

## **BYLAWS OF**

### **THE OREGON COOTS CHAPTER, TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Established September, 2007.

#### **ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization will be THE OREGON COOTS CHAPTER. It shall function as a chapter of the national organization, The Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc., hereafter called the Association.

#### **ARTICLE II - DEFINITION**

For all purposes hereof, "traditional small craft" shall mean boats built for sail or manual propulsion, from designs established prior to the development of the marine gasoline engine. Modern or historical variants or adaptations of traditional designs fall within this definition. This emphasis on design heritage does not reflect on construction materials or techniques.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

The purpose of the Association is to encourage the construction and use of traditional small craft. The Association shall also function as a spokesman for traditional small craft builders, owners, and enthusiasts on any subject that pertains to traditional small craft. This will include communicating with regulatory authorities, legislators, corporations, and trade associations to express the Association's point of view on legislation, regulations, or the interpretation thereof, which legislation or regulations pertain to traditional small craft.

#### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

The officers of this chapter shall be a designated spokesman/president, and such other officers as the chapter deems necessary. The designated spokesman's duty shall be to act as liaison between this chapter and the national Association, and to serve as the contact person for others in the local area in need of information concerning this chapter. Officers will be chosen by oral vote at the annual meeting and will serve for one year, except that a vote will be held immediately upon the creation of a new office, and the new officer will serve until the next annual meeting. All officers shall have attained the age of 18.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any person who supports the purposes of TSCA is eligible for membership in the Oregon Coots Chapter.
2. Membership in the national Association will be required for full membership in the Oregon Coots Chapter.
3. People who share the goals of the Oregon Coots Chapter but do not wish to join the national Association may join the chapter as non-voting, associate members.
4. The Oregon Coots Chapter acknowledges that its financial activities are independent of the national Association, and there is no financial relationship between the chapter and the national Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

Any messabout, boat show or other gathering attended by at least five full, voting members of the Oregon Coots Chapter will constitute a meeting. An annual meeting will be held around the campfire Saturday night at the Toledo Wooden Boat Show in August.

#### ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendments is made to each member 10 days before such meeting, and a copy of the changes approved by the chapter be filed with the national Association within 30 days of such change.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DISCONTINUANCE

1. Whenever a chapter has less than five national members, it will be notified by the Chapter Coordinator that it's affiliation will be terminated after thirty days, unless the minimum of five members is reestablished.
2. The chapter may terminate its status with the national Association upon six months notice in writing to the Chapter Coordinator, and the national Association may discontinue affiliation with a chapter with six months written notice.