

PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 173
PENTWATER, MI 49449

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These are the by-laws in effect as of September 13, 2025, as amended
and approved by the general membership.



David Vanderveen, Secretary



Dean Jessup, President

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

- Section I. The name of the organization shall be Pentwater Sportfishing Association. Its principal address shall be P.O. Box 173, Pentwater, MI 49449.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section I. The purpose of the Association is to provide a forum for its members to express their ideas, concerns and interests as they relate to the development, protection and general promotion of sportfishing in Pentwater and adjacent Lake Michigan; to serve as an educational group focusing on Big Lake Sportfishing, boaters' safety, water quality and the inter-relationship between our sport and the dynamics of the Great Lakes Basin.

ARTICLE III - BASIC ASSUMPTION

- Section I. We believe that sportfishing is a major part of the recreational and tourist appeal of Pentwater. We believe that sportfishing has a major positive economic impact upon the Village of Pentwater, and to a lesser extent, Oceana County. We also believe that sharing our experience and knowledge with others will help insure Sportfishing for generations to come.

PSA Code of Ethics

1. To render assistance to boaters in distress or in time of need
2. To maintain a high standard of cleanliness and concern for our fishing waters
3. To be considerate of docked boats and property owners in Pentwater Lake in regard to boat speed and wakes
4. To give as much leeway as possible to fisherman along the channel breakwalls
5. To know the rules of operation for your boat and of your radio equipment
6. Endeavor to provide a good image of the association and yourself to the general public
7. To maintain total truth in relating fishing experiences in public places where others might overhear your conversation
8. Always try to be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BOARD

- Section 1. The Association will be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) members duly elected by the membership. It will be the board's responsibility to elect from their membership the officers for the office of President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The term of office for the directors is as follows: It will be an alternating board with two directors elected for one-year terms; two directors elected for two-year terms; and three directors elected for three-year terms. The term for subsequently elected directors shall be for a term of three years.
- Section 3. Election of Directors shall be from a slate of candidates selected by the Nomination Committee, and from any other candidates nominated from the floor by members present at the annual meeting in August of each year. The Nomination Committee shall be comprised of at least two members selected from the general membership by the president and announced at the July meeting.
- Section 4. The immediate Past President shall remain a member of the Board of Directors after stepping down as President. In the event this increases the Board to ten (10) members the immediate Past President shall be a voting emeritus member for a one-year term.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings. The President shall serve as process agent for the Association. The President will provide direction and leadership for the Association.
- Section 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall work closely with the President and will assume a leadership role in the absence of the President.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and distribute same as directed. The Secretary shall handle correspondence on behalf of the Association.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall account for all receipts and expenditures of the Association. The Treasurer shall do all billing and posting of membership dues and shall maintain a current membership roster. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may appoint a Membership Chairperson to assist the Treasurer in the duties of mailing, collecting membership dues, and maintaining a current roster of members. Should a Membership Chairperson be appointed to assist the Treasurer in these activities, the Membership Chairperson will transfer all dues and receipts to the Treasurer as well as provide a current membership roster to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be prepared to give a financial status report at each general meeting.

- Section 5. There shall be six Directors who are non-officers who together with the officers constitute the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The board shall consider recall or expulsion of any Director who has been absent for three consecutive meetings without just cause.
- Section 7. Any Board vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors subject to vote of approval by majority membership present at the next general meeting. The appointed Director shall fulfill the term of the vacated office. In the event the office of the President is vacated, the Secretary / Treasurer shall assume the vacated office, and the board shall proceed to appoint for the vacated office of Secretary / Treasurer as above.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any persons interested in promoting sportfishing in Pentwater. Membership shall be subject to completion of application for membership and payment of annual dues.

Should the Pentwater Sportfishing Association be dissolved for any reason, after any and all considerations or attempts to revive the association, all assets of the Pentwater Sportfishing Association will be turned over to a local government or non-profit association to further promote Pentwater area recreational facilities as approved by a vote of the then existing membership.

- Section 2. Membership shall not be restricted to residents of Pentwater.
- Section 3. Members shall pay annual dues as fixed by the Association. The annual dues for the organizational are ten (\$10) dollars. Spouses of members desiring membership shall pay five (\$5) dollars. Dues shall be paid on January 1 of each calendar year.
- Section 4. When a member fails to pay his/her dues within one year of the due date that member shall be dropped from the membership roles.
- Section 5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Members shall have the opportunity to introduce and vote on business at the annual and regular monthly meetings.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President shall be empowered to appoint standing and/or special committees as may be deemed necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Association. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nomination committee.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Association shall hold general meetings monthly in May through September.
- Section 2. The annual business meeting will be in August.
- Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by petition of majority membership.

ARTICLE IX - LIMITATIONS

- Section 1. The Association shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-political and non-profit, supported entirely by dues, donations and fund-raising events.
- Section 2. No member or committee shall take or make public any formal action, obligation, resolution or in any way commit the Association on a question of policy, or any matter of public interest, or any contract for services or materials, without first having received written approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any general meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present providing: 1) That the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous general meeting; 2) that notice of the proposed change has been distributed to the general membership; 3) that absentee votes will be counted if signed and dated by the member casting the vote.

ARTICLE XI - EFFECTIVE DATE

- Section 1. These by-laws shall become effective, subject to approval by majority membership present, at the scheduled meeting on September 13, 2025.

CURRENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS – September 2025

		<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>
President:	Dean Jessup	2028	Dean's Dream
Treasurer	Patsy Gettings	2026	Keep'N It Reel
Secretary	David Vanderveen	2026	Break Away
Directors			
	Dan Gettings	2028	Keep'N It Reel
	Rob Bannink	2027	Dream'N Screamer
	Steve Sauser	2027	Fish Eagle
	Cody Anscombe	2028	Shark Bait
	Vacant		
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