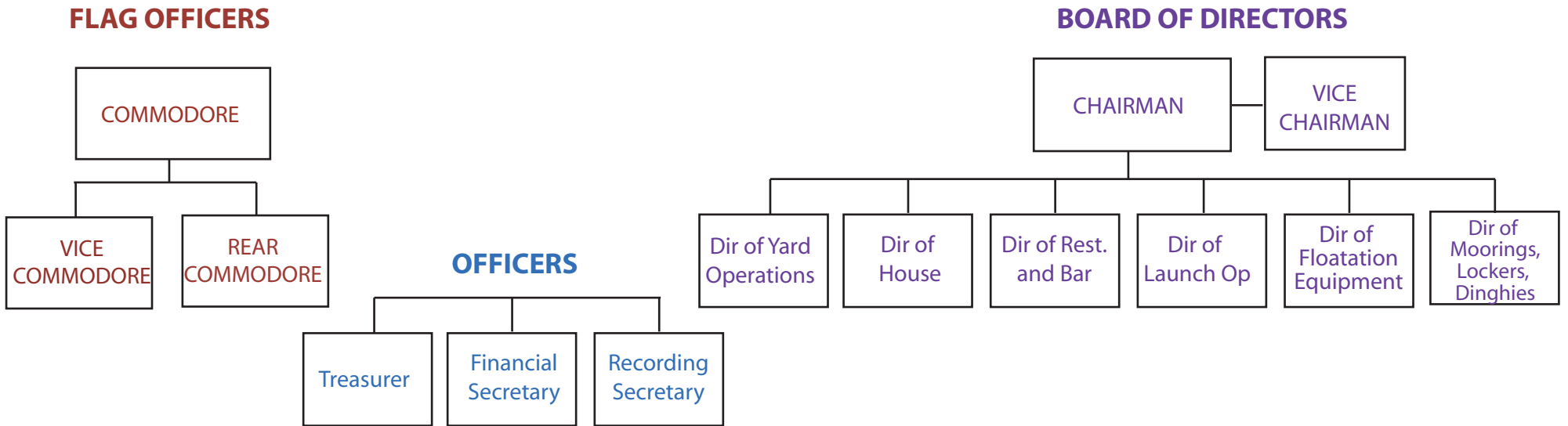
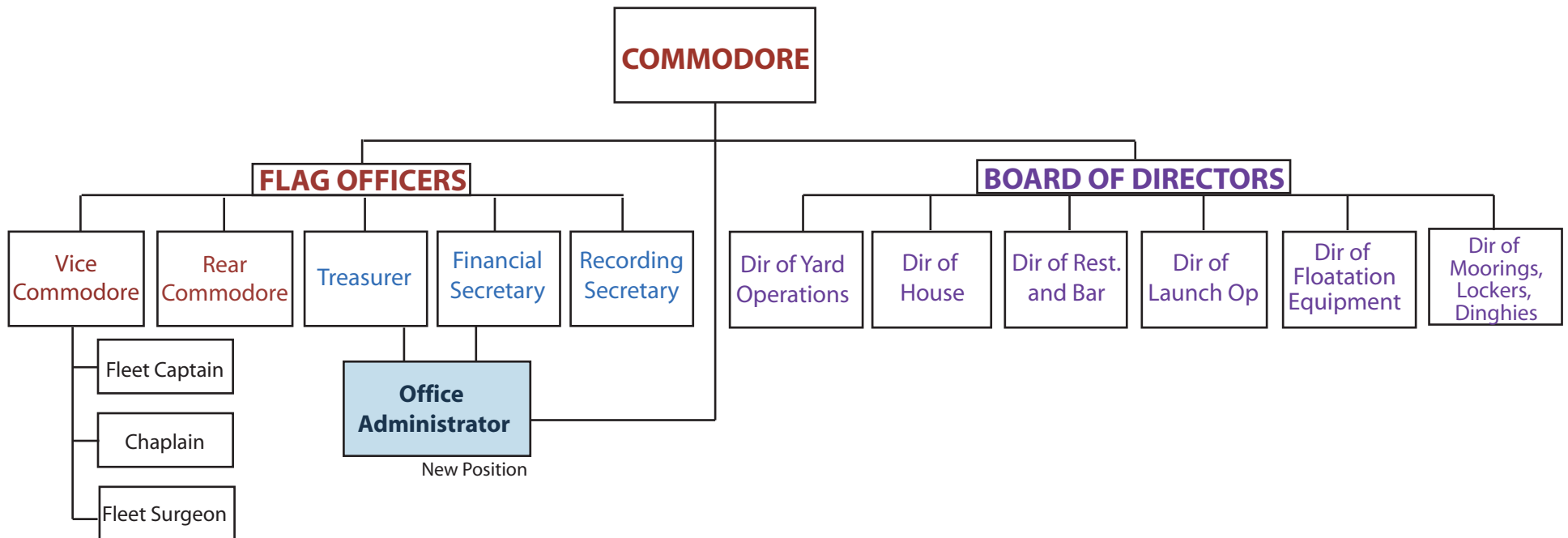


