

# **Bylaws of Treasure Coast Jeep Club, Inc.**

## Article 1: Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be **“Treasure Coast Jeep Club”**.

## Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club is to work to provide an environment where all people that share the common enthusiasm for Jeeps are welcomed. We will also strive to further the knowledge of the capabilities of our Jeeps through group activities and to share expertise with others who are interested in various levels of modification of Jeep vehicles. Treasure Coast Jeep Club members will participate in efforts to provide aid to community members in need. We will participate via donations and presence in charitable organizations. We, an environmentally sensitive group, will also work to educate our members on the importance of preserving state and federal lands for public use.

No actions of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club shall directly violate any laws established by the State of Florida or any state thereof. Any member violating the rules shall be removed from the Treasure Coast Jeep Club and any further activities thereof.

## Article 3: Membership and Dues:

- A. To become a member of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club, you must be at least 18 years of age and own a Jeep. Title only vehicles shall be in running order within one year unless otherwise agreed upon by a majority of votes cast by members present. You must attend 3 gatherings, which must include at least one club meeting, to qualify as a member. New membership will be granted at the first meeting following the completion of all qualifications. Those meeting the qualifications who wish to join will complete a membership application, sign a waiver of liability, and complete emergency contact and health information forms and submit the forms to the Secretary or Treasurer at the monthly club meeting. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer at the meeting that the membership application is completed and are non-refundable.

- B. Each membership includes the immediate family residing within the same household. Immediate family members are defined as spouses and minor children. At the age of 18, any member of the household that is a Jeep owner will be required to obtain their own membership at the family renewal date, and rate.
- C. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion during all Treasure Coast Jeep Club activities.
- D. A non-refundable membership fee of \$50 per year will be assessed per family, for the first year. Each joining member and their family will receive a one year membership in the Florida 4WD Association which includes a decal from that organization, benefits of the association's membership in United 4WD Association and two Treasure Coast Jeep Club decals for their Jeep. The renewal rate will be \$40 annually per family and does not include new club decals or a new Florida 4WD Association decal.
- E. All Treasure Coast Jeep Club members and their families may purchase club t-shirts and other club merchandise from the club or online through [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com). If any member does not have internet access available, alternative arrangements will be made to facilitate their purchase of club merchandise.
- F. All members must complete a member information sheet, medical information form and waiver of liability.
- G. If any member of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club who is also a member of any of the US armed forces, is called to serve in the event of a national emergency or is called to active duty in a foreign country, their dues will be waived by the club until their return from service or for a maximum of three years. Upon the member's return, they would once again pay their membership dues in accordance with the by-laws at their renewal date.

#### Article 4: Meetings

- A. Official meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month.
- B. Social meetings and other events will be scheduled throughout the month.
- C. Meeting and activity times and dates are subject to change.

#### Article 5: Vehicle Safety

- A. All Jeeps participating in off-road events must have adequate equipment for safe and legal operation.
- B. The following equipment will be required for all member Jeeps participating in club off-road events:
  - Tow points, front and rear, securely mounted to the frame of the vehicle.
  - Tow straps with looped ends, no metal hooks
  - CB radio, mounted or handheld
  - Fire extinguisher
  - First Aid kit
  - Basic set of tools
  - Trash bags
  - Full size spare tire, no compact spares
- C. No firearms, as governed by federal, state, and/or local laws are permitted on trail rides.
- D. The Treasure Coast Jeep Club logo must be displayed on any member Jeep participating in Treasure Coast Jeep Club events.

#### Article 6: Alcohol and Drugs

- A. Alcohol, drugs and other intoxicating substances are not permitted while driving as per Florida law. If violation of this article occurs, the member/members may be asked not to attend subsequent events and/or their club membership(s) may be revoked.
- B. Alcohol will only be permitted at campouts or other non-motorized activities.

#### Article 7: Administration and Officers

- A. The Board of Directors of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Additional elected positions shall include the club Recruiting Officer.

