 Officers duties and Election

1. **Commodore:** The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. The Commodore may appoint standing or temporary committees as may be desired, with the exception of the Race Committee. In addition, the Commodore may determine and/or alter the duties of the officers provided the same is approved by the Executive Committee.
2. **Vice Commodore:** The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore in all his or her duties and shall in the absence of the Commodore assume his or her duties.
3. **Rear Commodore:** The Rear Commodore shall direct the Racing Program and shall serve as Chairman of the racing Committee.
4. **Treasure:** The Treasure shall have charge of all money belonging to the Organization and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended and of paid-up status of the membership.
5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and of the business transacted, and handle all correspondence delegated by the Commodore.
6. **Harbor Master:** The Harbor Master shall be responsible for the duties assigned to him by the Commodore and shall supervise and maintain boats and other equipment belonging to the Organization.
7. **Social Chairman:** The Social Chairman shall be responsible for the development and implementation of the Organization's social activities.
8. **Membership Chairman:** The membership Chairman shall maintain accurate membership records and in conjunction with the Treasure determine and record the paid up status of the membership. In addition the Membership Chairman shall be responsible for the development of membership and shall promote general public awareness of the Organization.
9. **Webmaster:** The Webmaster shall maintain the SMSA of WV. Website.
10. **Youth Sailing Director:** Shall lead the Association's efforts to train member's children and others as time permits the sailing basics. (Learn to sail) This includes publicity, the program of instruction, logistics of getting the boats out of storage and ready for the season, logistics of each session, recruitment of volunteers to help, community relations, safety, and the storage of the boats.

ARTICLE 7 Elections

Elections: All officers of the Organization shall be elected for a term of one year beginning at the annual meeting in October. The Nomination Committee shall present a slate of officers at the annual meeting at which time nominations from the floor shall be in order.

ARTICLE 8 Committee's and Their Duties

Executive Committee

- (a) The executive power and general management of the Association Organization shall be invested in the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of nine members: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasure, Secretary, Harbor Master, Social Chairman, Web Master and the immediate past Commodore.

Race Committee:

- (a) The Race Committee shall make all arrangements for all races made by the organization, determine the rules thereof make any and all decisions related thereto and be in general charge of the conduct of all races sponsored by the Organization.
- (b) The Race Committee shall consist of a Chairman and other members as may be required. Committee members shall be appointed by the Rear Commodore with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (c) All questions that may arise concerning any race conducted by the Organization shall be decided by the Race Committee in conformity with the racing rules applicable thereto.
- (d) The Race Committee shall keep any and all race records deemed appropriate.

Nominating Committee:

- (a) A Nominating Committee of at least three regular members, Excluding current Organization officers, shall be appointed by the Commodore at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The Commodore shall select and present a single slate of officers at the annual membership meeting.