



Nevada Yacht Club Bylaws

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Article I ~ Name

The Club shall be known as the Nevada Yacht Club and referred to as the Club in the Bylaws.

Article II ~ Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be to encourage sailing as a sport and recreation, to promote interest in seamanship and navigation, and to encourage fellowship among yachtsmen.

Article III ~ Membership

Sec. 1 ~ General ~

Membership shall be open to anyone of good character who meets the requirements outlined herein.

Sec. 2 ~ Classifications ~

Club members shall be classified as “Active” or “Junior”.

Sec. 3 ~ Dues and Application of members ~

Membership to the Nevada Yacht Club shall be open to individuals or families who subscribe to the objectives, principles and bylaws of the Club without regard to race, creed, gender or national origin. The Club shall conduct annual membership renewal but persons may join at any time subject to Article XI of the Bylaws.

Sec. 4 ~ Rights and Restrictions ~



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Active Members shall be at least 18 years old, have one vote per membership in Club affairs, may hold office and have equal rights to Club property and privileges.

A family membership provides all rights and privileges to immediate family members but only one vote per family membership may be cast at Club meetings.

Junior Members shall be 12 through 18 years old, may not vote or hold Club office.

Sec. 5 ~ Cessation of Membership ~

Any member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Secretary. In order for such a resignation to be considered, a member must not be delinquent in any indebtedness to the Club. When a member becomes two months in any indebtedness to the Club he is considered delinquent and will be removed from membership.

Sec. 6 ~ Reinstatement of Membership ~

Former members of the Club who have resigned may again become members with payment of dues and need not pay an initiation fee.

Article IV ~ Organization

Sec. 1 ~ Officers ~

Officers of the Club, except Staff Commodore, shall be elected by the active members.

Sec. 2 ~ List of Officers ~

The Officers shall be: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Staff Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Cruising Captain.

Sec. 3 ~ Removal of Officers ~

Any Officer may be removed from office, for cause shown, by a vote of two-thirds of the active members present and voting at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article V ~ Duties and Authority of Officers

Sec. 1 ~ Commodore ~

The Commodore shall command the Club Fleet and preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board. He may call special meetings at his discretion. He shall establish committees, appoint and remove chairpersons. He shall have oversight of the Club's business affairs.

Sec. 2 ~ Vice Commodore ~



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The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore and assume the duties of Commodore in his absence. He shall attend to Club correspondence, communications and direct the Club's training programs.

Sec. 3 ~ Secretary ~

The Secretary shall keep record of the proceedings of all Club meetings, keep roll of all Club members and notify the membership of special meetings. The Secretary shall file Club documents and handle correspondence.

Sec. 4 ~ Treasurer ~

The Treasurer shall keep the books and financial records, collect and receive all monies due and pay all authorized bills. The Treasurer shall be responsible for a correct accounting of the Club treasury, any monies due the Club and any debts or liabilities for which the Club may be obligated. The Treasurer is authorized to pay the fixed expenses of the Club without further approval and shall at each Board and general meeting present a detailed financial report for the previous month.

Sec. 5 ~ Fleet Captain ~

The Fleet Captain shall be responsible for any Club racing event. He or his designee shall appoint event committees and instruct them as to proper race management. The Fleet Captain or his designee shall publish notices of race, sailing instructions and publish results of all Club races. The Fleet Captain or his designee shall appoint protest committees and publish those results, keep accurate record of handicaps, keep inventory and maintain Club race equipment and trophies.

Sec.6 ~ Cruising Captain ~

The Cruising Captain shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Club's social events. The Cruising Captain shall publish notices of upcoming events, coordinate with Club officers and other sailing associations to avoid conflicts and ensure maximum participation and enjoyment.

Sec. 7 ~ Staff Commodore ~

The Staff Commodore shall be responsible for ensuring that club policies and practices are consistent from his term as Commodore to the following year and be responsible for maintaining the Bylaws. When an incumbent Commodore does not serve a consecutive term as Commodore, he shall become the Staff Commodore for a one-year term. If the incumbent Commodore serves a consecutive term, the Staff Commodore shall serve a consecutive term also.

He shall perform any other duties as listed in the Bylaws.

Sec. 8~ Vacated Offices ~

In the event an office is vacated, for any reason. The Board shall elect a replacement from the active members within 60 days.



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Article VI ~ Elections

Sec. 1 ~ Nominating Committee ~

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Staff Commodore and shall be comprised of the Staff Commodore, at least two not to exceed four active members.

Members of the Nominating committee shall not be placed on the slate of officers by the Nominating Committee. However, they may be nominated from the floor at the October meeting. This committee shall meet in the month of August and finalize a slate for publication in September.

