

Sea Trail Fishing Club

Bylaws and Procedures Manual

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1. Identity and Mission Statement

These are the By-Laws and Procedures for the Sea Trail Fishing Club (STFC), herein call the “Club”, a not-for-profit Corporation incorporated under North Carolina General Statute 55A-2-02. The provisions of these By-Laws and Procedures are applicable to said Club, and the terms and provisions hereof are expressly subject to the effect of the terms, provisions, conditions, and authorizations contained in the Articles of Incorporation which are recorded with the North Carolina Secretary of State. All present or future members are subject to the regulations set forth in these By-Laws and Procedures and in said Articles of Incorporation.

The Sea Trail Fishing Club is a not-for-profit organization focused on promoting fishing and fellowship amongst its members. The Club accomplishes its mission through member social interactions, seminars, guest speakers, and Club outings. The Club advocates for, and encourages conservation by promoting strict adherence to local and Federal laws, by practicing catch-and-release if the catch is not to be consumed, and through member education. The Club takes an active role in the freshwater and saltwater fishing community with other similar organizations whose goals and objectives are aligned with STFC by providing and offering either membership in and/or support for common causes.

2. Membership

The Sea Trail Fishing Club is open to people in the local community who share in the joy of fishing. No discrimination shall be made with respect to race, origin, gender, sexual orientation, finances, etc.

3. Board of Directors

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”. Board members of The Sea Trail Fishing Club shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms. Two members may also be elected as At-Large BOD members. In addition, Committees shall be formed as necessary, and at the discretion of the other Board members. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Members of the Board shall all be Club members.

The first Board shall be comprised of the three (3) persons designated to act and serve as Directors in the Articles of Incorporation. These members shall serve until their successors are elected at the first Annual Meeting. Should any member of the said first Board be unable to serve for any reason, a majority of the remaining members of the Board shall have the right to select and designate a party to act and serve as a Director for the unexpired term of said Director who is unable to serve.

The undertakings and contracts authorized by said first Board shall be binding upon the Club in the same manner as though such undertakings and contracts had been authorized by the first Board of Directors duly elected by the membership, so long as any undertakings and contracts are within the scope of the powers and duties which may be exercised by the Board in accordance with these By-laws and Procedures.

All of the powers and duties of the Club existing under NC General Statute 55A and these By-laws and Procedures shall be exercised exclusively by the Board, its agents, contractors, or employees, subject only to approval by the members when such is specifically required. Such powers and duties

of the Board shall include, but not be limited to the following (subject to the provisions of these By-laws and Procedures):

- To make and collect dues from members and conduct fund-raising activities to defray costs and expenses of the Club;
- To use the proceeds of dues and fund-raising activities in the exercise of powers and duties.

3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1.1 President

- Officiate at all called Club meetings
- Together with the Treasurer, provide oversight to all Club funds. To that end, the President shall audit the Club funds at least quarterly.
- Enforce standards of conduct for Club members
- Appoint Committee Chairs
- Together with the Treasurer, sign any checks as necessary
- Together with the Secretary, prepare newsletters periodically and distribute them to Club members
- Work to increase membership
- Act as a liaison between the Sea Trail Master Association and the Sea Trail Fishing Club

3.1.2 Vice-President

- Perform any and all duties of the President in the event of the President unavailability, or when asked by the President
- Assist the Secretary by contacting speakers, vendors, or other presenters for monthly meetings.
- Primary person responsible for recruiting new members.
- Work with the Club Secretary to maintain Club membership roles

3.1.3 Secretary

- Take minutes at all Club meetings. Post the minutes to the Website for review, and publish them back to the Website following the next scheduled Club meeting with any corrections as necessary
- Together with the Vice-President, arrange for speakers, vendors, or other contributors to support the Club's Mission Statement at monthly meetings
- Maintain all records in good order (both hard copies and electronic records)
- Maintain Club member rolls
- Prepare and publish agendas to the Website for monthly Club meetings
- Prepare slates of candidates for Club elections
- Ensure that potential voting members for Club elections are in good standing
- Ensure that vote counts generated at Club elections are accurate

3.1.4 Treasurer

- Promptly deposit any funds gathered from Club members
- Pay any proper invoices or Expense Reports within fifteen (15) days of receipt
- Balance the Club checking account within five (5) days of the bank statement being available
- Prepare a Club budget. The Club budget shall show estimated expenses, budget expenses, and actual expenses. A budget for the following fiscal year shall be prepared at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. It is normally voted on for approval by the Club membership at the November Annual Meeting.