CURRENT SYC STRUCTURE



NEW SYC STRUCTURE



2009 Proposed revisions to the
STUYVESANT YACHT CLUB

CONSTITUTION

And

BYLAWS

UPDATED: February 16, 2007, by R.W.Smyth

NOTE: Words to be eliminated are indicated by strikeovers
Words to be added are in blue.

“CONSTITUTION”

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

This corporation shall be known as THE STUYVESANT YACHT CLUB, [INC.](#) Its clubhouse and anchorage shall be at 10 Centre Street, City Island, NY [10464](#), City of New York, Bronx County, State of New York.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The particular business and object of this Club is to advance the sport of yachting and social gathering, and to promote good fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III

SEAL

The corporate seal of the Club is circular in form, with a diameter of one and three-quarter (1 3/4) inches, containing wording in the circle, Stuyvesant Yacht Club, State of New York, and one Stuyvesant Yacht Club Flag.

ARTICLE IV

BURGEE

The Club burgee shall be triangular with a white star in the center of a blue square, one point of the blue square halfway between the two grommets, the opposite point of the square to be in the center of the burgee and to extend four-ninths of the entire length of the burgee. The other two points of the blue square to extend perpendicularly the entire width of the burgee. The remaining part to be divided horizontally in the center, the upper half red, the lower half white.

ARTICLE V

FLAGS AND SIGNALS

- SECTION 1. The Commodore shall display a rectangular flag with a fowl anchor encircled by thirteen five-pointed stars in white on a blue field.
The Vice Commodore a rectangular flag with a similar device, on a red field.
The Rear Commodore a rectangular flag with a similar device in red, on a white field.
The Fleet Captain's flag shall be rectangular with a blue fowl anchor on a white field.
- SECTION 2. The distinguishing night signal of the club shall be three lights swung to the halyards one above the other, showing the colors white-red-white in succession.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore, ~~each of whom must be a yacht owner (and will be known as Flag Officers),~~ a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, ~~a Measurer, a Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain (sail and power), the Loan Trustee(s), a Fleet Chaplain,~~ an Office Administrator and the six regular members of the Board of Directors. All officers of the Club must be Regular members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- SECTION 1. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to be nominated for the position of Club officer. The election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting and shall be by ballot to serve ~~one (1) year~~ 2 years; the terms of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall be staggered so that such terms shall not expire in the same year. Officers ~~and~~ shall hold office until the close of the next Annual Meeting and until their successors shall be inducted into office just ~~previous~~ prior to the adjournment.
- SECTION 2. Vacant positions shall be filled by appointment of the Commodore and shall be filled by Regular members in good standing, to fill such vacancies for the balance of the vacant term.
- SECTION 3. The positions of Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain and Fleet Chaplain shall be filled by a appointment of the Commodore and shall be filled by members in good standing and shall be for a term of one year. They shall report to the Commodore.
- SECTION 4. The dues of the Commodore, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall be waived.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Commodore shall **be the chief executive officer of the Club**, command the squadron, preside at all Regular Meetings of the Club, fill vacancies until the club elects incumbents, call Special Meetings, appoint Fleet Captain, and enforce all the laws and regulations of the Club.

The Commodore shall be represented at all social functions of the Club and all meetings of the L.I.S. Commodores' Association.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Commodore shall never be in abeyance, but in the event of the Commodore's absence, they shall all devolve upon the Flag Officer next in rank present. In the absence of all the Flag Officers, the senior ex-Commodore or, in succession, the senior yacht owner present shall be acting Commodore.

SECTION 3. The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of the Commodore's duties, and in the absence of the Commodore, shall officiate in the Commodore's stead.

In addition, the Vice Commodore is to be an active member of, and attend the meetings of the Membership Committee. The Vice Commodore **shall work to increase Club membership and be** responsible for the integration of new members into the activities of the Club.

