

"The Fleet 17 Boat Club"

P.O. Box 531 Cary, IL 60013



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The following bylaws and rules are to be listed with the charter of the Fleet 17 Boat Club.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND NAME

Section 1. The name of the corporation shall be THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB, and its location shall be in the City of Algonquin in the State of Illinois.

Section 2. The principle purposes, business and objects of the club shall be the development and encouragement of boating safety, dissemination of nautical knowledge, customs and beliefs to maintain and make every effort to improve on the conditions of our principle waterway, the Fox River and the Greater Chain of Lakes waterways. To work in cooperation with Local, State and Federal Regulatory agencies to promote enforcement of all current and future laws and regulations pertaining to our principle object and purpose. This club is a family organization and as such will provide and promote activities which enhance good fellowship among its membership.

Section 3. The club shall have no capital stock, no dividends, profits or other pecuniary benefits to be declared or paid to the members.

ARCICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB shall be open to all families who are interested in boating and the preservation of the Fox River and the Chain of Lakes.

Section 2. The annual dues of membership in THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB, effective 9/2020 shall be \$50.00. Annual Sponsor membership in THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB dues shall be \$75.00 effective 9/2020.

- Section 3. Former members of THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB who wish to rejoin the club shall pay the full amount of the annual dues regardless of timing of their application.
- Section 4. A former member shall be defined as any member who has not been on the club's roster for one calendar year or given written notification of their resignation of membership.
- Section 5. Membership in the club may be terminated for nonpayment of fees by action of the Board of Directors. Termination of the membership of any member does not entitle said member to a refund of any kind.
- Section 6. Membership dues will become due each January 1st payable within thirty (30) days. Events scheduled for "members only" after February 1st of each year will force the club to charge a 10% late fee for those unpaid members before they can attend the event.
- Section 7. A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice addressed to the Harbor Master. Membership fees will not be refunded.
- Section 8. Fleet 17 will extend reciprocal courtesies to other similar chartered clubs.
- Section 9. Monies paid to the Club as donations, gifts, or advertising do not qualify as membership dues. Services provided to the club by Members or Sponsors that equal or exceed the Member or Sponsor annual dues dollar amounts may be used to offset those dues at the discretion of the Board.
- Section 10. A "member family" is defined to include family members living in the same club member household.

ARTICLE III: REGISTERED AGENT

- Section 1. The name of the registered agent for THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB is Alan Ehlers.
- Section 2. The address of the registered agent for THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB is 3316 Alether Drive, Algonquin IL 60102
- Section 3. The address for club correspondence is P.O. Box 531, Cary, Illinois 60013.
- Section 4. If there is a change in agent then the new agent needs to contact the Secretary of State via email and change to the updated information. It needs to be an address and not a PO Box. It can be any officer.

ARTICLE IV: INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Section 1. THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB shall maintain at all times a general liability insurance policy. The responsibility for maintaining coverage shall be that of the Treasurer, upon notification from the Secretary that the premium for coverage is due. Any changes to the coverage shall only occur after a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: EVENT BUDGETING

- Section 1. All events and projects of THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB shall have a budget requested by the event/project chairperson, with funding to be received from the Cruise Master. A budget for any Fleet 17 event or project shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors prior to any expenditure of Fleet 17 funds. This amendment does not alter or change any duties of the Cruise Master.
- Section 2. Each year an annual budget will be prepared and submitted for approval at the February meeting for the upcoming year's events. Requests for changes to the budget during the year can be submitted at any club meeting for approval. The Cruise Master is responsible for maintaining the annual budget.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. Nominations from the membership to the Board of Directors shall be received from the membership at the August meeting.
- Section2. A general election for nominees to the Board of Directors (excluding the Fleet Commodore) shall be held at the September meeting.
- Section3. The Change of Watch shall occur at the October meeting.

ARTICLE VII: MANAGEMENT

- Section 1. Management of the club shall be vested in the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Fleet Commander, Harbor Captain, Cruise Master, First Mate and Membership.
- Section 2. The term of each office is twelve (12) months; commencing October 1st of each year, subject to the rotation schedule described herein.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors may employ whatever personnel they deem

necessary for which funds are available to aid in the management of the club.

- Section 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commodore, notice of which shall be given in sufficient time to permit members to be present.

