

In accordance with Article 2 and 7 of the Law on Associations (Narodne Novine no.88/2001 and 11/2002), on 30th October 2008, the Constituent Assembly of the Union of Croatian Shipmasters' Associations has adopted:

STATUTE
OF
UNION OF CROATIAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS

Item 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Statute determinates: the name of the Union of Associations, location of the seat, legal status, territory where activities are conducted, transparency of work, objectives and tasks, membership and membership fee, rights and duties of the members, structure and bodies, representation, financial and material operations, record of activities, statute and change of statute, cessation of work of the Union of Associations and final provisions.

The Union of Croatian Shipmasters' Associations (hereinafter Union of Associations) is the professional Union of Associations, in which voluntary associate legal entities to realize their common interests and activities in the area of the profession, and without intent to profit members or third parties.

Article 2

Full name of the association is: ZAJEDNICA HRVATSKIH UDRUGA POMORSKIH KAPETANA (UNION OF CROATIAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS)

Short name: ZAJEDNICA KAPETANA (SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION)

The Union of Associations is conducting its activities in Republic of Croatia.

The Union of Associations is a legal entity.

The legal ability the Union of Associations gains by entry in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia in the Office of State Administration in Zadar County.

Article 3

The seat of the Union of Associations is located in Zadar.

Article 4

Stamp of the Union of Associations is round in shape, 35 millimeters in diameter, bordered by the external thicker and internal thinner line in which on the margin is written full name: ZAJEDNICA HRVATSKIH UDRUGA POMORSKIH KAPETANA and the place of seat ZADAR and in the middle is a stylized form of anchor.

Union of Associations has its sign and flag.

The sign and flag of the Union of Associations are regulated by the Ordinance of the Sign and Flag of Union of Associations.

Sign of the Union of Association is a stylized form of anchor.

Article 5

The Union of Associations has its account, and foreign currency account for cooperation with similar international Associations, such as European and World Shipmasters' Associations.

Item 2 – REPRESENTATION

Article 6

The Union of Associations is represented by the President of Presidency and the General Secretary of the Union of Associations, in all affairs, within the powers and rights under this Statute.

Item 3 – TRANSPARENCY OF WORK

Article 7

The work of the Union of Associations is transparent.

Transparency of work and transparency of information are assured by:

- written informations to the Associated- Members,
- reports on Associated Members' meetings,
- through newspapers, internet and other means of information,
- other possible means, in accordance with Statute of the Union of Associations.

Article 8

The Union of Associations can be associated with:

- similar associations,
- similar international associations.

Item 4 – OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

Article 9

The aim of the Union of Association is that by assembling Shipmasters' Associations improve: the seafaring in Croatia, the safety condition of navigation, protection of sea and coast, maritime education in Croatia, training of maritime personnel, help to sailors in the world, and cooperation with Croatian Navy (HRM).

Article 10

The Union of Association realizes its goals by:

- assembling Shipmasters' Associations for stimulation, promotion and realization of its goals,
- organizing lectures, expert discussions, seminars, courses, and publishing work in accordance with the law,
- participation in discussions with the enactment of laws and other maritime regulations,
- monitoring the development of maritime sciences, and participation in the promotion of maritime education institutions and educating programs for training of maritime personnel,
- monitoring and purchasing professional literature,
- studying and promoting the maritime customs, traditions, history of seafaring and seamen,
- performing other activities for the realization of the goals the Union of Associations, as established by the Statute, in accordance with the law.

Item 5 – MEMBERSHIP IN UNION OF ASSOCIATIONS

Article 11

Member of the Union of Associations may be legal entities which comply with the provisions of this Statute. Admittance in the membership is voluntary.

Members of the Union of Associations may be:

- Regular,
- Associated,
- Honorary.

Article 12

Regular members of the Union of Associations may be Associations-Members, which assemble shipmasters who have interest to work within the Union of Associations, and who accept the Statute and other general documentation of the Union of Associations.

Article 13

Regular members of the Union of Associations become Associations-Members which present to the Assembly of the Union of Associations, following documents:

- a) Decisions of the executive body of the Association – candidate, of accession to the Union of Associations.
- b) The copy of the Registration of the Association-candidate, at the Administrative body regulated by the law.
- c) The copy of the Statute of Association-candidate.

