

**BY-LAWS and CONSTITUTION of the
Cape-Atlantic Striper Club
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ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Cape-Atlantic Striper Club.

Section 2

Cape-Atlantic Striper Club was started for anglers who are passionate in the pursuit of striped bass. To provide a common place to gather and converse. To share skills and knowledge with fellow members. To teach sportsmanship, conservation, and protect fishing rights and access for all.

Section 3

The club is formed primarily to emphasize the pursuit of striped bass, but does not exclude any other fish.

Section 4

The club will strive to educate it's members by providing quality speakers, tackle representatives, plug makers, or any fishing related individuals or organizations willing to share information with the club. Speakers and guests will be chosen by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II

Officers

Section 1

The elected officers of the Cape-Atlantic Striper Club shall be:

1. President.
2. Vice President.
3. Secretary.
4. Treasurer.

This group will make up the Executive Board.

Membership Chairman (appointed officer):

- Will be appointed by the president and/or the Executive Board.
- Is responsible for any membership inquiries.
- Will be sure all prospective members know and understand the spirit of the club.
- Will be sure that the candidate meets the criteria for membership.

ARTICLE III

Election of Officers

Section 1

The Executive Board shall present a nomination slate of officers for the upcoming year at the November meeting. The committee shall announce their slate at the November meeting. At the November meeting there shall also be nominations from the floor. The election shall be held at the December meeting. New officers will begin their duties at the January meeting.

Section 2

Nominees shall be accepted by a majority vote of members present at the December meeting. Two thirds of the membership is required to vote in any new officer.

Section 3

Any member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination and election to any office. However, a member may only accept one nomination and hold only one office.

Section 4

The offices shall be filled by an election by a majority vote of the members present. In the event that none of the nominees for office receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the nominee with the least number of votes shall be dropped from consideration on the subsequent ballot and so on until the necessary majority is received by one nominee. A majority vote is defined as the majority of votes, with at least 2/3 of membership voting for candidates who have been formally nominated and have agreed to accept the position.

Section 5

All elected officials shall be for the term of one (1) year beginning at the January meeting and complete their term with the installation of new officers the following year.

Section 6

Installation of duly elected officers shall take place at the January meeting.

Section 7

Any elected officer shall be subject to recall by submission of the request in writing to the Secretary, and signed by at least ten (10) members in good standing. The membership shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to the next regular or special meeting of the club. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those present shall be necessary for the removal of the person in question. A new election shall follow by the regular procedure.

Section 8

Any officer may be selected to succeed himself provided he has been regularly nominated and elected by a ballot of members present entitled to vote.

Section 9

In the event any officer cannot complete his term of office, the office shall be filled at a special election. Due notice of said special election shall be given to the members the same as designated for a regular election.

Section 10

The President shall appoint a judge and two (2) tellers to take charge of the election of officers.

Section 11

The President and Vice President shall not hold office for more than 2 consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of Officers

Section 1

The President:

- Shall preside at all meetings of the club.
- Shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Shall as soon as possible after the election, appoint all committees.
- Shall have the authority to dismiss anyone from any committee and make the necessary replacement.
- Shall be ex-officio member of all committees.
- Shall preserve order.
- Shall perform any other duties pertaining to this office.

Section 2

The Vice President:

- Shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence, and assigned duties.

Section 3

The Secretary:

- Shall have charge of and keep a full record of all proceedings of all meetings.
- Shall conduct all of the club's correspondence, and carefully preserve all papers, records and documents of the club.
- Shall keep a roll of all members.
- Shall notify and report delinquents.
- Shall perform any other duties required by this office.
- Shall, at the expiration of the term of office, deliver to the successor all property of the club entrusted to the Secretary.

Section 4

The Treasurer:

- Shall have custody of all funds of the club, and collect all monies due the club.
- Shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and report the same at each regular meeting.
- Shall advise, in writing, the members who are delinquent in the payment of dues.
- Shall pay all orders drawn on the club from the funds of the club when properly countersigned by two other officers of the club and approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting.
- Shall maintain the books up to date at all times and be subject to an audit at any time, being given at least seven (7) days notice.

- Shall upon retirement from office promptly turn over to the successor any and all records and property belonging to the club. The records will be audited each year after the regular November meeting but before the installation of officers. The auditors will be appointed by the President and will submit a report at the next regular meeting in the form of the Annual Report.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1

The meeting of the Cape-Atlantic Striper club shall be held on the second Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December. Meeting dates may be changed due to holidays, inclement weather, or exigent circumstances. All meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. unless designated otherwise at the previous regular or special meeting (or through notification by email). The Executive Board will announce the time and location of the club's annual summer picnic and Christmas Party.

Section 2

A special meeting may be called by the President when deemed necessary, upon written request of ten (10) members in good standing, or when decided on by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting.

Section 3

A special meeting may be held in lieu of a regularly scheduled meeting when decided on by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting.

Section 4

The order of business for a regular meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Attendance.
3. Reading of the previous meeting's minutes.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Election of new members.
6. Officers' and Committee's reports.
7. Communications and Announcements.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Fishing reports.
11. Adjournment.

Section 5

At special meetings the regular order of business may be suspended by the President, as deemed necessary, in order to concentrate on the purpose of the special meeting.