- Together with the President and/or Audit Committee, audit the Club funds at least quarterly
- Ensure that Federal and/or State tax returns are filed as required
- Prepare Financial Statements as required. At a minimum, Club account balances should be reported on every Treasurer's Report given to the Club. Results of every audit should also be reported.

3.1.5 Sergeant-At-Arms

- Ensure good order and discipline during Club meetings
- Ensure the meeting room is set up prior to the meeting, and ensure the meeting room is returned to its original condition following the meeting
- Collect and count any written ballots during a vote
- Back-up meeting minutes taker at all Club meetings

3.1.6 At-Large Members

Duties as assigned by the President or designee.

3.2 Elections

3.2.1 Officer Terms

3.2.1.1 Officers shall be elected to two-year terms. The President, one At-Large Member, and Secretary shall be elected in one cycle, and the Vice-President, Sergeant-At-Arms, the other At-Large Member, and Treasurer shall be elected in the next cycle. Doing so preserves continuity of the Board of Directors by not having a potential loss of experience of the complete Board simultaneously.

3.2.1.2 Elections shall normally occur in the Annual Meeting. Officers elected in the Annual meeting begin their terms at election. Special elections may be called as required to replace Club officers who resign or who otherwise vacate their position.

3.2.1.3 There are no term limits. A Club officer may run for that position again once the term expires, provided the officer is in good standing and provided the Club deems that officer has sufficiently performed their duties in the previous term.

3.2.2 Voting Procedures

3.2.2.1 At least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting in which an Officer or an At-Large Member is to be elected, the Secretary shall send out a notice to Club members informing them of the upcoming election and asking them to apply for that position.

3.2.2.2 The Secretary shall review the application for completeness, and to ensure that the candidate is eligible to run for that position. Only Club members who are in good standing, and who have been in good standing for at least sixty (60) days prior to the election, are eligible to run.

3.2.2.3 During the election meeting, members present shall vote on their choice of candidate. A simple majority of those present shall determine who is elected to that office. Club members are eligible to vote if they are members in good standing at the time of the vote.

3.2.2.4 During the Club meeting at which elections are to be held, the Secretary or his/her designee (if the Secretary's position is up for election) shall announce the candidates for the open spot(s). The Secretary or his/her designee shall also call for nominations from the floor. Candidates are eligible to run for the position from the floor if they are members in good standing, if they have been members in good standing for at least 60 days prior to the election, and if they have demonstrated a willingness to work for the good of the Club.

- 3.2.2.5 Once all candidates have been determined, the election shall be held. The head official conducting the election shall count ballots and shall announce the member selected for the position. The Sergeant-At-Arms (or designee if that position is being elected) shall assist in ensuring the vote counts are accurate.
- 3.2.2.6 Any voting Club member may call for a written ballot.
- 3.2.2.7 Only Club members who are actually present and who are found to be members in good standing may vote on a particular position.
- 3.2.2.8 All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast (unless dispensed by unanimous consent). In the event of a tie in votes, additional vote(s) shall be taken until the tie is broken and a winner is determined.

3.2.3 Board of Director Vacancies After Annual Meeting

Board of Director members are normally elected at the Annual Meeting. It is possible that a vacancy could exist if no one is elected to an open position, or if an Officer is removed for cause (see Section 3.3). In the event a vacancy exists, the following procedures apply:

- 3.2.3.1 The President or Vice-President, as applicable, may appoint a member in good standing to an "Acting" role until such time as the Club takes a formal vote on that position. The person appointed to the "Acting" role shall have all rights, responsibilities, and privileges of that position as described in this Manual pending a formal vote.
- 3.2.3.2 A vote shall be taken at the earliest opportunity to confirm or reject the candidate for that position. The vote may be done at a normally scheduled meeting, at a special called meeting, or via email. A 51% majority of members in good standing is required to confirm the candidate.
- 3.2.3.3 If the candidate is confirmed, then the candidate shall become an elected member of the Board of Directors and shall serve out the term of that position. If the candidate is rejected, the President or Vice-President, as applicable, may retain that person as the "Acting" person until such time as another suitable candidate is found. Once found, the second candidate shall then become the "Acting" candidate pending approval per the procedures in this paragraph.