SECTION 4. The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of all their duties and shall officiate in their absence. The Rear Commodore organizes and directs activities of the Entertainment Committee.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to have the custody of the club seal, but which must be kept at all times at the clubhouse, to have the custody of all club trophies, to keep a true record of the proceedings of all regular meetings of the club in a book provided for that purpose, to keep a correct roll of all members, to notify the Treasurer on or before the annual meeting each year of the number of members carried on the roll on January 1st, and to advise the Treasurer and Loan Trustee(s) during the year of the election of any new members, or other changes in membership, to keep a correct list of the ownership and name of each yacht enrolled in the club, to file all documents, records, reports and communications connected with the business of the club, notify members-elect of their election, and upon their becoming members, furnish them with copies of the club's Constitution and Bylaws, and monthly newsletter.

SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all leases, title deeds, evidence of value, and funds of the club. The Treasurer, together with either the Financial Secretary, ~~Chairman or Vice Chairman~~, **Commodore or Vice Commodore** shall sign all checks or drafts of bills or appropriations made or approved by the Board of Directors and accompanied by properly signed warrants, and the Treasurer shall keep correct and ample accounts of all disbursements. Provided, however, that disbursements not exceeding ~~\$1,000~~ **\$5,000** shall require only the signature of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall, at each meeting of the Club, make a report of disbursements, with a statement of the cash in his or her possession. The Treasurer shall, at or before the An-

nual Meeting of the Club, present a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall present to the Auditing Committee for its final examination before the Annual Meeting his or her accounts and vouchers and all club property in his or her hands, including a certificate of deposit or other evidence for any money in the bank. The Treasurer shall, when requested, be present at any meeting of the Auditing Committee with such books and papers as are required by said committee, and give such information as it may desire, and shall close his or her books on the last day of June and December.

SECTION 7. The Financial Secretary shall collect, record, and deposit all the Club's receipts and monies, and shall close the books as of the last day of each month. All monies collected by the last day of each month shall be deposited before the tenth day of the succeeding month. Duplicate deposit slips of all deposits shall promptly be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The Financial Secretary ~~and Loan Trustee(s)~~ shall send out all bills to members for dues, etc., and shall bring before the Regular Meeting of the club a breakdown of all money received and the names of all delinquents. The Financial Secretary shall present a written report at or before the Annual Meeting, showing the total earnings of the items under his or her charge, total amount collected and total amount outstanding at the end of the fiscal year. The Financial Secretary shall, when requested, be present at any meeting of the Auditing Committee with such books and papers as are required by said Committee and give such information as it may desire. The Financial Secretary shall close his or her books on the last day of June and December and turn over all funds on hand to the Treasurer before the last day of June and December.

SECTION 8. The Office Administrator shall be responsible for all matters concerning the Club's insurance, licenses and shall respond to all legal documents. In addition, the Office Administrator shall be available to assist the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary in the execution and coordination of their duties.

SECTION 8.9. The Fleet Captain will act as an Assistant to the Commodore, and shall organize cruising fleet events such as rendezvous and overnight trips.

~~SECTION 9. In summary, the duties of Flag Officers encompass all social and group activities of the Club, ashore and afloat. In addition, they are responsible for representing the requirements and desires of the membership to the Board of Directors.~~

ARTICLE IX

RECALL OF OFFICERS

Any member or members may request the removal of any officer for improper performance of, or failure to perform any or all of his or her duties. This request shall be in writing, specifying the basis therefore, and shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall investigate the matter, and at the next Regular Meeting, or Special Meeting called for the purpose, shall read the complaint together with their report of the investigation and its recommendation thereon.

The body shall vote on the request. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members voting shall be sufficient to affirm the request, whereupon the officer in question shall be relieved from his or her duties and another

officer appointed in his or her stead by the Commodore. If the Commodore should be removed, the Vice Commodore shall succeed.

ARTICLE X

ANNUAL ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be elected at each Annual Meeting five (5) Standing Committees as follows:

An Auditing Committee to consist of three members.

A Membership Committee to consist of five members.

A Law Committee to consist of two members.

A Regatta Committee, a majority of whom shall be yacht owners.

A Nomination Committee to consist of five members, two (2) of whom shall be the most recent past officers of the Club, and all of whom shall be ~~Regular~~ members in good standing. Members of this committee shall be elected at the Annual Meetings for a term of one year. No member shall be elected for more than three consecutive terms; nor shall be eligible for re-election after leaving said office, for a period of three years. In order that there shall be at least two new members each year, only three members shall be eligible for re-election annually. The Chairman of this committee shall be selected by a majority of the committee members. In the absence of such selection, the senior member of the committee shall be Chairman.

ARTICLE XI

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Auditing Committee shall audit annually the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, ~~Loan Trustee(s)~~, and Board of Directors and any other committee maintaining a separate account, and submit a written report on same at or before the Regular Meeting in December.

SECTION 2. The Membership Committee shall inquire promptly into the character and standing of each applicant proposed for membership, and report the result of such inquiry to the Board of Directors before such applicant is balloted for.

