## **Constitution of the Thalassic Confederation**

### Article I.

This Constitution establishes a Confederation of seafaring peoples to provide the common defense of their natural rights to life, land, and freedom of the sea.

This Confederation shall henceforth be known as the Thalassic Confederation.

The Thalassic Confederation shall be composed of Constituents, who may join by ratification of this Constitution prior to its coming into effect.

Residents of any Constiuent at the time of its accession to the Confederation shall be a Citizen of the Thalassic Confederation. Citizenship shall automatically be granted to their descendants and any person born in the Confederacy.

### Article II.

The legislative powers therein shall be vested in the Confederal Parliament to be held on Fishbone Island.

The location of this Parliament may only be moved by a two-thirds vote of the Confederal Parliament, except in the cases of Fishbone Island's foreign occupation or secession from the Confederation.

Members of the Confederal Parliament are to be apportioned among the Constituents proportional to their resident population as determined by a quadrennial census.

Constituents shall choose their Members of the Confederal Parliament by a free and fair vote at least once every four years.

Laws are to be passed by a majority approval of the members present when a quorum of a majority of incumbent members is present.

The Confederal Parliament shall have the power to, by majority approval of all incumbent members, approve the accession of a Constituent to the Confederation, which will take effect following a referendum of residents of the Constituent.

The Confederal Parliament shall have the power to amend this constitution by majority approval of all incumbent members, with consent of the Council of Stability.

# Article III.

There shall be a Council of Stability composed of, from Constituents with monarchal or equivalent leaders, such leaders, or, from Constituents with no such leaders, a Member of Confederal Parliament from the Consituent as chosen by those Members among themselves.

The Council of Stability shall, under consensus, appoint the Parent of the Confederation and members of the Interinsular Court with consent of the Confederal Parliament.

No member of the Council of Stability may be appointed by the Council of Stability to any position.

### Article IV.

The Parent of the Confederation shall be head of state and will represent the Confederation to foreign entities.

The Parent shall call meetings of the Confederal Parliament and may, with consent of the Council of Stability, dissolve the Confederal Parliament.

The Parent shall enforce laws passed by the Confederal Parliament and administer the Confederal Territories.

There shall be a Confederal Navy under the command of the Parent of the Confederation, and the Parent of the Confederation may, with consent of the Council of Stability, conscript the armed forces of any Constiuent into the Confederal Navy temporarily.

The Parent shall sign treaties with the consent of Confederal Parliament.

The Parent shall bestow honors and titles.

The Parent shall offer Citizenship to any person who has for four consecutive years been either legally residing in the Confederation or employed on a ship operating under Confederal law.

### Article V.

The Intrainsular Court shall settle legal disputes between Citizens of different Constituents or between Citizens and the Confederation.

### Article VI.

The Confederation may not declare war nor annex territory through conquest.

Neither the Confederation nor any Constituent may restrict the movement of a Citizen between Constituents.

Movement within the territorial water of the Confederation may not be restricted, and water and land within the Confederation may not be privately owned. Custodianship of land may only be granted with recompense to one's community.

Citizens of the Confederation have a right to life, love, expression, faith, and their mind, body, and soul.