Decision of acceptance of the new regular member of the Union of Associations brings up the Assembly of the Union of Associations.

Article 14

Associated members of the Union of Associations may be legal entities and individual persons, who can contribute in promotion of the Union of Associations.

Decision of acceptance of the associated member in the Union of Associations brings up the Presidency of the Union of Associations.

Article 15

Honorary member of the Union of Associations may be legal entity or individual person, who by their work and actions contribute, or has contributed, to the improvement of work and material position of the Union of Associations, or improved the science of sea and seamanship. Honorary member may also be a foreign organizations or persons, if they fulfill conditions of the above paragraph.

Decision of acceptance of the honorary member in the Union of Associations brings up the Assembly of the Union of Associations, on the suggestion of the Presidency of the Union of Associations.

Article 16

Associated and honorary members cannot vote or be elected in the bodies of the Union of Associations.

Item 6 - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 17

Rights of a regular members are:

- to delegate members of their Associations in the bodies of the Union of Associations,
- to vote and be elected in the bodies of the Union of Associations and other Associations,
- to be informed of the work of the Union of Associations and its bodies, and of the material-financial activities,
- to actively participate in implementation of the goals of the Union of Associations and its bodies,
- to suggest measures for improvement of work, and contribute in achievement of activities,
- to benefit all rights and privileges provided by the Union of Associations,
- to suggest and initiate the discussion about the issues and activities of the bodies of the Union of Associations, ask for opinions, attitudes, and explanations.

Article 18

Duties of a regular members are:

- to actively participate in the work of the Union of Associations,
- to pay regularly the membership fee,
- to protect and improve the reputation of the Union of Associations, and Shipmasters' profession,
- to execute decisions and tasks brought up by the bodies of the Union of Associations, and those determined by the Statute,
- to contribute to the successful work of the Union of Associations, according to their abilities and capabilities,
- to regularly attend and participate in work of the bodies of the Union of Associations.

Article 19

Membership in the Union of Association terminates by:

- resignation from the membership,
- exclusion,
- cessation of existence of the Association – Member.

Article 20

Exclusion from membership of the Union of Association is applied to the Association-Member if:

- by its work and activities violates the provisions of the Statute of the Union of Associations,
- do not pay membership fees to the end of the sixth month, for the last year,
- in the time of access to the Union of Association, gave false information on registration of Association.

Decision on exclusion from the membership brings the Presidency of the Union of Associations and on objection the final decision will be made by the Assembly of the Union of Associations.

Item 7 – STRUCTURE AND BODIES

Article 21

The bodies of Union of Association are:

- Assembly,
- Presidency,
- President,
- General Secretary of the Union of Association,
- Supervisory Board,
- Court of Honor.

ASSEMBLY

Article 22

Assembly is the highest governing body of the Union of Association, and may be:

- electoral
- regular
- extraordinary

Article 23

Regular electoral assembly is held every 4 years.

The Assembly consists of two to five delegates, depending on the number of regular members of the Association-Member:

- up to 30 members, 2 delegates,
- from 30 to 60 members, 3 delegates,
- from 60 to 120 members, 4 delegates,
- over 120 members, 5 delegates.

Delegates of Associations-Members form the Assembly of the Union of Associations.

Among the members of the Assembly, two delegates of each Association-Member are elected to the Presidency of the Union of Associations.

Every year, other Association-Member preside the Assembly.

Turn of presidency is brought up on electoral assembly.

Article 24

Regular session of the Assembly is held each year to the end of February, for the previous year. Presidency of the Union of Associations convenes the session of the Assembly at least 8 days before the session of the Assembly, with the disclosure of session agenda.

Sessions of the Assembly are conducted by the President of the Union of Associations, and in his absence by the Secretary General, and in the case of absence of both, by the Deputy Presidents, or by the person appointed by the Assembly.

Before each session of the Assembly, the President shall determine the number of delegates of the Assembly.

The working mode of the Assembly may be regulated by the Rules of procedure of the Assembly, which brings up the Assembly.

Article 25

Extraordinary Assembly takes place as needed.

Extraordinary Assembly is held at the request of the Presidency or the President or the Supervisory Board, or at least two Associations - Members with a written proposal of session agenda.

At an extraordinary assembly is decided on issues for which the Assembly is convened.