SECTION 3. The Regatta Committee shall have full direction and control of all races sailed under auspices of the club.

SECTION 4. The Law Committee shall act as counsel to the club.

SECTION 5. The Nomination Committee shall each year propose a single ballot to be filed with the Recording Secretary (a copy of which shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Club) on or before the first day of October preceding the Annual Meeting, containing the names of qualified candidates in good standing for the elective offices and members of the Standing Committees, to be voted for at the next Annual Meeting.

Any other qualified member in good standing shall be eligible for election if his or her nomination, together with the title of the office for which he or she is nominated and endorsed by at least five members, shall be filed with the Recording Secretary (a copy of which shall be posted on the bulletin board of the club) on or before the first day of November preceding the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6. The Standing Committee shall each elect a Secretary and shall keep minutes of their proceedings in available books to be the property of the club.

SECTION 7. ~~All Flag Officers~~ The Commodore or his representative shall be ex-officio members of every committee. ~~(They~~ He shall have the privilege of voice but no vote.) ~~They~~ He shall receive notice of all committee meetings.

ARTICLE XII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 There shall be established a Board of Directors, which shall consist of:

- a) Six (6) elected ~~Regular~~ Club members in good standing, at least four (4) of whom are yacht owners, and none of whom holds other elected Club office
- b) ~~The Club Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary.~~ All of the Officers of the Club.

Each of these ~~nine~~ members with the exception of the Commodore shall have one (1) vote on the Board of Directors. ~~The Commodore shall vote only in cases of a tie.~~

They shall meet at least once every month. The date of the meeting to be published in the club newsletter.

A quorum shall require the attendance of ~~the Chairman or Vice Chairman/Secretary, a Flag Officer, and three (3) other members.~~ a Commodore and seven (7) other members of the Board of Directors.

~~The Chairman and Vice Chairman/Secretary shall be elected from the six (6) Regular members at the January meeting of the Board.~~

The six regular members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of three years at the Annual Meeting, but such terms shall be staggered so that the term of office of two Regular members of the Board of Directors shall expire in each year. ~~Each of these members shall head one of the Board Committees (House, Restaurant & Bar, Launch Operations, Floating Equipment, Yard Equipment, Hauling & Launching).~~

The Board of Directors shall, subject to the direction of the members of the Club, have entire responsibility for the management and administration of all business affairs, including but not limited to finances and all operation and maintenance activities of the Club, and in the absence of a determination by the membership of the Club, the decision by the Board of Directors in all matters shall be final and binding. ~~All committees (except the Nominating Committee), activities and functions of the Club shall be subject to the management, administration, and supervision of the Board of directors.~~ The Board of Directors shall have general control of all Club property and shall make rules for the use of same consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall employ, govern, and dis-

charge club employees and shall buy all supplies and equipment, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws on debt and expenditures.

SECTION 2. In the event of the resignation of a member of the Board of Directors before the end of his or her term, the Commodore shall appoint a Regular member in good standing to fill such vacancy until the next Annual Meeting at which the general membership shall vote to fill such position for the remainder of the term.

~~SECTION 3. All Flag Officers shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors with privilege of voice but no vote. They shall receive notice of all Board meetings.~~

SECTION 4. ³ The Board of Directors may establish committees as required to conduct the business of the club. Such committees shall have the powers and perform the functions provided for them, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors with the Recording and Financial Secretaries shall act as a Board of Election; they shall attend to all the details necessary for the election.

All nominations shall be sent to the members of the club with the notice of the Annual Meeting.

The result of the election must be announced before adjournment of the Annual Meeting, and the names of all successful candidates shall be posted on the bulletin board not later than the Sunday following the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV

FIDELITY BONDS

~~The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors~~ **Commodore and Vice Commodore**, the Financial Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the club, in the amount to be fixed at the Annual Meeting.

All other members and all employees ~~handling cash funds in excess of \$100.00 a month~~ **responsible for monetary funds** shall be bonded in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

REGATTAS

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual regatta, the date of which shall be set by the Regatta Committee.

SECTION 2. Other regattas may be held at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, which shall decide all preliminary questions, including the giving and receiving of invitations.

SECTION 3. The Measurer, Fleet Captain, when officially requested by any yacht owner of the club, shall measure any yacht and report the measurement to the Regatta Committee and also to the Secretary. The measurer shall issue a certificate of measurement to each yacht owner.

SECTION 4. All yachts entitled to the Club Burgee as adopted by the club shall observe the racing rules and yacht routine.

