### ANGLERS of CHRIST

### BY-LAWS

### AS OF 2-4-18

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|  | | | ARTICLE I – STATEMENT OF FAITH, NAME AND PURPOSE | | | |
| Section 1.                          Section 2. | | | We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:20-21  We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, John 1:1, Acts 5:34)  We believe in the salvation of lost and sinful men, by grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (John 3:16 & 17; Eph 2:8&9; John 1:12-13; John 3:3-8; John 6:63-65; Eph. 2:5)  We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory. (Revelation 22:13; Matthew 1:23; Eph 1;7; Hebrews 9:22; Romans 5:8-9; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Matthew 28; Mark 16:19; Mark 13:26)  We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose in dwelling , the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.  (Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:22-23; Titus 2:11-12)  We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of judgment. (Acts 24:15; John 6:39-40; John 5:28-29)  We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:9-10; Philippians 2:2, 2:4) Each of you should look not at your own interests, but also to the interests of others.  The name of the organization is the Anglers of Christ. | | | |
| Section 3. | | | To use the sport of fishing to spread the gospel of Christ.  To encourage club members walk with the Lord through evangelical Christian fellowship.  We are a Christian club and ask that all language and conduct exemplify a Christian attitude along with honesty and integrity.  To encourage family as a priority second only to ones relationship with God.  To strengthen families through fellowship, ministry and accountability.  To encourage youth to fish.  To promote conservation of our natural resources.  To build relationships with people in the fishing community.  To educate on how to become better fisherman. | | | |
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|  | | | ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP | | | |
| Section 1. | | | The membership of the club shall be limited to Christian men that must bethe age of eighteen (18) years and consisting of at least 50% boat owners. | | | |
| Section 2. | | | All applicants for membership must present to the Secretary for submission to the Membership Committee an application stating his belief in Jesus Christ and his church affiliation along with his name, address, telephone number, etc.  No applicant shall become a member of the fellowship until his application has been approved by the Membership Committee and he has been duly notified by the secretary. | | | |
| Section 3. | | | Each member shall pay club dues and banquet fees yearly in an amount fixed by the by-laws committee which will also be done annually. | | | |
| Section 4. | | | Any member who is delinquent on any dues, banquet or other fees will be ineligible to participate in any club activity which (includes fishing tournaments), until the dues, fees, etc. are paid in full. | | | |
| Section 5. | | | Following spiritual counseling and prayer and upon the recommendation of the By Laws Committee, members may be suspended or expelled for improper conduct and or any violation of any by-law by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. | | | |
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|  | | | ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | | | |
| Section 1. | | | The direction, administration, and all powers of the club shall be vested in an Executive Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the club, having been elected annually from the membership. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the club.  Each officer may serve in the same capacity for as long as they are re-elected by the membership. | | | |
| Section 2. | | | The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary upon the call of the President at such time and place as he designates. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members of said committee | | | |
| Section 3. | | | The election of new club officers each year shall be done in the following manner. A Nominating Committee shall consist of the current Executive Committee.  The Nominating Committee shall select at least one (1) member of the Club as a candidate for each of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Candidates for each office must be active club members for at least 2 years prior to beginning their term of office. A ballot shall be presented to the membership at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor for each contested office shall be permissible. The candidate for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. The election shall take place at the November meeting by written ballot. The new officers shall begin their term on January 1 and shall be presented at the Annual Banquet. | | | |
| Section 4. | | | The duties, responsibilities and authority of each officer shall be as follows: | | | |
|  |  | | (A) | | The President shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and shall preside at all meetings of both the membership and the Executive Committee.  He shall appoint the Membership Committee and such committees as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the club. | |
|  | | | (B) | | The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. He shall also serve as Chairman of the Tournament Committee and Weigh Master. The Vice-President shall be responsible for transporting the club's scales and measuring devices to and from tournament weigh-in sites and shall supervise weighing, counting and measuring all fish. He shall keep appropriate records of tournament results and report them to the secretary. | |
|  | | | (C) | | The Secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall give notice of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee to its members and shall keep a record of all officers and members of the club and their addresses and phone numbers. He shall maintain records of tournament results as received from the Vice-President and shall report club standings to the membership at each meeting.  The Secretary shall submit articles of club events, standings and news to local newspapers. He shall also notify new members of their acceptance into the club. | |