3.3 Officer Removal

- 3.3.1 A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board if found to be negligent in their duties, if found to not be performing their duties, if found to be acting not in accordance with Local, State, or Federal laws, or for other reasons. To remove a member of the Board of Directors "for cause", the following shall occur:
 - Charges shall be filed in writing with the Board. The charges shall be specific as to date, time, and content of the base of the charge.
 - The President may call a special meeting, or may wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting to bring the charges forth to the membership.
 - A vote shall be taken. If approved by a simple majority of votes taken, the member shall be required to immediately step down from their position. Members who are disqualified in this manner shall not be entitled to run for a Board of Directors spot in the future until the cause(s) leading to the dismissal in the first place are documented to have been corrected.

4 Financials

4.1 Club Dues

Club dues are due and payable at the start of the fiscal year (January 1 of each calendar year). Club dues shall be an amount decided by vote of the membership. Club dues may be paid by check (preferred), money order, or cash. Receipts shall be provided for all payments as requested. Club dues must be paid to be a member in good standing. Club dues are expected to be a minimal amount. Therefore, should a member join later in the year, the new member shall still be expected to pay the full amount of the dues (i.e. no pro-ration of dues).

Members are retained on the active roster based on payment of dues. Effective January 1, 2023 a new member, or a member who has previously participated but is no longer participating, may be removed from the roster and their membership in the Sea Trail Fishing Club Facebook account may be terminated if dues have not been paid within three (3) months of their first participation for new (prospective) members, and by April 1 of that calendar year for existing members.

Between the time that membership dues are obligated to be paid and the time when they are actually paid (i.e. the time when dues are still owed), members who are thusly in arrears shall be considered "INACTIVE" members, or members not in good standing. Inactive members may still be retained on the Sea Trail Fishing Club roster and may still be included in emails to the Club. These members may still attend Club meetings. However, they shall not be entitled to a vote on any matter. They shall not count towards a quorum (see Section 5.4). They shall not be eligible to participate in activities as described in Section 4.3. And, they shall not be entitled to any discounts at participating sponsors.

4.2 Other Revenue Sources

Members in good standing are eligible to participate in Club fundraisers such as 50/50 drawings, raffles, and other special events. 50/50 drawings may be conducted at monthly meetings. Raffles may be conducted over a longer time period. Participation in 50/50 drawings, raffles, or other special fundraisers is completely voluntary. Any monies raised shall be added to the budget, and shall be used to advance the ideals of the Club.

4.3 Members Not in Good Standing

Members not in good standing are eligible to participate in discussions in Club meetings. However, members not in good standing shall not have the right to make or vote on a motion, earn prizes in fundraisers, participate in special Club functions such as contests, trips, or excursions, or participate in election of Club officers.

4.4 Auditing

The Treasurer shall maintain financial records in good order at all times. Any financial record may be audited by any Club member at any time, with five (5) days prior notice.

The President and Treasurer shall conduct an internal audit at least quarterly. The President may delegate the responsibility of the audit to an Audit Committee; however, the President shall certify by his/her signature that the results of the Audit Committee's work is acceptable.

If required by local and/or Federal law consistent with the Club's designation as a not-for-profit organization, financial records may be audited independently by an accounting firm qualified to perform such an audit. Periodicity of any external audits shall comply with applicable local and/or Federal law. Alternatively, the independent audit may be performed by a person trained and/or qualified in auditing.

4.5 Budgeting

An annual budget shall be established for the Club. The budget shall show, at a minimum, expected income, expected expenses, actual income/expense totals, and balances. Current and YTD totals shall be shown in the budget.

Establishment of a budget and approval by the Club membership constitutes approval to spend within that budget. Expense reporting (see next section) shall be used as a means to track actual expenses.

Spending outside the approved budget is not allowed without written approval from at least the Club Treasurer, with written notice to the President.