Section 6

Not less than 20% of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Membership

Section 1

New members will be accepted by invitation only. Those wanting to become a member will have to do the following:

Protocol for Membership:

- Applicants will have to:
 - Demonstrate a passion for the sport, be willing to work with the group by actively participating with the members of the club on a regular basis. "Participation" will include such things as sharing reports, providing fishing-related information, giving of oneself in some way to the Club.
 - Be sponsored by a senior member.
 - Meet all application procedures.
- Application Procedure:
 - Applicant must be sponsored by a senior member in good standing. Fill out a questionnaire provided by the Club.
 - Be interviewed by the Membership Chairman, who will then recommend or reject the applicant to the Club. Once interviewed by the Membership Chairman, the recommendation will be sent to the general membership for Final Vote of Acceptance.
 - Rejected applicants will be notified by a Board member immediately after the decision has been made.

Once accepted:

- Applicant will pay the yearly dues (\$40).
- The new member will then be placed on a one year probation to make sure interaction is achieved, after one year the member will be accepted by a vote of the membership, and then become a regular member.

Section 2

Expectations of a member of the Cape Atlantic Striper Club. A member is expected to be "active" in the club; fish regularly, attend meetings (must make at least 6 meetings throughout the year), contribute in any number of ways, members not active will not have their membership renewed at years end. Non-active members will have membership status reviewed by Executive Board. The Membership Chairperson will make recommendations to the Executive Board for further necessary action. Members are required to attend 1 CASC sponsored event per year.

As a member of this club you are expected to consider your actions while in public, especially when wearing any garment with our club name, logo, or other likeness on your person. Your actions, statements, or otherwise could defame the club, its membership, and what we stand for. You represent this club and are expected to act accordingly, regardless of personal feelings in a given situation. Any

infraction on your part could result in you being placed on probation at the discretion of the club officers. If further infractions take place, or the singular event is deemed to have been grievous enough, the member will be brought before the club membership for a vote of dismissal.

Section 3

A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and entitled to vote shall be necessary for membership. Honorary members are not entitled to vote.

Section 4

Honorary membership may be conferred on any gentleman or lady for services rendered or various other reasons by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present. Any active member can recommend/suggest an honorary member.

Section 5

Junior members accepted from the age of 10 to 18. To qualify as a junior member one must be the child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an adult club member, a member could also sponsor a non-related junior member with full written consent from the child's parent, presented to the club and accepted by the Board. Each junior member must be accompanied by the sponsoring member at all club functions. The annual dues for a junior member is \$15.00, payable in advance.

Section 6

Member joining at the October meeting will not pay dues until the following December "dues" cycle.

Section 7

Membership will be limited to a maximum of 50 members.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Committee

Section I

The Executive Committee:

- Shall be composed of the President, vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the past President. All will have full voting privileges.
- Shall meet at the call of the President whenever, in the President's opinion, it is necessary or advisable, or upon the joint request of two members of the committee. A quorum shall consist of three members.
- Shall recommend legislation or action to be taken for the good of the club. In cases where time is a factor and at a regular or special meeting of the club is not scheduled or feasible to consider a particular problem or problems, it shall have the power to act for the club.

ARTICLE VIII

Special Committees

Section 1

Special Committees:

- Shall be established as requested/needed by club action or as may be deemed necessary or advisable by the President. Members of the Special Committees shall be governed by the executive board, and may be replaced at any time deemed necessary.

Section 2

Members of Special Committees:

- Shall be appointed by the President to perform the special duty assigned to them and shall function until the program prescribed for them is completed.
- Shall present interim reports to the club when requested by the President and submit a final report upon completion of their activities.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

Section 1

The annual dues for membership shall be \$40. Dues must be paid by the start of the January meeting. Members will have until the February meeting to pay either directly to the club treasurer or through PayPal.

Section 2

Dues must be paid by the beginning of the January meeting of the current year. If member's dues are not paid by the beginning of the February meeting, they shall be dropped from the rolls of the club. There will be exceptions made based on individual situations, exceptions will be decided on by the Executive Board.

Section 3

Members having reached 65 years of age and having been a member for at least five (5) years will be carried as an active "Life Member" and payment of dues shall be suspended. The member must stay actively involve with the club, as required for all members.

Section 4

Any member in active military service will be relieved of the payment of dues until the first full year after discharge from active military service.

Section 5

Any former member desiring reinstatement will then have to re-apply for membership through the club Membership Chairman.

ARTICLE X

Conduct and Discipline

Section 1

All accusations shall be made in the form of written charges and submitted to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for investigation. If after the investigation the Executive Board/Board of Directors determines the charge has merit, the Board of Directors will advise the accused of the charge. The accused shall have the right to appear before the Board of Directors for a hearing with witnesses to

defend himself against the charge. The Board of Directors at the conclusion of the hearing shall arrive at a recommendation to be made to the next regularly scheduled membership meeting.

Section 2

The general membership of the club at its next regularly scheduled meeting shall receive the recommendation of the Board of Directors and by a 2/3 majority vote shall determine whether to accept, modify or reject the recommendation of the Board of Directors and shall act accordingly.

ARTICLE XI

Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or revised at any regular meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending and voting provided that the membership has been notified prior to the date when such amendments or revisions are to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XII

Club Termination

Section 1

In the event the club dissolves, the monies in the treasury will first be used to pay all outstanding debts. Any remaining funds will be donated to a charity; one dedicated to the preservation or education of saltwater sportfishing. The charity will be chosen by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining membership.