

BY-LAWS
FOR
THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY FOLKBOAT ASSOCIATION
(As amended and approved at the Association's March 8, 2006 Meeting)

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of the Association shall be The San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association.
(SFBFA)

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE

The purposes of the Association are (1) to further the interest in Folkboats in the Bay Area and to promote and govern the racing of the one design Folkboat class; and (2) to act as a National Nordic Folkboat Class Association pending ratification by the Nordic Folkboat International Association (NFIA) .

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall consist of individuals interested in the objectives and purposes of this Association. Membership shall be by invitation and applications must be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. There shall be two classes of Membership: Regular members and Associate members. A boat owner or charterer is eligible for Regular membership; all others are eligible for Associate membership. Each member shall be entitled to one vote except as hereinunder provided.

Section 3. Only Regular members may vote on the Special Requirements of the San Francisco Bay Folkboat Association, the season schedule, racing matters, and controversies involving rules and measurement. Only one vote for each boat shall be allowed.

Section 4. Annual dues shall be as recommended by the Executive Committee and be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Members sixty days delinquent in payment of their dues shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Measurer, Race Chairman, and Website Editor. All officers elected shall have

been a Regular member of the Association for a minimum of two years.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Executive Committee and be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President in his duties and assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence. He shall also schedule and make arrangements for the Annual Awards Banquet and, within the budget established by the Executive Committee, acquire and distribute all trophies for which the Association is responsible.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the membership, compile and be responsible for the perpetuation of the records of the Association, maintain a current roster of members and their addresses, send out notices to the membership as directed by the President or his representative, and perform the duties generally assumed by a like officer in a similar association.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies, maintain accurate books and records thereof, and deposit all revenue in the name of the Association in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. At the Fall and Spring Meetings, the Treasurer shall submit a written report, which report shall include the following:

- (a) A Balance Sheet, showing the assets and liabilities of the Association as of the end of the fiscal year. Such report should include the location of all assets.
- (b) A Member Dues Report detailing which members have paid their annual dues, with comparison to prior periods.
- (c) A profit and loss statement for the period from January 1 to a date close to the Fall meeting and for the prior calendar year at the Spring meeting.
- (d) At the spring meeting, a proposed budget to be adopted for the calendar year and a report describing the budget to actual for the prior calendar year.
- (e) At the Fall meeting, an update of the budget to actual for the current calendar year.

Section 6. The Chief Measurer, who shall be approved by the NFIA, shall be the Chairman of the Rules and Measurement Committee and shall be responsible for the measuring and certification of Folkboats as specified in the International Class Rules of the NFIA and the Special requirements of this Association.

Section 7. The Race Chairman shall oversee the scheduling of all races that determine the Season Championship and the Wednesday Night Championship, and any other races involving the members of the Association.

Section 8. The Website Editor shall maintain the Association's website, including renewal of, and payment for, the Association's domain name. The Website Editor shall be responsible for posting articles and photographs on the website of interest to the members of the Association and members of NFIA, including articles, race schedules, and announcements of upcoming Folkboat events.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held in October or November at a time and place selected by the Executive Committee (Fall meeting). There shall also be a membership meeting in February or March to plan and coordinate the upcoming season's activities (Spring meeting).

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, Executive Committee, or at the written request of any ten members.

Section 3. A written notice of all general membership meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to each member not less than fourteen days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 4. A quorum shall be ten percent of the Regular membership.

ARTICLE VI.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Officers of this Association and the past president of the SFBFA shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association and shall perform such duties as are herein specified. None of its acts shall conflict with action taken or direction given by the duly assembled general membership.

ARTICLE VII.
COMMITTEES

Section 1. In addition to the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee shall be a standing committee of this Association

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to create Committees which the Executive Committee deems necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes of the Association, and to appoint members to serve thereon. Membership on any committee shall be voluntary and may be terminated at the member's request.

Section 3. Committees shall incur no expenses without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three most recent past presidents of the Association and shall present to the Executive Committee a slate of officers whom they feel would best serve the Association in the upcoming year. This slate shall be presented at least three weeks before the Annual Meeting so that it may be included in the announcement of said meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.
ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of one year, or until their successors take office.

Section 2. Officers shall be installed at the Annual Awards Banquet, and they shall assume their duties immediately thereafter.

Section 3. Election shall be by ballot, except when there is only one nominee, in which case the vote may be a voice vote.

Section 4. A majority vote shall elect.

Section 5. The slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be sent to the membership with the notice of the Annual Meeting. After the Nominating Committee has presented its slate at the Annual Meeting, further nominations may be made from the floor, but no nominations may be made without the consent of the nominee, who if absent, must confirm his consent to run in writing.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Fourteen days' written notice outlining the intent or subject of the proposed amendment or amendments to the By-Laws shall be given to the membership. The specific language of the proposed amendment(s) shall then be determined by a majority of the members present at a general or special meeting. The final version of the proposed amendment(s) shall then be mailed to the membership who shall vote by mail. The By-Laws shall then be amended or not amended in accordance with two thirds of the votes received by the Secretary within three weeks of the proposed amendment's mailing. Non-responding members shall be deemed as having voted in favor of the proposed amendment(s).

Section 2. The Special Requirements of the SFBFA, appended below, may be amended in the same manner as outlined in Section 1 of this Article, except that only Regular members may vote, with each boat being allowed one vote.

ARTICLE X.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The current edition of THE NORDIC FOLKBOAT INTERNATIONAL CLASS RULES of the NFIA shall be the final authority on all matters pertaining to the Folkboats of the Association. Each boat shall in all respects agree with these specifications, unless modified by the SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS appended to and part of these By-laws.

ARTICLE XI.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In all questions of parliamentary practice not covered by these By-laws, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY FOLKBOAT ASSOCIATION

Certificate

Any boat seeking admittance to the SFBFA must be able to produce a certificate of measurement recognized by the NFIA.

A boat manufactured locally before Jan. 1, 2005, may be issued a certificate of measurement, but the weight of the boat shall conform to the minimum as specified in NFIA Class Rules. Re-weighing may be carried out on the instructions of the Executive Committee or by majority vote of boat owners present at a Fall, Spring, or Special meeting (one vote per boat).

Fees

No fees are required by members of the Association for normal certification of a Folkboat and/or for required measuring. The fee for non-members and for those members who have failed to follow the Measurement Committee's instructions shall be \$50.00.

Equipment

Equipment manufactured before March 2005, in conformance with a prior "Regulations for the Nordic Folkboat", but not with the current "Nordic Folkboat International Class Rules", is acceptable until replaced.

Skipper

In season championship series races or races sponsored by the SFBFA, the owner may be replaced by another family member, or any other member.

Crew

In all races, the total crew, including the skipper, shall consist of not less than 2 and not more than 4 persons, children under 12 excepted. Only the skipper and 2 crew members may be outside the cockpit or cabin at any time while racing.

Bottom Paint Any type of antifouling bottom paint may be used.