



By-Laws

PARAGRAPH I: NAME, PURPOSE, SCOPE AND HEADQUARTERS

Article 1. *The Bergantin Galveztown Foundation* is hereby constituted in Malaga, Spain, creating a legal entity with full power to function, in accordance with Parliamentary Law 1/2002, of March 22: Regulations over Rights of Association, as well as obeying other laws and ordinances in effect pertaining to the exercise of this right. The nature of this foundation will be established through these by-laws.

Article 2. The Foundation, whose status is non-profit, proposes the following goals:

- a.-** To continue the solidarity offered by Bernardo de Gálvez to George Washington in securing independence for the United States of America, as an example of fraternity between societies on both sides of the Atlantic as well as the values of freedom and democracy that inspired U.S. independence.
- b.-** To promote cordial relations between these countries at the community and citizen levels.
- c.-** To create research programs for implementing projects at various educational levels.
- d.-** To publish findings from said research programs and apply these to educational contexts (preschools, grade schools, high schools and the community in general). We place special emphasis on increasing awareness of the value of naval cultural traditions, which we believe will help to create mutual respect between our societies.
- e.-** To study our cultural heritage as recorded in archeological sites, historical documents, and through trades in order to preserve this for future generations.
- f.-** To support humanitarian work of non-governmental organizations, and to promote aid programs for the development of the communities in greatest need across the planet.
- g.-** To serve as a voice for those citizen movements in need of justice, equality and freedom anywhere in the world.
- h.-** To honor the memory of Bernardo de Gálvez, perpetuating his humanitarian concerns, sense of duty and responsibility as a public servant.
- i.-** To serve as a bridge between social issues in need of dialogue, social justice and freedom.
- j.-** To be a tool for democratic transition and consolidation in those countries with cultural and historical bonds to Spain and the United States.

Article 3. In order to achieve these goals, the Foundation will conduct the following activities:

- 1.-** Preserving and publicizing the art of Ribera carpentry ship-building through various training and employment programs. These will guarantee the transmission of knowledge that makes this trade possible.
- 2.-** Reconstructing and promoting the traditional vessels of various naval cultures from each of our countries. This testifies to the dialogue between the societies of each and how their cultures were spread.
- 3.-** Carrying out values-based training programs on board the brig and other reconstructed vessels, focusing on naval culture and the life of seafaring people, as well as the human traits of heroes in world history.
- 4.-** Creating cultural and academic exchange programs between schools, universities, research centers, naval museums, historical ships, traditional shipyards and historical associations.
- 5.-** Spreading our founding values through the use of new technologies in order to reach a wider audience.
- 6.-** Allocating and exchanging human resources, materials and tools in order to advance group projects
- 7.-** Creating commissions to strengthen the continuous collaboration of institutions not just from the charter countries, but of other countries which may join our foundation in the future.
- 8.-** Holding international conferences on issues that call for social justice and cordial relations, guided by universal democratic values.