ARTICLE XVI

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be held on the second Saturday in March, the second Thursday in June, the second Thursday in September, and the second Saturday in December – The March and December meetings shall be held at 1500 hours, the June and September meetings shall be held at 2000 hours. At Regular Meetings, one-tenth of all members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, twelve (12) of whom shall be Regular, yacht owning, members.

SECTION 2. The Annual Meeting of the club shall be held on the second Saturday in December at 1500 hours, one-tenth of all members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, twelve (12) of whom shall be Regular, yacht owning, members. If for any reason, no election takes place at the Annual Meeting, the election shall take place at the next Regular Meeting or Special Meeting.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall call Special Meetings at the direction of the Commodore in his or her discretion, or by the request of five Regular, yacht owning, members, or of any ten (10) members over their own signatures. One-tenth of all members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, twelve of whom shall be regular, yacht owning members.

ARTICLE XVII

INDEBTEDNESS

No indebtedness shall be incurred on behalf of the club unless an appropriation has been made, nor in excess of such appropriation, nor shall any appropriation be made in excess of the money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated with the following exception:

The Board of Directors by unanimous vote may authorize the issuance by the club of First Mortgage Bonds, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), which Bonds may be secured by a first mortgage on all of the real property and personally owned by the Club, or to be owned by the Club. The terms of said Bonds shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to such Bonds; and shall be agreed upon by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII

EXPENDITURES

Except in the case of an emergency, expenditures for any one purpose amounting to in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) must first be referred to the club at a Regular or Special Meeting for the approval of the members. Three members of the Board of Directors must approve all bills. Indebtedness on property shall have precedence over other bills.

ARTICLE XIX

SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

A safe deposit box shall be rented in a suitable banking institution in the State of New York, in the name of the club. Access to the box or safe may be had by any two of the following: The Treasurer, the ~~Chairman of the Board~~ [Commodore](#), or the Financial Secretary.

ARTICLE XX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members voting, at any Regular or at a Special Meeting (called for that purpose) of the club, the proposed amendment having been made in writing and signed by at least three (3) members in good standing. Each amendment must be published in the club newsletter and a vote taken at a succeeding Regular or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE XXI

SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTION

There shall be no suspension of any Article or any part of the Constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

ORDER OF BUSINESS AT REGULAR MEETINGS

1. Call to order (Commodore)
2. Roll Call (Recording Secretary)
3. Reading of Minutes of the last Regular Meeting (Recording Secretary)
4. Reading of Minutes of the last Board Meeting (Board Secretary)
5. Reports of Board Committees: (~~Chairman, House Bar Restaurant; Hauling Launching Yard; Floating Equipment Security launches Moorings; Dinghy Racks Lockers~~) (House, Restaurant & Bar, Launch Operations, Floating Equipment, Yard Equipment, Hauling & Launching)
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Financial Secretary's report
8. ~~Loan Trustees' Report~~
9. Flag Reports: (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain)
10. Reports of Standing Committees: (Auditing, Membership, Law, Regatta, Nominating, Public Relations)
11. Reports of Special Committees: (Budget, others)
12. Communications (Recording Secretary)
13. Old Business
14. Election of Officers and Committees (at Annual Meeting only)
15. New Business
16. Good and Welfare
17. Adjournment

In case of disputes as to order and debate, Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern.

ARTICLE II

NOTICES

- SECTION 1. Notices of all meetings shall be sent to each member at least five (5) days previous thereto. The business of any Special Meeting shall be strictly confined to the purpose stated in such notice.
- SECTION 2. Every member shall furnish to the Secretary an address to which all notices and documents shall be sent; any change in same shall be promptly sent to the Recording Secretary.
- SECTION 3. All notices and documents required by the Constitution, By-laws or Rules to be sent to any member shall be sent **by electronic means** or by mail prepaid to his or her residence or place of business as it appears on the club's books, and the same shall be deemed to have been duly sent or served when mailed or forwarded to the address furnished, and in default of a member having furnished an address, when so mailed, addressed to him or her at the Club.
- SECTION 4. Any notices received from other clubs shall be posted in the clubhouse.

