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## RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOATMEN'S-LINESMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### Article 1: Title and head office. Duration

1. The Association known as the "International Boatmen's-Linesmen's Association" (abbreviated as the "IBLA") is founded by the European Boatmen's Association (abbreviated as the "EBA") and the Pacific Coast Lines Coalition-USA (abbreviated as the "PCLC-USA") which are considered to be the IBLA's founding members.
2. The head office of the Association is located in Rome, Italy.
3. The Association is established for an unlimited duration.

### Article 2: Objectives of the Association

1. Through its bodies, the Association will pursue and achieve the following objectives:
  - a) to acquire and disseminate information relating to the professional and social aspects of boatmen and linesmen work in general, to promote solidarity between boatmen and linesmen and boatmen and linesmen organizations in various countries worldwide and to establish effective understanding between them;
  - b) to represent boatmen and linesmen before international institutions and organizations, promoting the interests and objectives of the Association with regard to such entities;
  - c) to manage the professional development of boatmen and linesmen, safeguarding the boatmen and linesmen profession;
  - d) to foster, at an international level, acknowledgment of mooring and boatage as a general interest service functional to safety in ports and in adjacent waters;
  - e) to promote initiatives aimed at establishing cooperation and friendship between the Association and international associations with activities related to mooring and boatage.
2. The IBLA is inspired by democratic principles and is independent from any political and/or union organization or affiliations.
3. In no case may the IBLA defend national interests or intervene in any internal activity of its members, unless requested by the member involved.

### Article 3: Members of the IBLA

1. The following may be members of the IBLA:
  - a) the national/regional mooring associations of countries and/or states, provided they are members of the continental organization if there is one.
  - b) the national/regional mooring associations of countries and/or states where no continental organization is constituted.



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c) provisionally, the companies of boatmen and linesmen operating in ports where no national/regional mooring association exists, until a national/regional association has been constituted.

2. Admission is excluded for companies and/or regional organizations of boatmen and linesmen established in countries and/or states in which a national association of boatmen and linesmen exists.

#### **Article 4: Official language**

English is the working language of the Association.

#### **Article 5: Membership fees - Budget**

1. A membership fee is requested of 1 euro for each boatman/linesman, with a minimum of 50 boatmen/linesmen and a maximum of 600 boatmen/linesmen, to be paid by the end of June of every year. If the contribution is not paid within one year from 30th June, the country concerned will no longer be a member of this association.

2. Each member attending an IBLA meeting will pay for their individual incurred costs.

3. The general expenses for setting up and/or organizing a meeting will be paid by the host member and meeting responsibility will be on a rotational basis among the various members.

4. The administrative expenses will be paid by IBLA.

#### **Article 6: Bodies of the IBLA**

The bodies of the IBLA include:

a) the General Meeting;

b) the Board.

#### **Article 7: General Meeting**

1. The General Meeting meets at least once a year no later than 30th April and is called by the President not less than 3 months in advance.

2. The convening notice must include the agenda, the location, the day and the time of the General Meeting.

3. The General Meeting is convened in the country selected by the Board. The hosting Member shall provide a location suitable for said General Meeting under the conditions set forth in article 5, point 3.

4. The following falls under the exclusive authority of the general meeting:

- the amendments of the articles,
- the appointment and/or dismissal of the members of the board,
- the drafting and amendments of the internal rules,



- the approval of the budget and the accounts,
- the acceptance and/or exclusion of members,
- the determination of the membership fee.

5. Each member can be represented by another member of the IBLA through a power of attorney. Each country and/or state holds one vote, even for the case in which several associations represent the same country and/or state.

6. The resolutions of the general meeting are adopted by the simple majority vote of the members present or represented at the meeting. These are recorded in a minutes book and are signed at least by the chairman. This register is kept in the head office of the association, where it can be examined by all members.

7. The General Meeting votes on the Association offices of President and Vice-President. Voting takes place by an open show of hands among the members.

8. The boatmen/linesmen who are members of an association that is a member of the IBLA can attend the General Meeting, but only as an auditor and will not be entitled to vote.

9. The General Meeting is chaired by the President or by his substitute.

### **Article 8: Board**

1. The Board consists of 5 members: the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer, indicated by the member associations, all of different nationality. A member of the board may not hold more than one office at the same time.

2. The Board will meet with a frequency and a location to be agreed upon, each time, among the member associations. The President will inform all the members of the pending meeting in a timely manner and the reason for said meeting. Following the meeting, the President will prepare and distribute a report to all members which describes the results of said meeting.

3. Every two years two members of the board of directors should resign, on a rotational basis, during the general meeting, which will elect two members to replace the outgoing ones. The resigning members can be re-elected.

4. The board may reach decisions only when the majority of its voting members is present. Decisions of the board are taken through a simple majority vote and are recorded in a register and signed at least by the chairman.

5. The board is authorized to perform all actions necessary or useful to achieve the Association's purposes, except for those actions that are reserved by law or by these articles to the general meeting.

### **Article 9: The President**

1. The President chairs the meetings of the Association and is its representative.

2. The President is elected by the General Meeting and remains in office for 2 years. He may be reelected.



### **Article 10: The Vice-Presidents**

1. The assembly elects the first vice-president and the second vice-president. The first vice-president replaces the President in the following cases:

- a) absence or temporary impediment of the latter until the next meeting;
- b) ceasing to act during his office, death or irrevocable resignation or any other impediment that compromises the performance of his duties as President.

He will fulfill the President's duties up to the next General Meeting

2. The Vice-Presidents are elected by the General Meeting and remain in office for 2 years. They may be re-elected.

### **Article 11: Secretary**

1. The secretary is appointed by the board from among its members and remains in office for 2 years. He may be re-elected.

2. The following falls under his authority :

- the making of a list of the members,
- the correspondence among its members,
- the administrative organization of the general meetings and the board of directors,
- the fulfillment of tasks for the association or its members, assigned by the board of directors.

### **Article 12: Treasurer**

1. The treasurer is appointed by the board from among its members and remains in office for 2 years. He may be re-elected.

2. The following falls under his authority:

- the collection of the membership fees,
- the payment of the amounts, as foreseen in the by-laws,
- the contacts with the banks. In order to comply with this he becomes the necessary proxy,
- the keeping of the financial books,
- the preparation of the annual financial/legal obligations and the distribution of the documents to every member, at least 30 days before the official approval of the accounts.

### **Article 13: Changes to the By-laws**

No new Article shall be adopted nor shall any of the existing by-laws be amended, modified or eliminated without the consent of at least two-thirds of the votes of those with such voting rights during a General Meeting.



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#### **Article 14: Official By-Laws**

These by-laws, written in English, are the official internal document of the Association. The original copy will be written in Italian to be deposited and registered. A copy of both documents will be distributed to each member of said Association.

#### **Article 15: Dissolution of the Association**

The dissolution of the Association can take place at any time with the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Members entitled to vote.