Sec. 2 ~ Nominations ~

The Nominating Committee shall present at the September Meeting the slate of Officers for the following year. Nominations for any opposition candidates must also be presented to the Commodore during the September meeting. In the event a candidate initially on the slate in September wishes to be removed from the slate prior to the election, nominations may be presented to the Commodore before or during the October meeting.

Sec 3~ Voting ~

Officers shall be elected at the October meeting. Each Office shall be voted on by written or oral ballot of Active Members present. Proxy votes shall not be counted. Candidates for the respective offices winning a majority vote of members present shall be declared elected. In the event that no opposition candidates or tickets have been posted as required, the Commodore may declare the slate of officers posted by the Nominating Committee summarily elected.

Sec 4 ~ Term Of Office ~

Elected Officers shall serve for a term of one year. A year shall constitute the period from January 1st through December 31st of that year. Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive years in any one office.

Article VII ~ Executive Board

Sec. 1 ~ Executive Board Members ~

The Club Executive Board shall consist of the list of the seven Club officers as listed in Article V in the Bylaws. The Executive Board is referred to as the Board in the Bylaws.

Sec. 1 ~ Duties and Responsibilities ~

The Board is responsible for the club administration and assets and any additional duties contained in the Bylaws.



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Its responsibilities include but are not limited to, creating and approving the Club calendar for the coming year, preparing and presenting recommendations on issues for the general membership, overseeing contracts and grants.

The Board will oversee the activities of all Club committees.

Sec. 2 ~ Meetings ~

Any club member may attend meetings of the Board but may not vote.

A quorum of the Board shall be a simple majority of the Board members.

To the extent practicable, the Board will meet monthly. A meeting will not be held if a quorum is not or likely not to be present.

Article VIII~ Committees

Sec. 1~ Standing Committees ~

The Standing Committees shall be the Membership Committee and the Program Committee. Each Committee and the Chairman thereof shall be responsible for the activities of the Club as indicated in the following paragraphs.

Sec. 2 ~ Membership Committee ~

The membership Committee shall be in charge of recruiting new members and promoting the Club to the general public. It shall review all applicants for membership in the Club. The Committee, after such investigation, shall vote on each application. If at least a two- thirds majority of the Committee approves of the applicant, the proposed member shall be admitted to membership.

Sec. 3 ~ Program Committee ~

The purpose of the Program Committee is to provide educational and/or information such as cruising, racing, and other sailing topics.

The Program Committee shall arrange for speakers, films, and other suitable material for the program.

Sec. 4 ~ Special Committees ~

The Commodore may appoint any Special Committees that are deemed advisable.

Article IX~ Flags

Burgee ~

The Burgee of the Club shall be a single- pointed pennant with a white triangle in a blue field with a red border. Only active members shall fly the Burgee.



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Article X~ Meetings

Sec. 1 ~ Meetings ~

General Meeting shall be held on a regular basis. Members shall be notified of the time and place of the meetings.

At the Board's discretion, meetings may be cancelled if no urgent business needs to be conducted.

Sec. 2~ Quorum ~

A quorum for all Club meetings shall consist of twenty per cent of the Active Membership.

Sec. 3~ Order Of Business ~

The Order of Business at general Meetings, insofar as possible, shall be as follows:

- Calling of meeting to order.
- Introduction of guests.
- Reading and adoption of minutes.
- Communication of the Club.
- Reports of Officers and Delegates.
- Reports of Standing and Special Committees.
- Authorization for payment of bills.
- Elections.
- Old or unfinished business.
- New Business.
- Adjournment.

Sec. 4 ~ Procedure ~

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings other than Program Meetings, except for rules directly in conflict with the provisions of these By- laws.

Article XI ~ Dues

Sec. 1 ~ Amount of Dues ~

Annual membership for Active members is \$200. Junior membership is \$35 annually. An initiation fee of \$50 will be charged for each new membership.

Sec. 2 ~ Changing Amount of Dues ~

Dues shall be set by vote of the Active Members at the October Meeting and will be payable in the month of January. New members dues will be prorated to January (the 1st of the year).



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Dues shall be set by vote of the Active Members at the October Meeting. Annual billing of Club dues shall take place in December. Dues will be payable in January and considered delinquent after March 1st of each year.

Sec. 3 ~ Pro Rating of Dues ~

New members dues will be prorated to January (the 1st of the year).

Sec. 4 ~ Delinquent Dues ~

Members with delinquent dues shall, upon payment of delinquent dues , pay an initiation fee equal to the current fee in the Bylaws to reinstate their membership.

Article XII ~ Amendments

These By- Laws may be repealed, amended, or added to by a majority vote of a quorum of Active Members present and voting at a general Meeting.

Article XIII ~ Dissolution

If the Club is dissolved, it's assets shall be distributed to another organization of like purpose. The selection shall be made by the Board. No assets shall be distributed to individual members.