ARTICLE III

FEEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

- SECTION 1. The fees and dues shall be such amount as may be voted from time to time by the Club.
- SECTION 2. Assessments may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting at a Regular Meeting or Special Meeting called for the purpose attended by at least twenty (20) members in good standing. Members who have been members for less than six months at the date assessment is voted shall not be liable for such assessment. Such members shall not be eligible to vote on this assessment, but shall be counted as members in good standing for the purpose of establishing the quorum.
- SECTION 3. Any and all proposed financial changes in dues, fees, and/or assessments must be presented, with supporting financial data, in writing to the general membership by the Club's newsletter. The proposed change must be presented for discussion and voting at the next meeting. All changes in fees and dues may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members attending the meeting.
- SECTION 4. All dues are payable quarterly in advance. Fees and assessments, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), are payable on presentation. Whenever a member becomes one quarter in arrears of his or her financial obligation, the Financial Secretary shall render him or her a bill accompanied by a copy of this section of the By-laws. If such financial obligations of the member remain unpaid for one month thereafter, the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall notify that member to appear before that body at its next Regular Meeting and explain his or her delinquency. If such member fails to appear before or fails to make a satisfactory explanation to the Board of Directors, the Secretary of that body shall report that member as delinquent at the next Regular Meeting of the Club, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting, he or she shall be dropped from membership in the club.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership consists of the categories:

Regular member
Junior member
Sailing Associate member
Associate member
Life member
~~Winter member~~
Honorary member
~~Retired member~~

- a) A Regular Member is entitled to all privileges of membership, including use of facilities, right to vote, etc. A Regular member is subject to all fees, dues, assessments, etc., as may be voted from time to time by the club. A Regular Member is the applicant, his or her spouse or significant other.
- b) A Junior Member is entitled to all privileges of membership, including use of facilities, right to vote, etc.
A junior member is subject to one-half (1/2) the initiation fee, one-half (1/2) the dues and one-half (1/2) the assessments to which the Regular member is subjected as may be voted from time to time by the club.

The Junior Member is subject to the full amount of all other fees and charges.

Junior membership is limited to an individual who has not reached the age of ~~twenty-four (24)~~ thirty (30) by December 31st of the year in which the individual applies for membership.

On January first of the year in which the member reaches the age of ~~twenty-eight (28)~~ thirty (30), the junior member shall automatically become a Regular member, with all of the privileges and responsibilities of Regular membership.

- c) A Sailing Associate Member is entitled to all privileges of membership and the use of the SYC fleet with the following exceptions:
1. A Sailing Associate Member may vote in general elections and in the matter of assessment related to the clubhouse, grounds, and/or structures of SYC. Associate members will be assessed 1/2 of the amount of a Regular member's assessment. In general elections and when said assessments are voted upon, each Associate member will be given 1/2 vote (i.e. two SAM votes will equal one RM vote). Sailing Associate members will not be assessed for any expenditures related to any equipment associated with on-the-water activities of SYC (launch, travel-lift, transfer car, etc.). In addition, voting privileges will be extended to Sailing Associate members in matters related to Sailing Associate member dues increase.
 2. A Sailing Associate Member is not entitled to a permanent mooring location.
 3. A Sailing Associate Member is not entitled to a locker.

4. A Sailing Associate Member may use the floats only to pick up and discharge passengers.
5. A sailing Associate Member's boat may be hauled at the Club when space is available (after the other members have been accommodated).
6. A Sailing Associate Member can accrue hauling seniority within the group of Associate members only.
7. A Sailing Associate Member is subject to one-half (1/2) the initiation fee and dues to which a Regular Member is subject.
8. A Sailing Associate Member shall pay such dues and fees as may be voted from time to time by the Club.

d) An Associate Member is entitled to all privileges of membership with the following exceptions:

1. An Associate Member may vote in general elections and in the matter of assessment related to the clubhouse, grounds, and/or structures of SYC. Associate Members will be assessed 1/3 of the amount of a Regular Member's assessment. In general elections and when said assessments are voted upon, each Associate Member will be given 1/3 vote (i.e. three AM votes will equal one RM vote). Associate Members will not be assessed for any expenditures related to any equipment associated with on-the-water activities of SYC (launch, travel-lift, transfer car, etc.). In addition, voting privileges will be extended to Associate Members in matters related to Associate member dues increase.
2. An Associate Member is not entitled to a permanent mooring location.
3. An Associate Member is not entitled to a locker.
4. An Associate Member may use the floats only to pick up and discharge passengers.
5. An Associate Member's boat may be hauled at the Club when space is available (after the other members have been accommodated).
6. An Associate Member can accrue hauling seniority within the group of Associate Members only.
7. An Associate Member is subject to one-half (1/2) the initiation fee and dues to which a Regular Member is subject.
8. An Associate Member shall pay such dues and fees as may be voted from time to time by the Club.

The total number of Associate Members shall be limited to one-half (1/2) of the allowable number of Regular members.

