

North Fork Anglers Fishing Club By-Laws 2023

Following are the by-laws of the North Fork Anglers Fishing Club (Club):

Article 1. Membership

Section I A. A continuing member in good standing is:

- 1) A member who has paid all required dues on an annual basis by the April Club meeting.
- 2) A member who has attended a minimum of six (6) meetings and/or events the previous year.

B. A new member in good standing is:

- 1) A new member will be considered a member in good standing upon payment of annual dues, attendance at three (3) meetings and/or events and successfully completing the probationary period of three (3) months.

Section II Dues Payment Requirement, Penalties and Consequences:

- 1) Club dues will become due on January 1st each year.
- 2) A continuing member who has failed to pay their dues by the April meeting (in arrears for four (4) months) shall be considered not in good standing at which time the treasurer shall impose a \$5.00 monthly penalty beginning with the April meeting and notify the member of their non-payment status. Failure to pay dues by the May meeting will result in the member not being eligible for any prize at the Spring Club Contest.
- 3) With a member's failure to pay their dues and any penalty by the July meeting the member may be dropped from club membership. Exception to being dropped from membership will be considered by the Board due to mitigating circumstances. Payment by or at the July meeting will restore the member to good standing.
- 4) Voluntary withdrawal from Club membership shall not prevent a member from requesting to re-join the Club in the future provided the maximum number of Club Members as stated in the Club Constitution has not been reached.
- 5) This Section does not apply to new members as payment of dues is required for the acceptance of said sponsored new member.

Section III Meeting and Event Attendance Sign-In

All members shall sign the attendance sheet at all meetings and or events.

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Article 2. Board of Directors

Section I Offices

The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional Board offices may be created as deemed necessary by the Board.

Section II Duties

- A. President-The President shall chair the Board of Directors and preside at all Board and Club meetings. He may propose committees that will consist of members in good standing.
- B. Vice President-The Vice President shall assist the President and preside at Board and Club meetings in the absence of the President.
- C. Secretary-The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of all Board and Club meetings, prepare Club membership correspondence, maintain Club meeting and event attendance and may fill other duties as deemed necessary by the Board.
- D. Treasurer-The Treasurer shall receive all funds, general and otherwise and be responsible for depositing same. He shall be responsible for financial reports as well as collecting dues, penalties and assessments. He may pay all expenses by check or petit cash as the Board deems appropriate. All checks shall be signed by the President and the Treasurer. He shall be responsible for any and all issues related to the finances of the Club.
- E. All Board members are expected to attend all Board and Club meetings but are required to attend at least six (6) Board and six (6) Club meetings/events per year. Failure to meet this requirement may be grounds for dismissal and re-election for that office as determined by a majority of the Board.
- F. As applies to this Section of Club By-Laws “He/His shall mean male or female.

Article 3. Funds

Section I Funds received by the Club are for the legitimate expenses required to conduct the affairs, meetings and functions of the Club. Funds may be used to support (upon approval of the members) Club sponsored events and Club needs as well as other expenses determined necessary by the Board and approved by the membership.

Article 4. Nominations and Elections

Section I In accordance with Article 6. Sections III and IV of the Club Constitutions, nominations for Board offices shall be entertained at the October Club meeting each year.

Section II In accordance with Article 6. Section II of the Club Constitution, election for Board offices, by voice vote or secret ballot based upon a membership majority vote if a

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majority of members in good standing are present, shall take place at the November meeting or by email.

Article 5. Adoption, Amendment and Repeal of By-Laws

Section I Adoption of these By-Laws as proposed by the Board shall become effective only upon written/email submission by the Board to all members in good standing and read at two (2) consecutive meetings. Said proposed By-laws for adoption will be emailed to all members in good standing a minimum one (1) week prior to the first reading of said proposed By-laws. Reading of the By-laws may be waived upon a motion and seconding by a member in good standing based upon all members present having read the proposed By-laws. However, if a majority of Club members in good standing is not present at the second meeting the vote will take place by email. Members in good standing will be notified of such email voting and return email votes must be submitted to the Club secretary within 14 days of the of the second meeting date. Upon tabulation of email votes with majority approval the adoption of said By-laws shall be accepted and remain in force until amended in accordance with Section II following.

Section II Articles 1 through 6 or any part thereof of these By-laws may be amended or repealed by a written petition or email being submitted by the Board to the membership or to the Board by a member in good standing and read at two (2) consecutive Club meetings. Said proposed amendment/s and/or repeal will be emailed to all members in good standing a minimum one (1) week prior to the first reading of said petition/s. The reading of the proposed amendment/s or repeal items to the By-laws may be waived upon a motion and seconding by a member in good standing based upon all members in good standing present having read the proposed changes to the By-laws). However, if a majority of the Club members in good standing is not present at the second meeting the vote will take place by email. Members in good standing will be notified of such email voting and return email votes must be submitted to the Club secretary within 14 days of the of the second meeting date. Upon tabulation of email votes with majority approval the adoption of said By-laws amendments or repeals shall be accepted and remain in force. The amended By-laws will be emailed to members in good standing within 14 days of the email vote submittal date.

