



## STATUTES

### I. PRINCIPLES

#### ART. 1 – NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

Under the name of

#### **Swiss Nautic Union (SNU)**

an association according to Art. 60 ff. Swiss Civil Code is constituted.

The association shall be listed at the commercial register.

#### ART. 2 – PURPOSE

The association defines itself as a business union and aims to promote commercial passenger shipping on Swiss inland waters by organizing an exchange of experiences among members, representing members' interests towards third parties, and providing services to members.

The association is active in the following subject areas: strategy & competition, marketing & public relations, politics & legislation, technology & equipment, as well as human resources & training.

The association does not pursue any commercial purposes and does not aim to make a profit.

#### ART. 3 – FUNDING

The association's resources for pursuing the association's purpose consist of:

- Membership fees
- Subsidies, donations, and grants of all kinds
- Income from possible events

The membership fees are determined annually by the general meeting.

Only the association's assets are liable for the association's financial obligations. Any personal liability of its members is expressly excluded.

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#### **SNU – Swiss NAUTIC UNION**

ENTREPRENEURS' ASSOCIATION FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER SHIPPING  
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### II. MEMBERSHIP

#### ART. 4 – ADMISSION

Full/active membership of the association is eligible to shipping entrepreneurs, i.e., natural persons, partnerships, and legal entities, provided they meet one of the following conditions:

- Ownership of at least one ship that is licensed for commercial passenger transport in Switzerland and is not subject to a federal license;
- Responsible, sole operation of at least one ship that is licensed for commercial passenger transport in Switzerland and is not subject to a federal license.

The ships used for commercial passenger transport include both passenger ships in accordance with BSV art. 2, para. 1a, no. 6 as well as so-called "small passenger ships" or "taxi boats".

In cases where ownership of the ship and its operation are carried out by different shipping entrepreneur, both shipping entrepreneurs can become full/active members.

Shipping entrepreneurs who (temporarily) do not have an own ship as well as shipmasters who have a category B shipmaster's license can become passive members.

Registration for membership must be made in written form to the board, which will make the final decision on acceptance.

#### ART. 5 – EXPIRY, RESIGNATION, AND EXCLUSION

The membership expires for natural persons through resignation, exclusion, or death, and for partnerships and legal entities through resignation, exclusion or dissolution of the company.

Resignation of membership is possible at the end of the calendar year with a notice period of 3 months. The request for resignation must be submitted in written form.

The board can exclude a member who acts contrary to the interests of the association at any time. The exclusion occurs by majority decision of the board. The excluded member can appeal against an exclusion decision by the board within 30 days of the written notification to the next general meeting, which will then make the final decision on the exclusion.



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### III. ORGANIZATION BODIES

#### ART. 6 – BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Bodies of the association are:

- General meeting of the members
- Board of the association

#### ART. 7 – GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting is the highest body of the association and takes place annually.

Members are invited to the general meeting at least 20 days in advance in written form, stating the agenda. Invitations via email are valid.

Applications for the general meeting must be submitted to the board in written form or by e-mail no later than 30 days before the meeting.

The board or 1/5 of the members of the association can request that an extraordinary general meeting be called at any time, stating the purpose. The meeting must take place no later than 30 days after receipt of the request.

The general meeting has the following tasks and competencies:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting
- b) Approval of the annual report of the board
- c) Receipt of the audit report and approval of the annual financial statements
- d) Discharge of the board of directors
- e) Election of the president, the other board members, and the auditor
- f) Determination of membership fees
- g) Approval of the annual budget
- h) Decision on the program of activities
- i) Resolution on proposals from the board and members
- j) Changes to the statutes
- k) Resolution on the dissolution of the association and the use of the liquidation proceeds



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At the general meeting, shipping companies which are ...

- owners or operators *exclusively* of "small passenger ships" or "taxi boats" (with a transport capacity of max. 12 passengers) have a simple voting right;
- owners or operators of *at least one* passenger ship (with a transport capacity of over 12 passengers) has double voting rights.

Passive members have no voting rights.

The general meeting passes its resolutions and carries out elections with a majority of more than half of the voting rights present unless the law requires otherwise.

### ART. 8 – BOARD

The board consists of at least 2 people and is headed by a president. The term of office is 2 years. Re-election is possible.

The board constitutes itself, apart from the president, who is elected by the general meeting.

The board manages day-to-day business and represents the association externally. The board holds all competencies that are not delegated to another body by law or in accordance with these statutes.

The tasks of the board include in particular:

- a) Organization and management of the association
- b) Granting of signatures for the legally valid representation of the association
- c) Preparation of the general meeting and execution of its resolutions
- d) Approval of the annual report and the annual financial statements for the attention of the general meeting
- e) Approval of the budget
- f) Admission and exclusion of members
- g) Approval of strategic goals and measures
- h) Issuance of regulations
- i) Appointing of task forces

The board works on a voluntary basis, actual expenses can be reimbursed.

It can employ or mandate people or external service providers in exchange for appropriate compensation to achieve the association's goals.



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### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

#### ART. 9 – DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Changes to the association's statutes require the approval of one vote more than three quarters of the association's members present at the general meeting.

To dissolve the association, the consent of one vote from more than three quarters of the members of the association present at the general meeting is required. If it is decided to dissolve, the liquidation must be carried out by the board unless the general meeting appoints special liquidators.

If the association is dissolved, the association's assets go to a tax-exempt organization that is determined by the general meeting. The distribution of the association's assets among the members is excluded.

#### ART. 10 – ENTRY INTO FORCE

These statutes were adopted at the founding meeting on October 23, 2023, and came into force on this date.

Zurich, October 23, 2023

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Dr. Rainer Ulrich Georg Oppelt  
President & Actuary

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Dr. Carl Friedrich Schuppert  
Vice President & Treasurer