- d) A Life member is a member who has maintained continuous membership in the Stuyvesant Yacht Club as a Regular Member for thirty (30) years. Time spent as an Associate member subsequent to September 13, 1978 shall not be included in such thirty-year period. This member at the expiration of the thirtieth year automatically becomes a Life member and shall be exempt from payment of club dues and assessments and the purchase of ~~bar books~~ chits. Life members are liable for payment of all other Club fees and service charges as revised from time to time, including, but not limited to, boat hauling, storage and launching fees, boat moving charges, dinghy rack fees and mooring inspection charges, etc.
- e) ~~A Winter member has privileges of an Associate member from October 1 through March 31, is not subject to initiation or assessments, but shall pay one half the annual dues of an Associate member. Dues are payable upon application for membership. When changing membership status, a Winter member is subject to applicable initiation fees.~~
- f) An Honorary member is entitled to all privileges of the Club except voting, holding office, permanent mooring location, locker, etc. When an Honorary Member maintains a yacht within one hundred (100) miles of the clubhouse and anchorage, the category of membership will

automatically change to that of a Regular Member, with all of the privileges and responsibilities of a Regular Member.

~~g) A Retired member is one who has maintained continuous membership for twenty (20) years, moves more than a hundred miles from the clubhouse and requests transfer to this status. Privileges are limited to receiving a membership card annually and the club newsletter when published. A Retired member may use the club facilities when visiting.~~

- SECTION 2. Each candidate for membership must be proposed and seconded in writing by two (2) members.
Applicants for membership must state his or her name, occupation, and address, general qualifications, if at least of legal age, and include an agreement to comply with the Constitution and By-laws.
All applications must be at once referred to a member of the Membership Committee, which, upon finding the petition correct and accompanied by the initiation fee plus three-months dues and required taxes will post same on the bulletin board at the clubhouse at least 14 (14) days prior to the next Board meeting.
The Membership committee will investigate the applicant personally and indicate on the petition its approval or disapproval opposite their signature.
If one-third (1/3) of the votes are cast by the Board of Directors against the applicant, he or she shall be rejected and all fees shall be returned to the applicant.
A period of six (6) months shall intervene before a rejected applicant can again be proposed for membership.
- SECTION 3. Any member may be deprived of his or her membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting after following the procedures as prescribed in Article V, Section I.
- SECTION 4. Any member not in arrears or other indebtedness, may request a change in membership category by tendering a written request to the Recording Secretary, who shall report same at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Any member not in arrears for dues or other indebtedness, may request the Board of Directors to grant a leave of absence.
- The Board, by majority vote, may grant such leave for a maximum of one (1) year. Upon being granted such leave, the member will be maintained on the club roll and will be excused payment of club dues and other fees during said period. During said period, the member may not use any club facilities, mooring, or keep a boat on club grounds. At the end of said leave, the member may resume his/her original membership without any seniority penalties, provided advance payment is made for any new assessments or installments on new loans which may have been introduced during the absence. If no communication is received from the member by the end of the leave, the Recording Secretary will send a communication to the member, together with a statement of any new indebtedness (provided by the Financial Secretary and/or Trustees) asking the member's intention. If no response is received within one month of such communication, the Board will drop the member from the roll. A second communication will be sent to advise the ex-member of the Board's decision.
- SECTION 5. The rights and interests of any member in the property and privileges of the club shall cease with the termination of his or her membership, except such interest as he or she may have as a holder of club bonds.
- SECTION 6. Any past member may be reinstated within one (1) year of his or her resignation immediately upon payment of all dues, assessments and other charges that he or she would have incurred if he or she had remained a member in good standing during the period of his or her resignation.

SECTION 7. Only members in good standing are entitled to the privileges of the Club.

ARTICLE V

DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. Upon written complaint of one member against another or any employee for any misconduct (other than an infraction of the racing rules) or upon its own initiative in suspicious circumstances, the Board of Directors shall promptly investigate the matter, allowing the accused person to appear in his or her own behalf. If, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the matter requires action, same shall be reported to the club at the next Regular meeting. The Board of Directors shall make their recommendation for penalty as may be justified by the facts in the case and vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting shall be final in the matter.

SECTION 2. Any member who shall make use of the club or any property of the club to further his or her financial interests (such as hiring his or her boat, or taking out parties, etc.) except working on other members' boats for pay shall be guilty of an infraction of the by-laws of this club, and shall be brought up on charges as prescribed for in Article V, Section 1, hereof and disciplines according to provisions set forth in said Article.

SECTION 3. Any member expelled shall forfeit all rights and interest in this club (except as a holder of club bonds) and his or her name shall be posted on the club bulletin board for thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE VI

GOOD STANDING

When a member becomes ~~one (1) quarter~~ **two (2) quarters** in arrears in his or her financial obligations to the club, without an explanation satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the member shall be considered "not in good standing". The name of the member who is not in good standing shall be posted on the club grounds.