|  | | | (D) | | The Treasurer shall collect, hold and disburse, under the direction of the Executive Committee, all monies of the club; be charged with the collection of all money due the club from members thereof and other sources; keep or cause to be kept regular books of account and submit a statement of the account at all monthly club meetings. He shall deposit all monies of the club into the club's checking account and shall pay all club bills by checks drawn on said account. | |
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|  | | |  | | ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS | |
| Section 1 | | | Regular club meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of each month from January through December unless otherwise stipulated by the Executive Committee | | | |
| Section 2. | | | Each regular meeting shall include time for praise, prayer and devotion. | | | |
| Section 3. | | | Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or Executive Committee. | | | |
| Section 4. | | | A quorum shall consist of thirty-three percent (33%) of the current membership, present in person, and no business requiring a vote will be transacted at any membership meeting unless a quorum is present. | | | |
| Section 5. | | | The regular awards Banquet will be held in January following each tournament year at a time and place set forth by the Executive Committee. | | | |
| Section 6. | | | Attending members shall receive ½ lb. Per meeting for the 12 monthly meetings. | | | |
|  | | | ARTICLE V - BASS FISHING CONTESTS | | | |
| Section 1. | | | The Tournament Committee shall, be composed of prior years Top Six fishermen plus the incoming President and Vice-President.   The Vice-President shall be the chairman and weigh master***.*** In the event that either said officer is also in the Top Six, the By Laws Committee shall appoint an At Large Member to cast a vote if needed to break a tie on a decision to be made. | | | |
| Section 2.  *(Changed 2/5/18)* | | | The Tournament Committee, shall after considering the expressed desires of the members, set dates, times and places to conduct bass fishing contests, and shall decide who shall be eligible to fish in competition for prizes. Only the Tournament Committee has the authority to change the location, dates, etc. of any tournament. The Tournament Committee shall have authority to establish special fishing rules for each tournament. No general fishing rule as set forth herein shall be changed or rescinded by such special rules*. We fish a 2 day tournament twice a year, of the remaining 8 tournaments, 2 will be chosen from the list members have picked. The remaining 6 will be decided by the Top Six members with each member having 1 month. Tournament locations will be set 1 month in advance of a tournament(i.e. March will be chosen in February)* | | | |
| Section 3.  *(Changed 2/5/18)* | | | All decisions of the Vice-President or his appointed weigh-master with respect to weigh in and cut-off time, measurements, classification, weights, limits *or other penalties will be open for appeal.  The Tournament Committee will hear the appeal with the weigh master casting the deciding vote if needed.* The penalty for violating any of the following fishing rules or other shall be disqualification of all fish for that tournament, unless another penalty is noted for an individual fishing rule. | | | |
| Section 4. | | | General fishing rules to prevail during all club tournaments are as follows: | | | |
|  |  | | (A) | | No tournaments shall be held on Sunday. | |
|  |  | | (B) | | Alcoholic beverages are not allowed during any club activity. This includes traveling to and from tournament sites. | |
|  |  | | (C) | | The only fish eligible in competition shall be bass, known locally as Black Bass, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Kentucky Bass, or Florida Bass. | |
|  |  | | (D) | | All competitive fishing shall be done with artificial bait on casting rods and reels, spinning rods and reels, spin-cast rods and reels or fly rods and reels.Only one rod may be used at any one time.  Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made.  Trolling is not allowed. | |
|  |  | | (E) | | Competitive fishing shall be conducted within the limitations imposed by Federal, State, and Local laws, rules and regulations. | |
|  |  | | (F) | | Participants are not permitted to fish within fifty (50) yards of another participant's boat that was there first at any location unless specifically invited to do so by the participant first on location. (This includes posted, private canals that say no hunting and or no fishing). | |
|  |  | | (G) | | Pullovers are not permitted unless specifically allowed by the Tournament Committee for a particular tournament. | |
|  |  | | (H) | | Club members are not allowed to hire a fishing guide during tournament hours. | |
|  |  | | (I)  *(Changed 2/5/18)* | | The pairing of members with members shall be a top priority for both draw and pick tournaments. Should one partner be unable to fish, the Tournament Chairman shall be contacted to determine whether a member is available to fish. If no member is available, then the member without a partner may invite a guest. *That guest would have to be approved by the Tournament Committee for any draw or pick your partner tournament. If one of the Tournament Committee members is seeking guest approval, he will not be allowed to cast a vote. The guest would be eligible to win the awarded prize money.[*Note: any fisherman who cannot be paired up can fish solo as a team.]All competition will be done on a 2-man team basis. Every effort will be made to eliminate duplication of prior tournament partners. Members, who do not participate in the draw and later state that they can fish a tournament, will be paired by the Tournament Chairman if possible***.*** Members cannot be paired up more than once a year, except for a pick your partner tournament or *guest* tournament or the high low tournament. | |
