

Panama City Bassmasters

Constitution and By-Laws

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This Club shall be called the Panama City Bassmasters of Panama City, Florida.

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of Bass Fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to their crimes. To improve our skill as Bass Anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchanges of expert bass catching techniques and ideas and to promote and encourage youth fishing and love for this great sport.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Number of members

The number shall be unlimited.

Section 2: Requirement for Regular Membership

- a. Must be 18 years of age or older.
- b. Anyone who expresses an interest in membership, or shows up at the club meeting will be invited to fish the following tournament in their own boat, or in a club members boat and will be voted on at the next club meeting. Any prospective member who receives two (2) or more "No" votes shall not be accepted as a member.
- c. A prior member expressing interest in re-joining the club and having left the club under good terms and conditions shall be voted on for club membership without having to attend meetings and fishing tournaments required for new membership.

Section 3: Requirements and Privileges for Honorary/Associate membership

- a. Current member in good standing with the club.
- b. Someone the general membership of the club feels will benefit the club.
- c. Prospect must receive a unanimous vote of those club members attending a regular meeting at which prospect is presented. Votes will be by secret ballot.
- d. Be allowed to fish club tournaments.
- e. Pay no club dues.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: Officers and their duties

- a. **President** - Preside over all meeting and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee and their functions.
- b. **Vice President/Tournament Director** - Assist the president in his duties and preside over meetings in the absence of the president. Act as program chairman, preside over all meetings and functions of the tournament committee and report same at each meeting.
- c. **Secretary-Treasurer** - Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings and financial records and report same at each meeting.
- d. **Assistant Tournament Director** - Assist the Tournament Director at all tournament functions and preside over tournament committee meetings in the absence of the Tournament Director.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of December. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Voting for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote. Proxy voters are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on January 1 and end after the last tournament of December.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be taken from the floor, and an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. Election shall be by simple majority.

Section 6: Eligibility for holding office

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- a. Have been a member in good standing for six months or more.
- b. Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

The membership dues shall be \$25.00 annually to be paid prior to fishing any tournament as a club member. New members must pay dues at the meeting after being voted in and their dues will be pro-rated beginning with the first tournament after being voted into the club.

ARTICLE V - REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall be dropped from membership of the club for the following:

- a. Failure to pay dues.
- b. Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the club.
- c. A 2/3 vote by the membership.
- d. Continued unsportsmanlike conduct.

ARTICLE VI - AWARDS

The following awards shall be presented each year:

- a. ANLER OF THE YEAR 1 – a \$250 bonus, to the member accruing the most total points from their twelve (12) best tournaments while fishing the club tournaments for the year.
- b. LUNKER AWARD – a \$50 bonus, to the member catching the largest bass by weight while fishing the club tournaments.
- c. RODNEY DASSINGER LARGEST STRINGER – A \$50 bonus, to the member who has the largest string of fish caught in a single tournament, abiding by local limit laws, for the year.

ARTICLE VII - METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the December meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall have been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote. The president may appoint a rules committee in the November meeting to review and update requested changes to be presented and voted on at the December meeting. Any changes will take effect on the first of January following the December meeting.