

WATAUGA LAKE SAILING CLUB



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Constitution

and

By-Laws

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The organization shall be called: **WATAUGA LAKE SAILING CLUB**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The club is established to encourage the enjoyment of safe sailing on Watauga Lake, to cultivate good fellowship among the members, and to provide sailing programs according to the interests of the membership.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - General Membership

Any person interested in sailing, of good character and sportsmanship and who will support the Constitution, By-Laws and Club Rules of the club, shall be eligible for membership. Members of this club in good standing shall have all the privileges of the club. All rights and privileges of membership shall apply to the immediate family of the member, without a participating boat. Two votes shall be allowed for each membership.

Section 2 - Honorary Membership

The persons listed are hereby granted Honorary Founders lifetime membership:

Eugene Linkous (1st Commodore)
Clarke Lucas (2nd Commodore)

ARTICLE IV

DUES AND FEES

Initiation fees, annual dues, entry fees of members or participants, shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1

The elected officers of this organization shall be a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Race Captain, Cruise Captain, Treasurer and Secretary. Their term of office shall be for one year.

Section 2

Only members in good standing who regularly sail on Watauga Lake are eligible for office.

Section 3

The duties of the officers shall be outlined in the By-Laws

Section 4

The order of rank of officers for the club shall be in descending order: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Race Captain, Cruise Captain, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 5

The officers of the club shall hold their respective offices from the date of their election until their successors are elected and have qualified.

Section 6

A Member-At-Large shall be appointed for one year by the elected officers to serve as member on the Executive Board.

Section 7

In case of a vacancy in any office, it shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board until the next semi-annual or special meeting whereupon nominations and an election shall be held.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The officers and Member-At-Large shall constitute the Executive Board. The board shall manage the affairs of the Club subject to this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Club. All appropriations and control of funds of the Club shall be made by the Board. The Commodore or, in his absence, next in rank shall act as Chairman of the Board. Fifty percent of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at Board meetings.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1

The Standing Committees of the Club shall be as follows: Nominations Committee, Sailing Instruction Committee, Awards Committee, Race Committee, Cruise Committee and such other standing committees as may be provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2

Each Standing Committee Chairman shall be appointed annually by the Commodore, except for Race and Cruise Chairman, who are the Race and Cruise Captains. Each committee shall consist, in addition to the Chairman, of at least two members.

Section 3

The Commodore shall have the power to appoint from time to time, such special committees as he shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

Section 1

The semi-annual meetings of the club shall be held in the Fall, preferably November, each year mainly for elections and end-of-season awards and in March or April each year mainly for pre-season business. Other meetings may be held from time to time on call of the Executive Board or a majority of the membership.

Section 2

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held upon the call of the Commodore or any two members of the Board. A meeting of the Executive Board shall be held approximately one month before each of the two semi-annual meetings.

Section 3

At any meeting of the Club, 50% of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4

Members shall be sent notification in writing at least 2 weeks in advance of a semi-annual meeting.

Section 5

Executive Board members shall be notified at least five days in advance of a regular Board meeting.

Section 6

Meetings shall be conducted as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

The nominating committee will present to the club members at the election meeting, a list of recommended members for each elected office. Each nominee recommended for an office shall have been contacted by a member of the committee and should have an interest in being elected to that office. If possible, a minimum of two members should be recommended for each office.

Prior to the election for each office, additional members may be nominated from the floor with the nominee's consent. The floor nominee shall be named by a member in good standing and a brief oral summary of the nominee's qualifications should be given by the nominator. The nomination must then be seconded by a second member in good standing.

Section 2

Elections will take place at the annual Fall meeting or at a special meeting. If in the event a quorum does not exist at the annual Fall meeting, elections and other urgent business will be conducted without a quorum. At a special meeting, a quorum must exist. The election order shall be to have the Nominating Committee's list of recommended members for all offices presented to the membership prior to the election. Prior to the election for each office, additional nominations for that office shall be requested from the floor as per Section 1.

The election for offices will have the following order:

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| 1. Commodore | 2. Race Captain |
| 3. Cruise Captain | 4. Treasurer |
| 5. Secretary | 6. Vice-Commodore |

Elections should be by secret ballot cast in person, however a hand vote by members present is acceptable, when no conflict occurs. A member is elected by a plurality of votes of those nominated for that office.

ARTICLE X

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Any member of the club may be suspended or expelled for default of dues, misconduct in his relation to this club or un-sportsman like conduct, on conviction thereof by the club in such manner as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

PROPERTY

All interest in the personal property of the club, of persons resigning or otherwise ceasing to be members, shall remain with the club.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended, but only by a two-thirds vote of the total membership present. This may be at a semi-annual meeting or by written vote, or at a special meeting called in accordance with the provisions of this constitution, after notice mailed ten days before the meeting to each member of the club, such notice to contain a copy of the proposed amendment with a precise statement of the purpose thereof.