ARTICLE VII

VOTING

SECTION 1. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at all election and upon every question except as otherwise provided under the laws of this club. When a husband and a wife own a boat, both husband and wife will be considered as members, with the privilege of speaking at any meeting. They will be limited to one vote.

SECTION 2. Any member in good standing may appoint ~~an Executive Officer~~ **a Representative** who will have the authority to speak for and/or cast a vote on behalf of that member at any SYC Regular or Special Membership Meeting. **The Commodore shall be notified ten days in advance of a meeting in writing or by electronic means of such an arrangement.** ~~An Executive Officer~~ **A Representative** must be a member of SYC in good standing, an hon-

orary member of SYC, or the child or other relative (over the age of 18) of the appointing member. The Flag shall approve any person not falling into these categories.

Both the ~~Captain and the Executive Officer~~ **Member and Representative** may attend meetings. When both are in attendance, the ~~Captain~~ **Member** will be the primary spokesperson. The ~~Captain~~ **Member** will be permitted to yield the floor to his or her ~~Executive Officer~~ **Representative** during discussion. Only one vote may be cast per member.

When the ~~Executive Officer's Captain~~ **Representative's Member** is also a Board member, Flag Officer and/or a member of a standing committee that Executive Officer may not represent that ~~Captain~~ **Member** in matters relating to his or her Club responsibilities. An individual may not be appointed an ~~Executive Officer~~ **Representative** for more than one member at any given time.

~~A Captain may appoint or replace an Executive Officer by notifying the Recording Secretary no later than two weeks before a regular meeting or one week before a special meeting.~~

~~Captains~~ **Members** are responsible for the conduct of their ~~Executive Officers~~ **Representatives** at SYC meetings.

The Flag has the right, by majority vote of those officers, to rescind the ~~Executive Officer~~ **Representative** status of any individual for improper conduct at meetings. The Commodore must notify the ~~Captain~~ **Member** in question of the Flag's decision and state the specific reasons for their decision.

SECTION 3. In questions regarding racing rules, regattas or government of yachts, only yacht owners may vote, and each yacht owner shall be entitled to one (1) vote only, to be cast by the owner in person; but no member, by reason of owning more than one yacht shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SECTION 4. No member who is not in good standing shall be eligible for any office or hold same or be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII

ENROLLMENT AND RESIGNATION

SECTION 1. Every yacht owned or controlled wholly or in part, in good faith, by a member or members of the club may be enrolled in the fleet of the club upon its owner filing with the Recording Secretary a description thereof, containing its name, rig, dimensions, and whether the keel or centerboard, with the name of its designer and builder and time and place of building (so far as known) together with his or her private signal.

SECTION 2. Any member parting with or permanently altering the rig or model of a yacht enrolled in the club, or changing his or her private signal, shall give notice thereof to the Secretary or Chairman of the Regatta Committee.

SECTION 3. **Voluntary termination of membership shall be granted to members in good standing upon reception of written notification of the member's desire to resign from the Club**

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Property of the club must not be used or removed from the club grounds without the permission of the Board of Directors, and if damaged or lost, must be made good or paid for by the member responsible.

SECTION 2. A member may introduce guests accompanied by him or her to the clubhouse and docks. Any guest not residing in the vicinity may be admitted to the privileges of the club for a period not exceeding two (2) weeks, and not more than once during the season, upon application, by a member of the Board of Directors and issuing to them a visitor's card. Members are responsible for the conduct of their families, guests, employees, contract help, or any person or persons doing work for them.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall have the right to inquire into the adequacy of any member's tackle and equipment and shall require that such tackle or equipment be adequate to properly control his or her boat so that no damage is done to another member's person or property. No responsibility shall attach to the Board of Directors or the club for any judgment exercised in connection with any member's boats, tackle, or equipment.

Location of all moorings shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Any mooring position in the club anchorage shall revert to the club's jurisdiction when a member resigns or is expelled or sells his or her boat.

SECTION 4. Any member who resigns, or is expelled, has 30 days from the effective date of resignation or expulsion to remove their property from the club. Any property left after that date shall be considered abandoned. Such property shall be disposed of at the discretion of the club. This policy shall not apply to hauled vessels unless the member is in arrears. This policy shall be included with the official not of expulsion or acceptance of resignation.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT

The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members voting at any Regular meeting or at a Special meeting, if called for that purpose; the proposed amendment having been made in writing and signed by at least three (3) members in good standing. Each amendment must be communicated in writing to the membership by the club's newsletter or to the Board of Directors prior to a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

If at any time the dissolution or non-existence of the club should be decided upon by a vote, such vote shall not be valid until ratified by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the bondholders of the club.

ARTICLE XII

SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

There shall be no suspension of any part of these by-laws.