Section III The adoptions of the by-Laws Articles 1 through 7 herein shall become effective upon the majority vote of members in good standing. The repeal or amendment of any contents of Article 1 through Article 6 herein shall also become effective upon the majority vote of members in good standing.

Article 6. Dues

Section I

- 1) Individual membership dues shall be in the amount of \$50 per year due January 1st of each year.

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- 2) Junior Individual membership dues shall be \$30 per year due January 1st of each year.
- 3) Family membership dues shall be \$60 per year due January 1st of each year.

Section II The dues schedule in Section I of this article may change by a majority vote of the members in good standing. A motion to amend the dues schedule shall be submitted in writing or by email by any member in good standing to the Board or proposed by the Board in writing and read at two (2) consecutive Club meetings and emailed to members in good standing subsequent to the first reading of said motion. After the second reading, the procedure outlined in Article 5 Section II of these By-laws shall be followed.

Article 7. Club Contests and Miscellaneous Events Rules and Guidelines

Section I

New and/or amended Club contest rules and miscellaneous events guidelines may be presented by the Board or proposed by any member in good standing and discussed at a regular or special Club meeting or may be submitted by a member in good standing by email to the Board for consideration at the next scheduled regular or Club meeting.

Section II

Email notice specifying proposed new or amended Club contest rules and/or miscellaneous events guidelines shall be provided in advance of a regular or special meeting if possible. Adoption of new or amended rules or guidelines shall be by vote of a majority of members in good standing present at the next meeting after such new contest rules or event guidelines and/or amendments were presented and discussed. If advance email notice has been provided to members in good standing they may email their vote to the Secretary prior to the meeting scheduled to have that vote if they will not be present at said meeting.

These contest or event rules and guidelines contained in Section III following are in addition to Articles 1 to 6 and therefore, shall not be subject to Article 5 of these By-Laws.

Section III – General Contest and Event Rules and Miscellaneous Guidelines

- 1) All Club fishing contests shall be for fish caught in any waters of Suffolk County, unless otherwise specified by the Board.
- 2) All specific rules for any contest will be sent by email a minimum of one (1) week prior to said contest.
- 3) There will be an annual Club contest with a certificate of recognition for the following categories: a) Surf – Heaviest Striped Bass b) Surf - Heaviest Bluefish c) Surf or Boat/Kayak– Heaviest Fluke d) Surf – Heaviest Weakfish. Fish to be entered should be submitted on a Club Contest Slip and should be submitted to the Secretary by the next Club meeting subsequent to the date the fish was caught. Text or Email to the

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Club Secretary prior to the next meeting subsequent to the date the fish was caught will also be acceptable if member is unable to attend the next Club meeting subsequent to the date the fish was caught. In such case the Club Secretary will complete a Club Contest Slip to document the text or email. The monthly period shall be considered club meeting to club meeting. Club Contest Slip, Text or Email not submitted in a timely manner will not be accepted. Witness by a club member to a fish caught is not required.

4) There will be an annual attendance drawing or drawings as determined by the Board to be held at the Annual Club Awards Dinner for a cash award/s to be determined annually. Each member in good standing will receive one ticket for each attendance at meetings, special events and contests, and any special effort toward club functions such as getting a guest speaker, doing a presentation, overseeing the Van Stall Raffle, providing special reports, arranging food for club BBQ's or trips, etc. Board members shall not get a ticket for their service as Board members.

5) If a heaviest fish pool is part of any Club contest - pool money must be collected and recorded one week prior to the start of the contest.

6) If there is a tie of weight in the Annual Club Contest, each member will receive a certificate of recognition. If there is a tie of weight in the Spring or Fall Club Contests the earlier reported catch will receive the winning prize. Text message or voice mail to the Club Secretary by noon of the final contest day is required.

7) Minimum sizes for club contests shall be: Striped Bass – minimum NY State keeper size as determined on an annual basis, Bluefish - no minimum size, Fluke - Minimum NY State keeper size as determined on an annual basis and Weakfish - minimum NY State keeper size as determined on an annual basis.

8) Slips for the New York Surf Fishing Contest must be delivered to the Club Secretary by the 5th day of the following month. Delivery of the slips can be hard copy hand delivered, hard copy mailed, email of scanned or photographed slips or an email with all required information (date, species, length, weight, general location caught – North Fork is adequate). If email information is sent, completed slips must be brought to the next club meeting. Slips or email not received by the required date will not be accepted.

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