

ARTICLE I - OFFICERS

The officers shall be a Commodore, a Vice-Commodore, a Rear-Commodore, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings of the club and all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall enforce all rules and regulations of the club. He shall appoint such committees as may be authorized or deemed necessary to assist in affairs of the club.

Section 2:

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the performance of his duties and to officiate in his absence. He shall be responsible for the management of the house and have charge of the enforcement of all house rules. He shall be the club representative for lease renewal.

Section 3:

It shall be the duty of the Rear-Commodore to assist the Commodore and the Vice-Commodore in the performance of their duties and to officiate in their absence.

It shall be the duty of the Rear-Commodore:

1. To be responsible for the management of the docks and grounds.
2. To keep a correct list of all sail boats enrolled in the club.

Section 4:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

1. To keep minutes of the meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors, in books provided for that purpose by the club, and to have the custody of all reports and documents in connection with the proceedings of the club.
2. To keep a correct roll of the members, together with the dates of their election to membership and all required contact and mailing information.
3. To receive applications for membership, and to transmit the same to the Board of Directors.
4. To notify each member-elect of his election to membership and also to send clubhouse and gate keys, membership list, and membership card.
5. To notify each rejected applicant of rejection to membership.
6. To conduct the correspondence of the club; to give notice of all meetings of the club, and in case of special meetings, to state the business intended; to notify members of their election to office, and of their appointment to serve on committees; and to perform such other clerical services as may be required by the club or by the directors.
7. To issue membership card to all members on an annual basis.

Section 5:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To have charge of the funds of the club and to keep a correct account of all monies received and paid out, and under the direction of the Board of Directors, to disperse the funds.
2. To deposit the funds in the name of the club in a depository of depositories approved by the Board of Directors.
3. To present, at each stated meeting, and whenever so requested by the Board of Directors, a detailed account of the financial conditions of the club.
4. To collect all funds, such as dues, canteen, rents, etc., and to record and deposit to the account of the club.

ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of four other members, one of whom shall be the previous year's Commodore.

ARTICLE IV – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

The board of Directors shall hold regular monthly meetings and such special meetings as may be required to conduct the business of the club.

Section 2:

Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum; however, the presiding officer shall not cast a vote on any matter unless there be a tie vote or unless his vote could create a tie vote.

Section 3:

They shall have entire authority in the management of the affairs and activities of the club and shall have general control of all of its property. All rights and powers connected therewith shall be vested in them.

Section 4:

They shall make such rules as they deem proper concerning the use of the club house and grounds, prescribe rules for the admission of strangers, fix penalties for offences against the rules, and make rules for their own government and for the government of the committees appointed by them.

Section 5:

All appropriations of the funds of the club shall be made by the Board of Directors.

Section 6:

They oversee and review the accounts of the Treasurer and of the committees.

Section 7:

They shall elect to membership in the club, as hereinafter provided, such candidates as they consider desirable. Such elections must be at a regular meeting of the Board, and three (3) negative votes shall reject. No rejected candidate shall be eligible for membership within six (6) months after such rejection.

Section 8:

They shall have the power to suspend or expel any member for violation of the By-Laws, or for conduct which they shall deem improper, or prejudicial to the club; but no members shall be expelled or suspended for longer than thirty (30) days without a hearing before the Board of Directors.

Section 9:

Members whose dues, and/or any other moneys owed to the Club, that are more than 60 days past due will be contacted by the treasurer who will notify them that they must pay in full within the next 30 days. Members whose Club debts are more than 90 days past due shall be automatically suspended from the Club and asked to remove their boat immediately. They will be notified that if they are not paid in full within the next 30 days and are then 120 days delinquent, they will be dropped from the roles of Pelican Yacht Club. At that point reinstatement would be at the discretion of the board of directors.

Section 10:

They shall appoint all standing committees, with full authority over them, except as hereinafter provided, and shall appoint such other committees, as shall to them necessary.

ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The Board of Directors will appoint Chairmen of all necessary committees. These will include Membership, Racing, Dock and Grounds, Social, Sailtalk News Editor, Webmaster, Flying Scot, and others which are deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1:

The Commodore will appoint a Nominating Committee, which will present, at the Annual Membership Meeting, a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve.

Section 2:

The selection of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Board Members shall take place at the Annual Membership meeting from the Nominees presented. They shall take office on January, following their election and hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 3:

A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Section 4:

All vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Any person interested in sailing or promoting the interest of the club shall be eligible as described under Article X, Dues.

Section 2:

Applications for membership must be submitted by the candidate who must state his name, occupation and address, and include an agreement to comply with the By- Laws. All applications must be sent to the Treasurer, prior to a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which action is taken thereon, and the Treasurer shall immediately refer the application to the Board. The names and addresses of new members will be published in Sailtalk.

Section 3:

The name of members in arrears for dues and/or fees as described in Article IX, Section 3, shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors at their next meeting. The Board of Directors may drop from the roll, the name of such delinquent, who shall thereafter be excluded from access to the club house and grounds. A member dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, may, upon payment of same, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be reinstated to full membership.

Section 4:

No member in arrears for dues shall be eligible to hold office or entitled to vote or to enter any race.

Section 5:

Any member not in arrears for dues may tender a written resignation of his membership to the Treasurer, who shall report the same to the Board of Directors at their next meeting for action.

Section 6:

Any member not in arrears for dues may request a demit for membership, which may be granted by the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year.

Section 7:

Members shall be responsible for the conduct of all persons admitted to the club house or grounds as their guests.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1:

An Annual Membership meeting shall be held during the month of December and other stated General Meetings shall be held when necessary after adequate notification of the members.

Section 2:

Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX – DUES

Section 1:

Changes in the annual dues and fees shall be determined by a vote of the membership at a General Meeting. These dues shall be used to supply funds to pay current operating expenses, lease expenses, and such others as may occur.

Section 2:

New members accepted during the current month shall pay dues beginning the first day of the following month.

Section 3:

Statements of dues and fees will be issued bi-monthly. Failure of payment within 30 days will cause delinquency.

Section 4:

Senior Membership is applicable to persons twenty- five (25) years of age, or over and shall include their spouse and unmarried children.

Section 5:

LSU Student Membership is applicable to persons who are current members of the LSU Sailing Club.

Section 6:

The written consent of apparent or tutor of a candidate under eighteen (18) years of age, unless emancipated, applying must accompany the application.

Section 7:

Honorary memberships, Junior Memberships, and other special memberships may be issued by proper action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the club, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present and eligible to vote or presented by written proxy, provided a copy of the proposed amendments has been mailed to every member at least ten (10) days prior to the stated meeting.

ADOPTED 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1960
LAST AMENDED 13TH DAY OF December, 2008

Responsibilities not addressed:
Past Commodore?
Mailbox management?
Annual regatta management?
Monthly regatta management?