

CONSTITUTION

THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES PORT OF PADUCAH, KY #85

ARTICLE I

NAME AND CHARTER

The name of this organization shall be "The Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Paducah, KY." This club was formally chartered with the Propeller Club of the United States as Club #85 on May 6, 1943. It is listed under the Ohio Valley geographical Region.

ARTICLE II

Objectives and Declaration Of Policy

The Propeller Club, Port of Paducah, KY #85 is a non-profit (501C) organization whose membership is representative of every aspect of the maritime industry. It is dedicated to the enhancement and well being of all interests of the maritime community on a local, national, and international basis. Its objectives are:

- (a) To promote and support the American Merchant Marine, including barge and towing companies and shipyards and other allied industries, to meet the requirements of national security and economic welfare of the United States.
- (b) To promote waterborne commerce and the marine industry in all its segments.
- (c) To promote worthy and justifiable inland waterway, coastal, harbor, and Great Lakes improvements.
- (d) To maintain a continuing program of public relations, education, and goodwill among the maritime industry and public generally.
- (e) To collaborate with other organizations whose members are dedicated to the promotion of the best interests of the American Merchant Marine and allied industries.
- (f) To promote a spirit of friendship and common purpose among persons engaged in the American Merchant Marine and allied industries.
- (g) To assist in conducting annually an American Merchant Marine conference.

ARTICLE III

Ratification of National's Constitution and By-Laws

The Propeller Club, Port of Paducah, heretofore granted a charter in The Propeller Club of the United States, does hereby accept, ratify, and agree to be bound in all things, not contrary to law, by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Propeller Club of the United States and amendments thereof.

ARTICLE IV

COMPOSITION OF PORTS AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Section 1. Membership Admission

Application for membership in the port shall be submitted to the Board of Governors on a club membership application form recommended by two members in good standing. The board will approve or deny membership after consideration at a monthly board meeting and after making any necessary investigations. The port secretary shall notify the applicant of the approval, disapproval, or failure to take action on the application in a timely manner.

Section 2. Classes of Membership

The membership of this port may be composed of five classifications: regular, student, honorary, courtesy, and senior.

Section 3. The Several Classes of Membership

(a) Regular Members consist of persons who have a bona fide and active interest in the promotion of the American Merchant Marine and the objectives of the Propeller Club of the United States.

(b) Student Members consist of persons who are duly registered students of maritime architecture and engineering, foreign and domestic commerce, trade and transportation, business administration, economics and allied courses in United States colleges, universities, or maritime academies.

(c) Honorary Members consist of persons who have rendered exceptionally distinguished service through the port of Paducah to the American Merchant Marine, its allied and associated industries and whose active membership is desired by the club or member. Said honorary member's dues are at the discretion of, and as deemed by, the board.

(d) Courtesy Members consist of persons whose active membership is desired by the Port of Paducah. Payment of dues is discretionary by the board or member.

(e) Lifetime Members consist of persons who have been members in good standing for five consecutive years, who retired from their employment, and whose membership the Port of Paducah desires to retain. Payment of dues is discretionary by the board or member.

Section 4. Allowable percentage of Honorary and Courtesy Members

The total number of Honorary Members and Courtesy Members shall not exceed 5% of the number of Regular Members.

Section 5. Duration of Membership

(a) Regular, Honorary, Courtesy, and Lifetime membership shall endure for life unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

(b) Student membership shall endure as long as a member is a registered student as set forth in Article IV, Section 2(e), of this Constitution, unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 6. Termination of Membership

(a) A regular or senior member who fails to pay annual dues within ninety days of the invoice due date shall be notified by the treasurer in writing to the last known address. If said dues are not paid on or before ten days of such notification, the membership is to be terminated by the Board of Governors.

(b) The Board of Governors may terminate the membership of any member for good cause by a two-thirds majority vote at a regular board meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. Said member shall be given ten days written notice of such pending action.

Said member may be present at the hearing before the Board of Governors and may be represented by counsel. In case of such termination of membership, such former member may within thirty days after the date of the board's action submit a written notice of intention to appeal to the port. The board shall thereupon set the date for hearing the appeal, which shall be at the regular port meeting, held within sixty days after the receipt of such written notice of appeal. At such hearing only members of the port shall be present, except that the appellant may be represented by counsel. The termination of membership shall be stayed pending port action if a timely appeal is taken. Final outcome of the appeal will be decided by two thirds majority of the voting membership.

(c) Any class of member may resign from the port. Said resignation shall be in writing addressed to the club president or secretary and shall be accepted by the Board of Governors.

Article V

Annual Dues

Each regular, lifetime, and student member of this port shall pay annual dues as prescribed in the by-laws or as may be set by the Board of Governors.

Article VI

Officers and Board of Governors

Section 1. Governing Body

The governing body of this port shall be a Board of Governors elected by the general membership and serve a term as prescribed in the by-laws of the port. The immediate past president shall serve as chairperson of the board of governors for a term of two years.

Section 2. Authority of Board

The Board of Governors shall have general authority over all officers and committees. It shall constitute a board of appeal from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the board of governors to the port and on such appeal, the decision appealed from shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting to be specified by the Board of Governors. Notice of such appeal is to be given by the secretary to all members of the port at least five days in advance of such meeting.

Section 3. Officers

The officers of this port shall be a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary. Each officer shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Governors with voting privileges.

Section 4. Election of Officers

The officers shall be elected at the regular March Board meeting of each year. The election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the by-laws of the port. Newly elected

officers shall be installed on July 1 of the year of election and shall hold office for two consecutive years.

Article VII

Meetings

Port meetings are to be conducted as provided in the by-laws.

Article VIII

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for this port shall extend from July 1 to June 30.

Article IX

By-laws

By-laws not inconsistent with this constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Paducah, KY shall be adopted and may be amended as described in Article X.

Article X

Amendments

This constitution may be amended upon recommendation of the Board of Governors at any Board meeting of the port, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all Board Members present, provided that any amendment shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Propeller Club of the United States.

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE on the 29th day of April, 2008

Robert M. Brewer
President

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Secretary