4.6 Expense Reporting

Any expenses incurred as a direct result of conducting Club business may be reported for reimbursement. The Expense Report form shall be signed by the Treasurer at a minimum, and shall form a part of the Club financial records. If the Treasurer is not available, then the President may designate other Board members to sign the Expense Report or may sign the Expense Report himself/herself. The Expense Report for expenses that occur as a direct result of performing Committee work shall also be signed by the Committee Chair. Expenses that are normally reimbursed could include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Items purchased for raffles
- Administrative supplies. This may include printer paper, writing tools, postage stamps, printer ink, etc.
- Speaker/presenter fees. The use of paid speakers/presenters shall be avoided if possible, as Club funds are limited.
- Food or refreshments provided as a part of scheduled meetings and events. Note: reimbursement shall not be provided for alcohol of any kind.
- Travel expenses as allowed in this Section (see Paragraph below)

In the rare event that travel is required to conduct Club business, such travel may be considered for reimbursement provided it has received prior approval of the President and Treasurer, is reasonable, and is properly documented. An Expense Report (see Attachment II) submitted without prior approval for travel will not be paid. Approved expenses will be reimbursed at the NC State Government rates in effect at the time of travel. Mileage of less than fifty (50) miles one way is not eligible for reimbursement under any circumstance.

Any Expense Report submitted for non-travel expenses that is not signed and approved by at least the Treasurer, and any Expense Report that is submitted more than 30 days after the expense actually occurred, shall be returned to the originator and shall not be paid.

4.7 Officer Salaries

All Club Officers and members are volunteers. There are no paid positions in the Sea Trail Fishing Club.

4.8 Membership Cards

All STFC members in good standing are entitled to receive a membership card. Displaying the membership card at businesses such as Dave's Outpost and the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier provides a 5% discount on purchases of bait, tackle, food, and merchandise.

Membership cards are valid for the fiscal year in which they are issued.

4.9 Federal and State Tax Returns

The Treasurer shall ensure that Federal and/or State tax returns are filed as appropriate. Consistent with the Club status as a 501.c(7) not for profit entity, and given that income is below \$15,000 annually, a 990N form is required annually for Federal filing purposes. From a State perspective, a tax-exempt determination has been made. The only time that a tax return would be required is if there is non-business-related income. Income from raffles, 50/50 drawings, Fishing Tournaments, and membership dues are all considered business related income and do not necessitate filing a tax return for the State.

5 Business Meetings and Annual Meeting

5.1 Business Meeting Dates and Times

Meetings are normally conducted the third (3rd) Thursday of every month (subject to meeting venue availability) for the purpose of electing officers and of transacting any other business authorized to be transacted by the members. Meetings normally commence at 7:00 p.m. EST. The meeting venue may vary month-to-month. Meeting notices shall be posted to the Website at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

In the event of conflict with room availability, absences of Officers, etc., the monthly business meeting may be cancelled. Cancellation of the business meeting shall be at the discretion of a majority of the Board of Directors. If a business meeting is cancelled, efforts shall be made by means such as posting to the Website, posting to Facebook, and/or by e-mail to inform members in a timely manner.

5.2 Business Meeting Format

The meeting shall be called to order by the President or designee. An agenda shall be prepared and posted to the Website in advance of the meeting.

All discussion during the meeting shall be conducted in general accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Club members are expected to be courteous to each other, and to allow a speaker to finish their thought without interruption. Any meeting participant may contribute to a discussion. However, only Club members in good standing may make, second, or vote on motions.

Meetings may periodically feature a guest speaker. The guest speaker will discuss a subject, or subjects, of interest to the Club as a whole. Any meeting participant member may recommend a guest speaker for consideration. Recommendations should be made to the Club Secretary.

5.3 Annual Meeting and Format

An Annual meeting shall normally be conducted in the month of January. The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect Officers for the coming calendar year. Winners of competitions such as any fishing tournament, Member of the Year, etc. are also normally recognized during the Annual Meeting. Any other business of a non-urgent nature is normally deferred to another meeting.