Extraordinary Assembly is convened by the Presidency in the period of maximum 15 days from the date of submitted request. If the Presidency does not convene the Assembly on the proposal of the proponent in paragraph 2 of this article, Extraordinary Assembly may be convened by the proposers, within next 30 days.

Article 26

Delegates, who reasonably cannot attend to the work of the Assembly, may their proposals or work submit in writing at least three days before the session of the Assembly, to the Presidency, and the Presidency shall include materials in the work of the Assembly.

The Assembly may take decisions if in the work of the Assembly are present more than a majority of delegates of the Assembly.

The Assembly takes legitimate decisions by the majority of delegates present to the session of the Assembly.

Ballot is open, may exceptionally be secret, if the Assembly decides so.

If the majority of delegates are not present at the scheduled time, the session is delayed for one hour, and in this case valid decisions can be taken if one third of members are present, by the majority vote of those present.

In emergency, justified and exceptional cases, Assembly session can be organized electronically. In this case, decisions are made by one-third of all members.

In the event of changes in statutes and the termination of the association, the decisions are made by two-thirds majority of present members.

Article 27

The Assembly is responsible to:

- adopt, change and interpret the Statute and other official documents,
- make and adopt a financial plan and balance sheet,
- elect and dismiss the members of the Presidency, the Supervisory Board, the Court of Honor, and the Secretary General,
- bring the order of presidency of the Associations – Members, for electoral period,
- determine the amount of the membership fee,
- adopt reports on the work of bodies of the Union of Associations,
- resolve in the second instance the appeals and complaints of Associations - Members,
- decide about the honorary members of the Union of Associations,
- elect working presidency, recorder and record authorizer of the Assembly,
- decide on change of name, location of site, and income,
- perform other duties that are not within the competence of other bodies of the Union of Associations.

PRESIDENCY

Article 28

The Presidency is the executive body of the Assembly, which governs the Union of Associations between two sessions of the Assembly, in which all members have equal rights and responsibility for the work of the Presidency.

Before each session of the Presidency the President shall determine the number of its members.

Article 29

The Presidency consists of two delegates of each Association member, elected by the Electoral Assembly for a period of 4 years. The President, the Deputy President and the General Secretary of the Union of Associations are ex officio members of the Presidency.

Article 30

On constitutional session of the Presidency elected are President and Vice President among the members of the Presidency, and the Secretary of the Presidency, for period of one year.

Article 31

President convenes and conducts the sessions of the Presidency, and in his absence the Deputy President. Sessions of the Presidency are held as needed at the seat of the Association – Member which presides the Union of Associations. The Presidency may take valid decisions if the majority of the Presidency members are present. Decisions are brought up by the majority of present members. Exceptionally in the case of urgency, meetings can be organized electronically. Decisions and conclusions of the electronic session must be verified on the next regular session of the Presidency.

In this case the decisions are brought up by the majority of all members.

Article 32

The President composes the agenda for the session of the Presidency and submits it to the members in writing, at least seven days before the session. Call for a session will be submitted to the Presidents of the Supervisory Board and the Court of Honor, who may attend the session, but have no right vote.

Article 33

Presidency:

- determines draft Statute, its changes and amendments, and other general acts,
- elects and dismisses the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Presidency,
- brings up all normative acts that are not within the competence of the Assembly,
- proposes the changes and amendments to the Statute,
- executes decisions of the Assembly,
- prepares the session of the Assembly,
- decides on the admission of the associated members to the Union of Associations,
- manages funds and property of the Union of associations,
- proposes the amount of the membership fees,
- gives proposal for the budget and expenses,
- appoints boards, commissions or other permanent or temporary bodies for the execution of certain tasks or projects,
- cares for the correct and prompt informing of the members and the public ,
- proposes to the Assembly candidates for honorary members, candidates for awards and other honors for exceptional work and merits,
- performs other duties and tasks submitted to it by the Assembly bodies of the Union of Associations.

Article 34

Presidency submits to the Assembly a written annually report of its work.

PRESIDENT

Article 35

The Union of Associations has the President who is elected for a period of one year, among the members of the Presidency.

The President of the Union of Associations is the President of Presidency elected among the representatives of Association-Member which presides.

President of the Union of Associations is ex officio President of the Assembly and the President of Presidency.

The President is responsible for the proper and legal work of the Union of Association.

