

**CATALINA ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND
CONSTITUTION**

Article I

NAME

The organization shall be known as the Catalina Association of New England (CANE).

Article II

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Catalina Association of New England shall be to promote the enjoyment of sailing, cruising and racing yachts, and socializing with current and former owners. Activities may include social meetings, technical sessions, dinners, cruises, rendezvous, raft-ups, regattas, etc.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

1. Full Member with MainSheet

A Full Member with MainSheet may vote and may hold any office and receives a one-year subscription to the MainSheet.

2. Full Member without MainSheet.

A Full Member without MainSheet may vote and may hold any office, but does not receive a subscription to the MainSheet.

3. Honorary Member.

An Honorary member shall be elected by the members of the Association. An honorary member may vote, but may not hold office. An honorary member does not pay dues.

Article IV

DUES

Yearly Association dues shall be determined by the membership each year at its annual meeting.

Article V

ELECTED ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The officers of the Catalina Association of New England and their duties shall be:

1. **Commodore:**

The Commodore shall schedule meetings and other events of the Association, with appropriate input from the Fleet Captains and general membership; preside at all Association meetings; appoint special committees; authorize expenditures within the budget

approved by the membership or authorized by special vote, and perform other functions as may be warranted for the proper management of the Association.

2. Vice Commodore

The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore in all fleet activities and shall serve as Commodore when the Commodore is absent. The Vice-Commodore shall receive a nomination to serve as Commodore at the next election of officers.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive dues and other funds and deposit them in the depository approved by the Commodore, disburse funds as authorized by the Commodore, prepare the annual financial statement and budget, and conduct other financial affairs of the Association as assigned. He/She will insure that any member may inspect all books and records for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

4. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall coordinate Association news, and shall prepare and mail a periodic newsletter to all members.

5. Webmaster

The webmaster will be responsible for developing, supporting and maintaining CANE'S web site (<http://www.allcatalinane.org>). This site will be used to disseminate information on activities and events of the organization.

6. Membership Chairman

The Membership Chairman shall coordinate membership development and retention, and shall maintain an Association membership roster.

7. Librarian

The Librarian shall maintain and disseminate the Fleet's library of videos, books, and manuals as well the Fleet's tools.

8. Past Commodores

All past commodores shall be officers of the Association and shall provide advice and expertise to the other officers. Past Commodores, who are active members, shall serve as the fleet's nominating committee.

9. Fleet Captain

A Fleet Captain may be elected by members of each geographic area: South, Central and North. The Fleet Captains may schedule activities for their fleets in addition to the activities of the fleet as a whole.

Article VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERM OF OFFICE

Catalina Association of New England officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at the annual membership meeting. Term of office shall be one (1) year, commencing on January 1st of the year following the annual meeting/election, and may be extended by a vote of members at the annual meeting. In the event of resignation or termination of any office, the Commodore shall appoint a replacement, whose term expires concurrent with the term of

the Commodore. A person may hold more than one officer position if so elected by the members.

Article VII
MEETINGS

Meetings may be scheduled by Commodore and business may be conducted provided that a meeting notice is sent to each member at least one (1) week in advance. Ten members shall constitute a quorum. Robert's Rules of Order will apply, when requested by an officer participating in the meeting. An annual meeting shall be held no later than December of each year.

Article VIII
AMENDMENTS

A change in the Constitution may be proposed by any Association officer or member, and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of members present at the annual meeting.

Article IX
AUTHORITY

The Constitution of the Catalina Association of New England shall be effective upon the vote of our members at the annual meeting.