

**UPPER KEYS
FISHING CLUB
BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION I: NAME

The name of the organization is the **UPPER KEYS FISHING CLUB** (hereafter referred to as “the club”).

SECTION II: PURPOSE

To stimulate public interest in sport fishing in the upper Keys.

To promote full adherence to all conservation codes.

To improve our skills as sport fisherman through camaraderie and exchange of techniques and ideas.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Must be 18 years of age and be recommended for membership by a current Member.

B. Must be affirmed by 2/3 vote of members in attendance.

C. Attend at least one meeting before joining.

D. Pay an initiation fee of \$ 20.00 and first years dues of \$ 25.00 single \$ 35.00 family.

E. Only when the above conditions A-D are met will full membership be awarded.

SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP DUES

A. A one time initiation fee will be in the amount of \$ 20.00.

B. Yearly membership dues will be in the amount of \$ 25.00 single \$ 35.00 family.

C. Failure to pay dues in a timely fashion will result in removal of the club.

D. Dues are non-refundable.

E. For purposes of membership and dues we will follow the IRS definition for a family.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, & ELIGIBILITY

SECTION I: OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

SECTION II: ELECTIONS AND SUCCESSION OF OFFICE

A. At the February meeting nominations for officers and directors will be open to the general membership. The election of the officers and directors shall be held annually at the regular meeting during the month of March.

B. The election shall be by simple majority of members present.

C. The vote shall be by secret ballot for any contested office.

If an office becomes vacant due to death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, it shall be filled as follows:

1. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

2. If the office of the Vice President becomes vacant, a replacement will be elected by a simple majority of the members present in accordance with rules and regulations governing regular elections.

3. If the office of the Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, a replacement will be appointed by the President from the membership. If the past president is unable to serve on the board a replacement will be appointed by the President

SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE

Each member is entitled to one vote including club officers.

Proxy votes are permitted.

SECTION IV: TERM OF OFFICE

A. The term of office for all elected positions is for one (1) year, beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31.

B. President is limited to two (2) consecutive terms

SECTION V: ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE

To be eligible a member must be:

A. A member in good standing of the club for at least six (6) months.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I:

- A. Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members, including the four (4) officers provided for in **ARTICLE III** and the past President.
- B. If at all possible one (1) Board member should be a seasonal resident,

SECTION II: DUTIES

The duty of the Board of Directors is to run the business and financial affairs of the club and to set policy. Their directives and policies are to be carried out by the officers and membership of the club. The majority of the membership shall have the right to overrule or override any directive or recommendation of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Failure to pay dues by the **May** meeting will result in removal from the club.
- B. Any action that would reflect dishonor or disgrace to the club.
- C. Items A&B must be acknowledged by the board who will recommend action to be taken.

ARTICLE VI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: MEETINGS

- A. Business meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of the month in accordance with the by-laws.
- B. All meetings shall consist of financial reports, reading and approval of previous meeting minutes, and old and new business.

SECTION II: PROCEDURE

Common sense rules shall be used in the conduct of business of the club in all cases which are not consistent with the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION I. PRESIDENT

The president shall preside at all meetings when present. He will appoint committee chairmen from the club membership roster.

SECTION II: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall fulfill all the duties of the President in the absence of that

officer.

SECTION III: SECRETARY

As Secretary, the officer shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings.

The records of the Secretary shall be kept current and open to all members of the club for inspection.

SECTION IV: TREASURER

As Treasurer, the officer shall receive and disburse all funds, maintain records of all financial transactions and administer the clubs bank account. Financial correspondence will be conducted by the Treasurer. Bills will be paid when supported with an invoice from the person or agency providing the goods or services. The records of the Treasurer shall be kept current and open to all members of the club for inspection.

SECTION V REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any officers may be removed from that office for failure to properly perform his duties by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the club members present.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Special committees shall be established, as deemed appropriate by the President.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

By-law changes can only be made by a vote of at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members present in favor of the change.