5.4 Meeting Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 51% of all members in good standing. For routine matters of Club business, a quorum is not necessary for approval and adoption of votes taken. "Routine matters of Club business" is defined as items such as approval of Meeting Minutes, adoption of Fishing Tournament Rules, proceeding with items on the calendar or in an approved budget, or similar items. In cases where there are questions of whether a quorum is necessary or not, the President or his/her designee shall make the determination. Where a quorum is not necessary, a simple majority of members present shall constitute approval or rejection of a vote.

A quorum as defined in this paragraph is necessary for approval of new items related directly to the budget, or approval of changes to the Policy Manual, and for approval of matters related to election/retention of Club Officers. These votes may be taken "in person" if 51% of the members in good standing are present. If not present, a digital vote via a secure digital tool or voting by proxy as defined in this Policy Manual is acceptable.

5.5 Meeting Proxies

Votes may be cast in person or by a proxy. Proxies may be made by any person entitled to vote. Proxies shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein. Proxies must be filed with the Club Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

6 Member Conduct

During meetings, Club members are expected to conduct themselves with a high degree of decorum. Profanity, boorish or disrespectful behavior, or displays of hostility are cause for dismissal from meetings and potential dismissal from the Club.

While participating in any Club-sponsored event, trip, or outing and/or while wearing any clothing with the Club logo, members must realize that they are a representative of the Club and could be highly visible to the general public. Outlandish behavior, consumption of alcohol in excess with an accompanying loss of control, etc. are inconsistent with the ideals of this Club and are grounds for dismissal from the Club.

7 Website and Facebook

Information about the STFC, meeting dates, agendas, upcoming events, etc. can be found on the website at <https://www.seatrailfishing.com>. This Website is maintained by Club membership. Further information about the STFC may be found on https://seatrailma.com/sea_trail_fishing_club. This website is maintained by the Sea Trail Master Association.

Another information venue open to Club members is Facebook. There is a STFC group page open to STFC members only. To join, simply go to your Facebook account, search Sea Trail Fishing Club, and request permission to join. Once the request is approved, the requestor can share information with the members of the group, post pictures, etc. just like any other Facebook post.

8 Tournaments and Competitions

It is expected that tournaments and competitions will be a part of the Club atmosphere. Club members may vote on the format for any tournament or competition. Ideas to consider include at least the following:

- Fish species. This should include salt water fish as well as freshwater fish.
- Tournament or competition format. For example, is the winner based on most fish caught in a day, most fish caught over a time period, longest fish, or some other format. Members should keep in mind that not everyone in the Club owns a boat. Therefore, access to some fish species may be limited to those who do not own a boat.
- Winner criteria as determined by the Tournament Committee. Again, not every Club member owns a weighing scale. Weighing scales that are commercially available could vary widely in their accuracy. Therefore, determining a fish weight may be very difficult to determine.
- Prize. Cash prizes may be available depending on the Club budget. Other forms of winner prizes (examples, a new fishing outfit, clothing, a paid-for fishing charter) may be more desired by a winner.

9 Sea Trail Fishing Club Liability

Members participate in Club activities at their own discretion. The members of the Board of Directors shall not be liable to the membership for any mistake of judgment, negligence, or otherwise, except for their own willful misconduct or bad faith. The members shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the members of the Board of Directors against all contractual liability to others arising out of the contracts made by the Board on behalf of the membership unless such contract shall have been made in bad faith or contrary to the provisions of the Policy and Procedures. It is intended that the Board of Directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Club except to the extent that they are Club members.

All members of the Sea Trail Fishing Club are required to sign a waiver form in order to participate in Club activities. This waiver form is included as Appendix II.

10 Amendments to the Bylaws and Procedures Manual

Changes to existing written rules and policies, or development of ideas brought forward at Club meetings (example, development of a Fishing Tournament) are normally handled through Committee. The procedure works as follows:

- The Club member interested in the policy change communicates the desired change to the Committee Chair. This may be done before, during, or after a Club meeting.
- The President polls Club members to determine who is interested in serving on the Committee. The President appoints a Committee Chair, and assigns Club members to the Committee. Normally the total number of members on a given Committee is small (five or so, including the Committee Chair) and is of an odd number.
- The Committee arrives at a solution to the given situation and develops a Committee recommendation.