Article 36

President:

- represents the Union of Associations on the basis of the Statute and other acts of the Union of Associations,
- convenes sessions of the Presidency,
- presides the sessions of the Assembly and the Presidency,
- signs acts brought up by the Assembly and the Presidency,
- cares and controls of the execution of the decisions of the Union of Associations' bodies,
- is in charge of the execution and implementation of financial plan,
- signs the contracts and agreements which concludes or those to which access the Union of Associations,
- in the case of cession of the Union of Associations performs the duty of the liquidator,
- performs other duties determinate by this Statute or by the decisions of the Union of Associations' bodies.

President for its work responds to the Presidency and to the Assembly of the Union of Associations.

Once a year President submits to the Assembly written reports of its work.

Article 37

Vice President of the Union of Associations is elected by Presidency among the representatives of the Association-Member which presides, for a period of one year.

Vice President of the Union of Associations substitutes the President in the case of his absence or prevention, and helps him in work.

Article 38

Secretary of the Presidency is elected by the Presidency of the Union of Associations, among the representatives of the Association-Member which presides, for a period of one year.

The Secretary of the Presidency assists the President in preparation and convention of the sessions, helps the President in the work, and performs other duties as entrusted to him by the Presidency of the Union of Associations.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF ASSOCIATIONS

Article 39

General Secretary of the Union of Associations is elected by the Assembly, for the period of 4 years.

General Secretary of the Union of Associations is automatically also a member of the Presidency.

General Secretary may perform the job voluntary, contractual or as employee, depending on the needs and abilities of the Union of Associations, which decides the Assembly of the Union of Associations, on the proposal of the Presidency.

If it is decided to work as an employee, the conditions for the selection of the General Secretary determines the Assembly, on the proposal of the Presidency.

Article 40

General Secretary of the Union of Associations:

- ensures the execution of legal regulations, and provisions of the Statute,
- represents and signs in the name of the Union of Associations, in accordance with the powers given by this Statute and the powers given by the governing bodies of the Union of Associations,
- signs financial documents, and manages the treasury,
- monitors the execution of the plan and program of the Union of Associations,
- performs other tasks in accordance with the law and acts of the Union of Associations,
- submits the report about his work, to the Presidency and the Assembly of the Union of Associations,
- prepares and assists in sessions of the bodies of the Union of Associations,
- keeps the record of the members of the Union of Associations, treasury and financial-material operations.

Article 41

The Assembly may dismiss Presidency of the and Union of Associations and General Secretary of the Union of Associations, before the end of the period for which they were elected, if they exceed their authority or do not fulfill their obligations conscientiously.

If the whole Presidency is dismissed, the Assembly then elects the new with a full mandate, and if it deals with individual members of the Presidency, the Assembly then elects the new members of the Presidency for the time to expiry as for the rest of the Presidency in which they are elected.

Proposal for dismissal may give the President, the Presidency, the Supervisory Board or the Court of Honor, or Association- member.

Competent body of the Union of Associations may for the same reasons, set in paragraph 1 of this article, revoke its representative in the Assembly of the Union of Associations, and if this representative is at the same time a member of the Presidency, at the same time terminates the mandate as a member of the Presidency.

The mandate of new representative, appointed by the Association-member in the Assembly, last until the expiration of the mandate of the revoked representative, and if that member was a member of the Presidency, Assembly elects new member in the Presidency, whose mandate expires at the same time as the mandate of the Presidency in which is elected.

Each member of the Assembly or of the Presidency may request dismissal before the expiry of the term of the office, with obligation to perform the duties until the decision of discharge.

The Assembly is obliged at its first session to make a decision on the request for resolution.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

Article 42

Supervisory board is elected by the Assembly of the Union of Associations. The mandate of the Supervisory Board lasts 4 years. The Supervisory Board has one delegate from each Association Member. Supervisory board is chaired by member of the Association – Member which presides. Chairman of the Supervisory Board is appointed at the first meeting of the Supervisory Board.

Supervisory Board takes valid decisions, if there are present more than half of the members of the Supervisory Board, by majority of the present members.

Members of the Supervisory Board cannot be members of the Presidency and the Court of Honor.

Article 43

Duties of the Supervisory Board are:

- to supervise the application of Statute and decisions of the bodies of Union of Associations,
- to monitor and control the legality of the Union of Associations' activities,
- to supervise the entire financial and material operations of the Union of Associations and its bodies,
- to supervise the execution of contractual and other obligations of the Union of Associations.