## Article 8: Duties and Powers of Officers

- A. President - The President is the executive head of this Treasure Coast Jeep Club and shall preside over all meetings of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club. The President shall also act as spokesperson of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club and its representatives at meetings with other organizations and committees unless another member is designated to do so by the President. If the office of President should become vacant, then the Vice-President shall immediately fill the office until the next regular club election is held.
- B. Vice-President - The Vice President shall assume all powers and duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also act as an advisor to the President and the remainder of the officers. The Vice President shall serve as an additional signer on the club bank account in the event that the President is unavailable. The Vice President may be appointed other duties by the President.
- C. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep all the minutes and information concerning the meetings of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club. The Secretary will also keep and maintain the member roll and information regarding current members. In addition, the Secretary, or any member appointed by the Secretary, shall inform members of any meeting held other than the regular monthly meeting.
- D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have charge and exercise general supervision of financial affairs and keep the records and the books of accounts thereof. The Treasurer shall collect any and all dues, revenues, and assessments of this Treasure Coast Jeep Club and issue receipt for and have custody of its funds and make all disbursements thereof. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting. The President must approve all disbursements, serve as the secondary signer on bank accounts, and verify all receipts by the Treasurer. If any reimbursement of funds is due to the President, Vice-President or the Treasurer, then that person may not be one of the two signers on the reimbursement check from the club. The Treasurer is directly responsible and will be held accountable for all funds of this Treasure Coast Jeep Club.

All Officers may be appointed other duties by the President or Vice President.

## Article 9: Removal of Officers/Members

- A. Removal by Petition – A petition signed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership of the club shall be presented to the remaining members of the Board of Directors for review.
- B. Review - The remaining members of the Board of Directors will review the petition and investigate the claim that the officer in question is not performing the duties required of them by the Treasure Coast Jeep Club by-laws.
- C. Defense – The officer found to be rightfully accused of non-performance of their duties will be given the opportunity to confront their accuser(s) and offer a defense for their actions.
- D. Vote by Membership – A majority vote, taken by anonymous ballot, by at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership of the club, is required to remove the officer in question. If there are not a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership present, the vote for removal will not take place until the required number of members are present.

## Article 10: Election of Officers

- A. The membership shall meet and elect officers in June of each year. Each member, over 18 and in good standing with the club, will be allotted one vote.
- B. Those who would like to run for an office will be required to announce his or her intentions no later than the May meeting of that year. If necessary, speeches will be held in June, before the vote is held. Members must be at least 18 years of age in order to hold any club office.
- C. Simultaneous membership in the Treasure Coast Jeep Club and any other Jeep Club will be permitted. However, if any member of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club holds a club office or position within any other Jeep club, they will not be permitted to hold any office or position within in the Treasure Coast Jeep Club.
- D. Election of officers will be decided by a majority vote of members who are present at the election meeting. Any procedure for absentee voting will be set forth by the club president, but is not required.
- E. In the event of a vacancy of an office, there will be a special election to fill that position, with the exception of the presidency, which is described in Article 8, Paragraph A.

Article 11: Membership Actions

- A. Any action that requires a vote by the general membership will be done so by majority vote 2/3 of the general membership present.
- B. All literature, and or apparel representing Treasure Coast Jeep Club that is to be passed out to the general public and/or the members of Treasure Coast Jeep Club, or available for purchase, must have prior approval of the executive committee.

Article 12: Amendments

- A. These bylaws are amended by majority vote of the membership. Any amendment to the bylaws must be presented to the Executive Committee in writing. They will then discuss the said amendment. If the executive committee approves, it will be presented to the Treasure Coast Jeep Club members for a vote.

Article 13: Waiver of Liability

- A. Any member of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club who decides to participate in any event sponsored, promoted or directed by the Treasure Coast Jeep Club does so at his, hers or its own risk and releases the Treasure Coast Jeep Club, officers, and directors of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club of all liability for any loss or damage. It is fully understood by members of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club that there is some inherent risk associated with events, including damage to vehicles. In addition, the members of the Treasure Coast Jeep Club agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Treasure Coast Jeep Club and officers, from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to such participation, whether caused by negligence or otherwise and AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK for any bodily injury, death, or property damage.