



BYLAWS

Northeast Nordic Tug Owners' Association (NENTOA)

(Ratified by the founding members at their annual meeting on July 27, 2005)

1. Background

The first rendezvous of northeast Nordic Tug owners was organized by Wilde Yacht Sales at Essex Island Marina in Essex, CT, in July 2001. Our website (<http://www.ct-shoreline.com/nentoa>) was created shortly thereafter as a means to share ideas and communicate events. A second rendezvous was held in July 2002. At our third rendezvous in July 2003, we held a raffle and collected \$500. At our fourth rendezvous in July 2004, with money in the bank and growing ranks, it was time to give our association a formal structure. Those in attendance elected a Governing Board to start the process. These bylaws represent the beginning of the formalization of NENTOA.

2. Mission Statement

Our goal is to enhance our ownership experiences and maximize the value of our Nordic Tugs by communicating and sharing ideas, findings, cruising information, and local knowledge; by providing assistance; and by enjoying cruises and social activities with each other.

3. Membership

Membership is limited to Nordic Tug owners and previous owners (providing the previous owners have been in attendance for 2 of the last 3 annual business meetings). Each membership will consist of one or two individuals. A membership fee, as agreed upon by the membership, will be assessed each boat/couple upon joining NENTOA and annually thereafter, including existing members. The membership year will be from July 1-June 30; membership fee is due by August 1 each year. Each individual member is expected to volunteer for at least one of the three standing committees.

4. Structure

NENTOA is structured to carry out three main functions: annual rendezvous, financial/records accountability, and membership/communications. Each function shall be carried out within a voluntary standing committee structure, lead by a chairperson. The charge to each of the standing committees is as follows:

Finance/Records Committee

- maintain general accounting of NENTOA's finances,
- report financial status to the membership at the annual business meeting,
- facilitate corporate or other donations as may be necessary to support the mission of NENTOA,
- manage cash collections and disbursements.

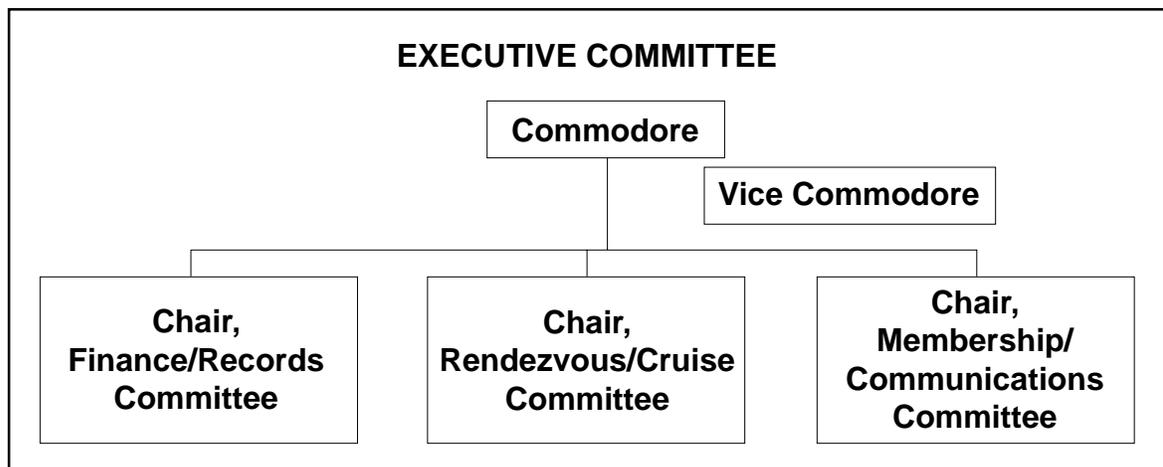
Rendezvous/Cruise Committee

- plan and conduct the annual NENTOA rendezvous,
- write letters thanking all contributors to our rendezvous,
- facilitate membership cruises, as may be appropriate.

Membership/Communications Committee

- maintain written records of official meetings and events,
- maintain a current membership directory,
- maintain NENTOA's web site,
- publish a minimum of one newsletter each year,
- update Historian Notebook annually.

5. Governance



Executive Committee

There shall be five officers: Commodore, Vice Commodore, and three Committee Chairpersons. Collectively these officers will constitute the Executive Committee.

The role of the Commodore is to lead the Executive Committee and conduct those activities deemed necessary to realize the mission of NENTOA, as well as endeavor to realize any specific goals agreed upon at the annual business meeting.

The role of the Vice Commodore is to perform duties assigned to him/her by the Commodore and to act as the Commodore in the event the Commodore is not available or is incapacitated.

The role of each Committee Chairperson is to lead his/her respective committee to carry out the committee charge as stipulated above.

The Commodore conducts the annual business meeting and, together with the Vice Commodore, serve as ex-officio members of all three standing committees. The Commodore may create ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary. Such committees are not considered part of the NENTOA governance.

Meetings

NENTOA shall conduct at least one rendezvous annually, during which the annual business meeting will be held. Other activities may be held throughout the year based on the desires of the members. The selection of the rendezvous site shall be guided by the goal to have as many members participate as possible. The final decision on the rendezvous location and dates shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Rules of Order

The annual meeting shall be conducted following the simplified *Roberts Rules of Order*. Any member may voice a motion, followed by open discussion and a decision taken based on a majority vote by those members present.

Election of Officers

The Commodore and Vice Commodore shall serve for 12 months and be elected by a majority vote of the members present at each annual business meeting. The Commodore shall in turn appoint the Chairpersons of the three standing committees. There is no limit as to the number of terms an officer may serve. The term of office shall commence on August 1st each year. At each annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall nominate a Commodore and Vice Commodore to be voted upon by the membership; additional names of members in good standing may be added to the slate by the membership.

Voting

Each member in good standing is eligible to vote. Each membership may consist of one or two individuals and each individual shall have one vote. When a vote is held at the annual meeting, members must be present to vote.

Changes to the Bylaws

In order to modify these Bylaws, approval by two-thirds of the members present at an annual business meeting is required.