Article 44

The Supervisory Board informs on possible irregularities the assembly, and the body in which the irregularities were noticed.

If the Presidency or the Assembly does not correct the irregularities within 30 days, the Supervisory Board is obliged to act according this Statute and the law.

Supervisory Board submits to the Assembly written report of its work.

COURT OF HONOR

Article 45

The Court of Honor is elected by the Assembly for a term of 4 years.

The Court of Honor has one delegate of each Association - Member. Court of Honor is chaired by a member of the Association-Member which presides, appointed at the first session of the Court of Honor. The Court of Honor takes decisions, if majority of members are present on session, by the majority of the present members of the Court of Honor.

Members of the Court of Honor may not be members of the Presidency and the Supervisory Board.

Article 46

Court of Honor:

- examines and settles disputes within the Union of Associations,
- examines cases of violations of the Statute and other acts of the Union of Associations,
- mediates in the dispute between the Associations – Members,
- proposes measures or sanctions in cases of violations of the Union of Associations' documents,
- Court of Honor submits its opinions and suggestions to the Presidency, which decides on the case in the first instance, and the final decision is of the Assembly of the Union of Associations.

Article 47

The Supervisory Board and the Court of Honor take decisions in the manner and procedure for deciding of the Presidency. Members of the Supervisory Board and the Court of Honor will be dismissed in the manner and procedure for dismissal of the Presidency.

Item 7 MATERIAL-FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Article 48

Property of the Union of Associations can consists of:

- real estate,
- movable property,
- financial assets,
- ownership rights and other rights,
- donations and grants.

Article 49

Union of Associations may also acquire other rights and use them to stimulate the activities of the Union of Associations, in accordance with the law and this Statute.

Article 50

The Union of Associations provides funds for the work and activities from:

- membership fee,
- performing registered activities,
- donations and sponsorships,
- other sources in accordance with the law.

Article 51

In order to acquire resources for performing basic activities the Union of Associations may carry out economic and other activities, in accordance with the law and the Statute.

Article 52

The Union of Associations conducts material and financial operations in accordance with the regulations on the accounting operations of non-profit legal entities.

The Presidency appoints persons with authority for financial operations.

Article 53

The business activities of the Union of Associations are performed according to the financial plan, which is adopted by the Assembly on the proposal of the Presidency.

Modifications and amendments to the financial plan are brought to the Presidency, about which it informs the Assembly.

If the Union of Associations does not adopt the financial plan till the end of the calendar year, for the following year, work of the Union of Associations will be conducted on the basis of a temporary plan, but not later than 31st March of the current year.

The temporary financial plan is brought to the Presidency of the Union of Associations.

Item 8 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 54

The Union of Associations was founded on 30th October 2008 as UNION OF CROATIAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

On the basis of the Law, Constitution and interest, the Union of Associations is obliged to keep records of its activities and work, to give, to collect and to archive the data of interest for the Union of Associations.

Item 9 PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTE

Article 55

The Draft Statute of the Union of Associations is prepared by the Presidency, and submitted to the Associations-Members, in order to gather comments and suggestions. Taking into account suggestions and comments the Presidency creates a proposal of the Statute and submits it to the Assembly which adopts the Statute of the Union of Associations.

Item 10 TERMINATION OF UNION OF ASSOCIATIONS

Article 56

Decision on termination of the Union of Associations is brought to the Assembly of the Union of Associations by a two-thirds majority of present members, in accordance with this Statute and the law.

Article 57

In the event of the termination of the Union of Associations, the remaining property of the Union of Associations, after the implementation of established legal procedure, is submitted to the ownership of the Associated-Members, into equal parts depending on years of membership in the Union.

Item 11 FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 58

All important issues which are not regulated in this Statute and require a detailed elaboration will be brought by the Assembly, as general act of the Union of Associations.

Article 59

Other general and normative acts of the Union of Associations will be adopted within 90 days of entry into force of the Statute of the Union of Associations.

Article 60

The Assembly of the Union of Associations is authorized for interpretation of the provisions of this Statute.

Article 61

This Statute shall enter into force on the date of enactment.

In Zadar, 30th October 2008

President:

Captain Nino Dunat