- The Committee reports out on their recommendation at a Club meeting. The membership will either:
 - ACCEPT the Committee recommendation as written (no changes allowed except for minor typographical and/or editorial changes); or
 - REJECT the Committee recommendation. If REJECTED, the situation shall go back to Committee to arrive at another solution.
- Approval of the majority of members present at a meeting shall constitute adoption of the Committee recommendation. The President may, at his/her discretion and/or with the approval of the members present at the meeting, send out a Committee recommendation for a proxy vote. In that case approval of the majority of regular members present at the meeting plus approval of any proxy votes returned shall constitute adoption of the Committee recommendation.

11 Member of the Year

The Sea Trail Fishing Club Member of the Year is an annual award. It is presented to a Club member who, for the past twelve (12) months, , best supports the missions of the Sea Trail Fishing Club as written in this Manual. The awardee shall have demonstrated exemplary support for the Club through his/her actions, shall have participated frequently in Club meetings and Club-sponsored events, and shall have demonstrated fishing prowess. All members of the Sea Trail Fishing Club except current Board of Director members are eligible for consideration for the Member of the Year award. However, only members in good standing are eligible to receive the award.

The award may be presented to the same Club member in sequential years.

The Member of the Year award shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Cash value or equivalent of the award shall be no more than 5% of the available Club balance or \$100, whichever is less.

The procedure for determining Member of the Year shall be as follows:

- Nominations for eligible Club members should be submitted by no later than September of the current year to the Club Secretary. The nomination should include a brief description explaining how the nominee meets the criteria as expressed above, and why the nominee is deserving of consideration for the award.
- A slate of nominees shall be prepared. At the Annual Club meeting, the President or his/her designee shall announce that polling for Member of the Year is open. A Club member may be nominated from the floor and may be added to the slate at this time. Only Club members or their proxies are eligible to vote.
- Ballots shall be distributed by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms, assisted by a person chosen by the Sergeant-At-Arms, shall collect and collate all the votes cast.
- A simple majority of the votes cast shall determine the winner. The Board of Directors shall verify the counts for the awardee.

Appendix I. Sea Trail Fishing Club Expense Report

Date	Expense Description	Cost
	Sales Tax:	
	Mileage: _____ miles x \$0.40 cents per mile	
	Total Cost:	

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Committee Chair (if applicable)

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Sea Trail Fishing Club Treasurer (or designee)

Office Use Only:

Date Paid: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check Number: _____

Expense Report Number: _____

Appendix II

Sea Trail Fishing Club Activity Waiver Form (Release from Liability)

Fishing can be an inherently risky activity. These risks could include, but not necessarily be limited to, hooks, gaffs, fish spines and teeth, rough water, cold water, bad weather, sun exposure, fires, and boat sinking.

I, _____, being of lawful age (or being under the care of a

(Write out legibly)

Parent or Guardian if not of lawful age), take responsibility for my own actions and release the Sea Trail Fishing Club, its members, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all liability for or by any reason of any damage, loss, or injury to person or property and even damage resulting in my death, which has been or may be sustained in consequence of my participation in the activities sponsored by the Sea Trail Fishing Club, even though such damage, loss, or injury may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Club. I understand that this subject is further explained in Section 9.1 of the Sea Trail Fishing Club Bylaws and Procedures Manual, and I agree to comply with the policy as explained in the Manual. I understand that this waiver remains in effect continuously and at any location until such time as I am no longer a member of the Sea Trail Fishing Club and am therefore ineligible to participate in Club activities.

I acknowledge and hereby agree that I have carefully read this waiver and release from liability agreement, that I firmly understand the same, and that I am freely and voluntarily executing the same.

By signing this waiver form and release of liability, I understand that I will be forever prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Sea Trail Fishing Club for any property damage or personal injury I may sustain while participating in or preparing for any activity of the Sea Trail Fishing Club. I understand that this waiver is binding to me, my spouse, my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns.

I acknowledge that I do not have any physical limitations or medical ailments, or any physical or mental disabilities that would limit or prevent me from participating in the Club's activities.

This waiver and release of liability agreement will be construed and governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina. I acknowledge that this waiver and release of liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by this jurisdiction. I have read and understand this agreement and I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving certain legal rights which I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and assigns may have against the Sea Trail Fishing Club.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent or guardian (if underage): _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____ STFC Role: _____