

Notice of Special Resolution

Where as: Boating BC has evolved from a Marine Trades Association to become Boating BC

And Where as: Boating BC now provides the boating public with, but not limited to, educational programs, grants, scholarships and public safety campaigns

And Where As: Boating BC has become the voice for Recreational Boating in the Province of BC

Therefore be it resolved that: the following amendments be made to the Association's Constitution & Bylaws as unanimously supported by the Board of Directors at a Board meeting held on March 31, 2021.

Article 2 of the Constitution

ARTICLE II

The objects of this Association shall be:

- (a) To establish, promote and maintain a high standard of ethics, business and technical practices, among businesses and individuals engaged in the retailing, distribution or manufacturing of products and/or services related to the marine trades industry.
- (b) To improve, promote and protect the interests of the marine trades industry in every way consistent with the principle that the interests *(well-being and safety)* of the public shall be best served.
- (c) To represent the Association, its members and the industry at all levels of Government, in all matters pertaining to, or affecting the marine trades industry *and the boating community at large.*
- (d) To collect and publish technical, business and other information of benefit or of interest to its members ~~to promote and/or sponsor trade shows, workshops, seminars and educational projects and programs.~~ *and the boating public to include, but not limited to provide seminars, trade shows, workshops and educational programs for the safe enjoyment of BC waterways.*
- (e) To create, foster, promote and maintain harmonious relations, co-operation, and interchange of thought and opinion freely among its members.
- (f) To identify and co-operate with other organizations in the field of common endeavor within the framework of these objects.
- (g) To promote cordial public relations.
- (h) And, generally; all such other lawful and related objects as may from time to time be determined.

- (i) *To promote safe enjoyment and environmentally sustainable boating through such programs as, but not limited to: grants and sponsorships to Not For Profit Organizations and public awareness campaigns through all media channels and to provide such programs as ongoing scholarships to apprentices in the marine sector to encourage and foster training in the field.*

ARTICLE III

This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members. *The Society is a member-based organization, funded through revenues from the Vancouver International Boat Show, Membership dues and partnerships with senior levels of government to carry out activities which promote safe and environmentally sustainable enjoyment of BC waterways to the public and support its members in growing and sustaining recreational boating in the province of British Columbia. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to a Not for Profit association with similar interests to that of Boating BC Association through a vote of the Board of Directors.*

Article 2 of the Bylaws

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for membership in the Association shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, made in writing (including by email), and accompanied by the appropriate membership fees. Admission to membership will be determined by a simple majority of the Board of Directors and is conditional upon the Board of Directors' classification of the applicant into any one of the following categories:
 - (a) **Regular Member:** A Regular Member is a company whose core business is directly related to the recreational boating or marine industry, and who has offices in BC. Regular Members have voting privileges and qualify for the Member Savings Program, including full exhibitor privileges for the Vancouver International Boat Show. To qualify as a Regular Member, applicants must also demonstrate and maintain at least one of the following:
 - BC Business License;
 - Canadian Business Number;
 - Canadian Business Bank Account;
 - WorkSafe BC Registration; or
 - Commercial Insurance Policy.
 - (b) **Affiliate Member:** An Affiliate Member is an out-of-province company whose core business is directly related to the recreational boating or marine industry. Affiliate Members do not have voting privileges but qualify for the Member Savings Program and the opportunity to exhibit at the Vancouver International Boat Show (provided there is no conflict with a Regular Member at the show).

- (c) **Associate Member:** An Associate Member is a company whose core business is indirectly related to the recreational boating or marine industry. Associate Members do not have voting privileges but qualify for the Member Savings Program and the opportunity to exhibit at the Vancouver International Boat Show (provided there is no conflict with a Regular Member at the show).
- (d) **Not-For-Profit Member:** A Not-For-Profit Member is a marine-related not-for-profit organization that is registered under the Act. Not-for-profit Members ~~do not~~ have voting privileges ~~but~~ and qualify for the Member Savings Program and the opportunity to exhibit at the Vancouver International Boat Show (provided there is no conflict with a Regular Member at the show).

Article 4 Bylaws

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION

1. Any Regular Member in good standing may be nominated for the Board of Directors and elected by the majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting.
2. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Association shall be **no less than eight and no more than ten**. Directors shall be elected to hold office for a term of two years.
3. If two or more people receive the same number of votes, the successful nominee shall be decided by lot.
4. If a director resigns or is no longer eligible to serve as a director, the Board of Directors may appoint any Regular Member in good standing to serve as a director until the next Annual General Meeting, at which time the office and its term will be filled by election by the majority vote of members at the meeting.
5. Each year, a director or directors shall be elected to replace those retiring. A retiring director is eligible for re-election.
6. Upon the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet forthwith or, if this is not possible, at the earliest opportunity and shall proceed to elect from its members the officers of the Association.
7. The officers of the Association may consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Secretary. More than one role may be held by one person. If his membership is in good standing, the immediate Past President shall be an ex officio officer and shall serve as Treasurer, and shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Directors, with the right to vote. If the Past President is not able to fulfill the role of Treasurer, another member shall be elected to by the Board of Directors to serve as Treasurer. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed and shall not have the right to vote.
8. The officers shall hold office for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed, or until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, whichever happens first.