BY-LAWS

1. Presiding Officers

At all meetings of the club, the Commodore shall preside, or in his absence the next highest ranking officer, or, in the absence of all officers, any member selected by the attending members.

2. Order of Business

At each meeting of the club the order of business shall be as follows
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1. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting
2. Report of Executive Board
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Report of Standing Committees
5. Report of Special Committees
6. Unfinished Business
7. Nominations and Elections
8. New Business

Roberts Rules of order (Revised) shall govern procedures where applicable and where not in conflict with these By-Laws.

3. Commodore

The Commodore, aside from direct responsibilities of presided at meetings and general club directions, should strive to help the club to be a well knit organization, working for the good of all members, keep excellent spirit among group members, oversee that every undertaking of the club is carried through according to the wishes and needs of the club membership, to appoint chairmen, and to encourage the enlistment of new members.

4. Vice-Commodore

The duties of the Vice-Commodore is to assist the Commodore, preside at meetings in the Commodores absence and are generally the same as for Commodore.

5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep at all times a complete roll of the members. He shall collect and, under the direction of the Executive Board, shall disburse all funds of the club. He shall keep regular accounts in books belonging to the club which shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Governing Committee. He shall at the Spring meeting report the balance of money on hand and any existing appropriations, and shall make a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the past year, and of outstanding obligations of the club, with an estimate of the resources and probable expenses of the coming year. He shall be responsible for a club checking account at a commercial bank of his convenience.

6. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the club and of the Governing Committee when needed and a record of all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Governing Committee. He shall conduct the regular correspondence of the club under the direction of the Commodore. He shall issue notices of meetings, and in case of special meetings, shall add a brief note of the object of the call.

7. Race Captain

The Race Captain shall plan and conduct the competitive activities of the club, through the appointment of sub-committee chairman and the competitive program. He shall be chairman of the race committee. He shall be responsible for the club's racing paraphernalia, such as buoys. He should be alert to the needs, and desires of the participating membership in order to arrange a meaningful, and enjoyable program. He shall submit the competitive program to the Executive Board for review by their annual Spring meeting. He shall appoint appropriate sub-committee chairman or committees as required.

8. Cruise Captain

The Cruise Captain shall plan and conduct the cruising and day sailing activities sponsored by the club. He shall be chairman of the Cruise Committee, he shall operate in a similar manner to that of the Race Captain.

9. Member-At-Large

The Member-At-Large shall represent the Club Membership at the Executive Board meetings. He shall perform such such additional duties as may be deemed necessary by the presiding officer.

10. Executive Board

The Board shall have the power to make such regulations and take such action, not forbidden by the Constitution or By-Laws, as, in its judgment, may be necessary for the welfare of the club. In additions to such powers as are specifically conferred upon it by the Constitution or by any By-Laws, it shall have the general management of the affairs of the club. It shall report to the membership any business which in its judgment shall be of interest to or require the actions of the club. It shall transact business that may be referred to it by the membership.

11. Monies

The initiation fee shall be \$10.00 and the annual dues for the upcoming year shall be established by a majority vote of the members present at the Fall semi-annual meeting. Dues should be paid to the Treasurer by January 1, of the upcoming year or upon initiation to membership.

Fees payable by members for special events shall be established by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Fees payable by non-members for events shall be established by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Besides the Treasurer, and as designated by the Executive Board, the Club's bank account(s) shall have at least one other Club officer able to access the clubs monies.

Members with authority given to them by the Executive Board to spend club funds for club business shall have receipts for the expenditures for reimbursement.

12. Suspensions and Expulsions

If any member fails to pay his dues by January 1, it is the duty of the Treasurer to notify him of his default and unless such dues are paid within another thirty days thereafter, his name may be removed from the Active Member roll. By payment of all dues to the debt thereof, he may be reinstated as a Active Member.

If , by a majority vote of the members attending a meeting after a review by the Executive Board, a member is judged guilty of infraction of the Constitution or By-Laws or Club Rules of Conduct unbecoming a gentleman and a sportsman may be expelled from the Club and his name stricken from the roll. He may after one year, re-apply for membership but only by the approval of a majority vote by the membership attending a semi-annual meeting.

13. Amendments of By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended by the majority vote of the membership present during any called meeting of the club in person or by written vote.

Rev.h: 11. Spring Meeting changed to Fall Meeting & Dues, due Jan 1.

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