|  |  | | (J) | | Scoring shall be based on the total weight in pounds of bass. Minimum length of fish to be weighed for each tournament shall be determined by the rules and/or regulations set forth by the body of water being fished. (Those bodies with a 14” minimum length shall weigh 14” fish and up. Those bodies with no size limit shall have a minimum length of 12”.)and measured on a commercially manufactured, metal or plastic, measuring device used for measuring the length of fish, containing markings of at least one-quarter (1/4) inch increments or less.   Fish presented for weighing less than the minimum required length for that tournament will be disqualified prior to weighing.  Paper weighing of 12 inch fish to fish under14 inches is allowed for all tournaments with the exception being 12 inch bodies of water. All fish 14 inches and over must be brought in to the scales. Measurements will be in 1/4 inch increments after 12 inches and cannot be increased until the fish touches the next ¼ inch line. (Absolutely no rounding up to the next ¼ inch.) Members can only cull up to 3 dead fish per person and replace them with 3 live fish. All dead fish must be kept and brought in.  Only six (6) fish per team will be counted.  Teams are not allowed to have more than twelve (includes dead fish) fish in their permanent possession at any time, except for culling of the 7th fish per team.  It is the responsibility of the team to keep the fish alive.  A determination of whether the fish are dead or alive will be made solely by the weigh master at the scales and a bonus of 0.10 pound will be awarded for each live fish weighed in. Catch and release is encouraged but not mandatory unless stated so by tournament committee.  Members may keep trophy fish. Maximum number of six (6) fish per man to be kept (includes dead fish).  Only your teams’ fish may be kept.  Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified and is subject to termination of membership upon review. The only exception allowed is another member’s dead fish but no more than the allowed legal limit of 8 fish per member. | |
|  |  | | (K) | | All competitive fishing shall be done from a competitor’s boat during official tournament hours, in waters accessible to all members.  No fishing or practice casting shall be done immediately prior to or after official fishing hours. | |
|  |  | | (L) | | Finishing places are set-up as follows:  INDIVIDUAL SCORING and TEAM SCORING will be on a totaled weight system.  INDIVIDUAL SCORING will determine the Top Six Anglers for the year. Totaled 10 tournament weight plus totaled meeting weight will determine the Top Six.  TEAM SCORING will be on combined weight of both anglers for 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place.  ANGLER OF THE YEAR will be awarded to the person with the most weight totaled for the year for all 10 tournaments, plus total meeting weight. | |
|  | *(Changed 6/4/12)* | | (M) | | Coast Guard approved flotation vests must be worn by all contestants (*while combustion engine is in operation).* New-when combustion engine is running at a higher speed than idle or on step. Each boat shall be equipped with a functional kill switch attached to the operator of the boat. | |
|  |  | (N) | | “Spot stealing” is not permitted.  Courtesy and Sportsmanship are expected from all participating anglers.  Violation of this rule is subject to disqualification and termination of membership upon review. | |
| Section 5. | | | | | Guests are subject to the same rules as members and compete at the Guest Tournament with other guests for awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Big Bass.  All Guest Tournaments shall include time for a devotional. All attempts should be made to fish with a non-member.  If unable to do so, the tournament director shall determine a partner. | |
| *(Changed 2-5-18)*  Section 6. | | | | | *Monetary prizes will be determined by the AOC budget each year with a percentage divided by the number of places paid.* Big Bass Awards and all club records shall be for fish actually weighed-in, no paper weighed fish allowed for club records.  Two or more Plaques will be awarded for Big Bass and Angler of the year in the event of a tie. | |
| Section 7. | | | | | The Top Six (6) fishermen at year-end will be presented awards; awards will be determined by the Executive Committee. | |
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|  | | | | | ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | |
| Section 1. | | | | | The Membership Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members, as appointed by the current President.  The President shall appoint one member as chairman of said committee. | |
| Section 2. | | | | | The Membership Committee shall take action on a prospective member only after it has been furnished with a completed application form. The committee shall have the responsibility to determine that applicants meet the membership requirements. | |
| Section 3. | | | | | The Membership Committee shall inform the Executive Committee of the results of its deliberations with respect to all applications and shall recommend that applications be accepted or rejected. | |
|  | | | | | ARTICLE VII - BY LAWS | |
| Section 1. | | | | | These bylaws supercede all rules and regulations previously voted on by the Membership. | |
| Section 2. | | | | | The direction, administration and all powers shall be vested in the By-Laws Committee. The By-Laws Committee shall consist of 5 members, which will include all original charter members. At Large Members can be appointed by the By-Laws Committee to make up the necessary 5 member committee. All proposed by-law amendments must be submitted in writing to the By-Laws Committee for presentation to the Club prior to any meeting.  If approved by the By-Laws Committee, the proposed amendments shall be presented to the membership at the next scheduled meeting.   These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present.  The by-laws may be amended at any meeting during the year.  The same requested by-law may not be submitted more than twice in any one year. | |