

FLORIDA FLY-ROD CLUB

By-Laws

(Adopted May 6, 1975)

(Revised through September 1, 1983)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This club shall be called the FLORIDA FLY-ROD CLUB.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the club is stated in the following pledge, which shall be executed by each member of the club and filed with the Secretary:

CLUB PLEDGE

I pledge myself:

To stimulate public awareness of Flyrod fishing as a major sport; to offer our state conservation department organized moral support and encouragement through the club; To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards; To improve my skill as a Flyrod Angler through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert techniques and ideas; To promote and encourage membership of those new to the sport, who express a sincere desire to become proficient flyrod fishermen; and To conduct myself in accordance with State and Federal boating and fishing regulations and comply with the rules and regulations of the Florida Fly-Rod Club whenever engaged in club tournament competition. Date:

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Requirements for Membership

a. Senior Membership

(1) Be at least 18 years of age.

(2) Be recommended by one Senior member at a regular monthly meeting and be present at said meeting.

- (3) The recommending member may certify that the prospective member possesses the minimum necessary equipment and skills to participate in Intra-Club tournaments as a Senior member.
 - (4) Be accepted into membership by a majority vote of the Senior members present at such meeting.
 - (5) Upon acceptance into membership, the new member shall be presented credentials upon payment of dues and execution of the Pledge set forth in Section 2, above.
- b. Associate Member
 - (1) Does not have to attend meeting or functions.
 - (2) Will be eligible for all tournament and individual prizes and trophies.
 - (3) Will not be eligible for Mr. Flyrod award or Club Ladder Honors.
 - (4) Will not have voting privileges.
 - c. Honorary Member
 - (1) May be elected by a majority vote of the Senior member present at a regular meeting of the club.
 - (2) May attend meetings, functions and tournaments.
 - (3) Will be eligible for prizes and awards.
 - (4) Shall have voting privileges.

Section 2: Membership Dues

- a. The annual dues for Senior Members and Associate Members shall be \$25.00, payable on acceptance into membership.
- b. There shall be no dues for Honorary Members.
- c. Dues shall be payable on March 1st of each year and delinquent on May 1st. Dues for new members shall be pro-rated through the last day of the anniversary date of the individual member and shall be paid and/or prorated on said date.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, ELIGIBILITY & MEETINGS

Section 1: Officers And Their Duties

- a. President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all club functions.
- b. Vice-President: Act as Program Chairman, assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. Serve as Chairman of the Tournament Committee and weighmaster.
- c. Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings and attendance records of same. Correspond as directed and publish a monthly newsletter.

- d. Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records of the club, report at each meeting and furnish an annual statement during February.
- e. The above four officers shall be defined as the Board and Tournament Committee.
- f. The President may appoint an Activities Chairman, Conservation Officer, Public Relations Officer or such other Committee Chairman as he may deem appropriate and such officials shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

Section 2: Elections

The election of the Officers constituting the Board shall be by open ballot and shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of January. Election shall be by simple majority of members present.

Section 3: Eligibility to Vote

Each Senior Member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are prohibited.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on the first regularly scheduled meeting in March and end the last meeting day of February or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for six months.
- (b) Have attended at least 75 of the club's functions, which shall include meetings, tournaments and special events.

Section 7: Meetings

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at a location designated by the President.

ARTICLE IV - METHOD OF AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the quorum of the membership, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote. A quorum is defined as 60 of the Senior Members on the rolls.

ARTICLE V -REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Removal of Membership

A member may be removed for the membership-roll by a majority vote of the Board and approval of the Board action by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting for the following reasons:

Failure to pay dues prior to May 1st. The Secretary shall notify such members of impending situation.

Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this club.

Section 2: Removal of Senior Membership Status

Any Senior Member, who fails to attend 50 of the club meetings and/or club functions each during a 12 month period may have his membership reduced to associate status by the Board.