ARTICLE IX: TITLE DESCRIPTIONS

- Section 1. The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the club and of its Board of Directors meetings and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him by these bylaws and by the Board of Directors and to the best of his abilities promote good fellowship ashore and afloat.
- Section 2. Vice-Commodore during the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore shall perform the duties and have the powers of the Commodore. He shall appoint all committees and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him by the Commodore.
- Section 3. The Fleet Commander is responsible for the entertainment and social aspects of the club and is to promote safety ashore and afloat.
- Section 4. The Harbor Captain shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings and correspondence relating to the club and its promotion.
1. The Site Captain position is a non-voting assistant to the Harbor Captain whose sole responsibility is to maintain the website. The Site Captain will receive all instructions, directions, and materials from the Harbor Captain.
- Section 5. The Cruise Master shall keep all accounts of the club and have charge of its funds. He shall keep all funds in a bank approved by the Board of Directors and in the name of the club. Subject to withdrawal by checks and signed in such a manner as from time to time be approved by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee shall audit and report on the books bi-annually. He will pay any bills approved by the Board of Directors up to three-hundred dollars (\$300). Any bills in excess of this amount must be taken up by members before being acted upon. He must have all records and receipts up to date at all times and be prepared to give a financial report upon request. The bank account established by the Cruise Master will provide two signatures, namely Cruise Master and of Commodore.
- Section 6. The First Mate will be a 6th alternate non-voting director who will take over any position except Commodore in the event of a vacancy on the board. Admiral – Advisory overseer on the Board of Directors. (prior year's Commodore)

Section 7. The Membership Chair will be responsible for developing new member and sponsor procedures including new and renewing Fleet 17 Boat Club members and sponsors. Recruiting new members and sponsors. Updating current membership roster as new and renewing members and sponsors join Fleet 17. Attend monthly meetings and report information related to membership and sponsorship. If possible, attend Fleet 17 events.

ARTICLE X: ROTATION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors serve each office on a rotation basis as outlined below:

1. The Commodore becomes Admiral
2. Vice-Commodore becomes Commodore.

Section 2. Vice-Commodore, Fleet Commander, Cruise Master, Harbor Captain , First Mate and Membership Chair positions are open for the general election by the membership each year. Nominations for the above positions are made at the August meeting by the general membership of THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB. The election takes place at the September meeting.

Section 3. The Change of Watch occurs at the October meeting. The past Vice-Commodore takes the office of Commodore at the same time.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Directors, the positions will be filled by the First Mate with exception of the Commodore position which will always be filled by the Vice-Commodore. Written notice of intent to vacate an office must be submitted to the Harbor Captain. Nominations for the First Mate will be taken at the next scheduled meeting and from these nominees the Board of Directors will select a succeeding First Mate.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS

Section 1. This club sets a quorum of seven members to constitute a meeting. Voting must be two-thirds of members present at meetings.

Section 2. Meeting dates will be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The calendar will be drawn up each year at which time specific dates will be approved by the membership.

Section 3. Special meetings of the members of the club may be called by the Commodore or by any member of the Board of Directors, upon notice which shall state the place, day, hour and purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE XII: EXPULSION OF A DIRECTOR

Section 1. To act on an expulsion for a violation of club rules or bylaws, the Board of

- Directors will recommend action to the Commodore who will request a vote of members at a regular meeting. At least five percent of the total membership must be present at the meeting for a vote to be taken.
- Section 2. A five-member arbitration board will be established in expulsion cases as follows:
- 2 members assigned by the Commodore
 - 2 members assigned by the member in violation
 - 1 member assigned by the above four members
- Majority rules and all decisions are final.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to the bylaws of THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB will be accepted at the August meeting and the vote will take place at the September meeting.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors may make necessary changes to these bylaws any time during the year exclusively needed to comply with 501-3C requirements or any other federal regulations. Any such changes must be presented and approved by the membership.

ARTICLE XIV: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1. The fiscal year for THE FLEET 17 BOAT CLUB begins on January 1st of each year.
- Section 2. Any member who is in arrears of membership fees or assessments cannot be nominated to hold any office of the club.

ARTICLE XV: COMMUNICATION

- Section 1. Official club communications will only be delivered by or on behalf of the current Fleet 17 board members.
- Section 2. Club members e-mail addresses will not be used for advertising, nor sold or otherwise conveyed to any person or entity outside Fleet 17 for the purpose of advertising without the express consent of that/those club member(s).
- Section 3. The club website maintenance is the responsibility of the current Board of Directors.
- Section 4. Club will maintain a Facebook Fan page to advertise club membership, activities, and events. All postings on the page will be controlled by the Board of Directors or the member delegated this responsibility by the board. The Board reserves the right to deny or remove posts they agree are inappropriate.