

BY-LAWS OF THE BEAVER LAKE YACHT CLUB INC.  
(Approved September 2016)

**ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. There shall be three (3) classes of membership: General Membership - Social Membership - Sailing Participation Membership.
- B. All classes of membership shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any member may suggest a person for membership in any class by submitting in writing to the Commodore. It shall be the responsibility of the Commodore to consider all prospective members and initiate only favorable recommendations to the Board of Directors. In the event of an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors, the Commodore shall extend an invitation to a prospective member.
- C. General membership eligibility shall be limited to Beaver Lake residents or Beaver Lake property owners. The children of any member under the age of twenty-six (26 years) shall have privileges as the Directors shall, from time to time determine. This class will include two types of memberships:
  - 1. "Household Membership": For all residences which include more than one person.
  - 2. "Individual Membership": For a single person having no children living at home.
- D. Social Membership eligibility shall be open to former general members and the children of general members. They shall have all rights and privileges of general members except:
  - 1. They have no Launch site privileges.
  - 2. Voting eligibility of all Social Members shall be reviewed annually by the Board.
  - 3. Maximum of one (1) seat on the Board may be filled by a Social Member.
- E. Sailing Participation Membership eligibility shall be open to non-lake resident adults interested in participating in sailing as either household or individual members as defined in Article I (C). They shall have all rights and privileges of general members except:
  - 1. Privileges subject to "BLYC launch site rules and procedures", and limited to sailing vessels participating in sanctioned events, scheduled practices or at times approved by the BLYC board only. Sailing members are not provided with gate access codes.
  - 2. Voting eligibility of all Sailing Participation Members shall be reviewed annually by the Board.
  - 3. Maximum of one (1) seat of the Board may be filled by a Sailing Participation Member.
- F. Only members of good standing, shall participate in club functions. Guest privileges may be extended on such occasions as the Board of Directors determine.
- G. The Dues of the membership shall be as follows:

1. General Membership;
    - A. Household Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors annually.
    - B. Individual Dues shall be one half of the Household dues.
  2. Social Membership dues shall be 1/3 the amount of General Membership dues - both household and individual.
  3. Sailing Participation Membership dues shall be the same as General Membership dues - both household and individual.
  4. Service Charges, Initiation Fees, or any other charges deemed essential for the operation of the BLYC shall be assessed at the discretion of the Board of Directors. There will be NO Initiation Fee charged to the children of members in good standing, becoming of age and applying for membership prior to their twenty-sixth birthday.
  5. New members admitted to membership after August 1st of any year shall pay membership fees equal to one half (1/2) of the regular annual membership fees of their class of membership for that year only.
- H. Any member may be expelled for just cause by an affirmative vote of six (6) of the seven (7) directors. Any member in arrears for payment of annual dues after July 1, shall be automatically suspended.

## **ARTICLE II - VOTING MEMBERS AND VOTING**

- A. Each household membership shall be entitled to two (2) votes, voting personally, at any membership meeting or two (mail) ballots for the election at the annual meeting.
- B. Each individual membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote, voting personally, at any membership meeting or one (mail) ballot for the election at the annual meeting.
- C. Ballots cast by mail for election at the annual meeting are to be sealed, with signature on the outside of sealed envelope, and must be received by the BLYC Secretary personally or by mail, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the set time of the annual meeting. The BLYC Secretary will hold all sealed ballots as received until the time for voting. The sealed ballots will be opened and counted, or returned to the member whose signature appears on the envelope, if he/she personally presents themselves at the time of voting.
- D. There shall be no other proxy vote privilege at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE III - LAUNCH SITE**

The Board of Directors shall set rules annually. These rules shall be available on the website and posted at the launch site.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

- A. The date of the annual meeting of the members of the BLYC shall be set by the Board of Directors. Twenty-five (25) voting members shall constitute a quorum. The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect directors and to consider proper business and the presentation of trophies.
- B. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Commodore, or at the written request to the secretary of any twenty-five (25) voting members.
- C. Notice of the time of all meetings of the members shall be given by the Secretary to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of said meeting.
- D. Ballots will be available on the BLYC website, at said meeting or mailed to a member if requested of the Secretary in writing ten (10) days in advance of said meeting.
- E. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting immediately following the annual membership meeting for the purpose of electing the officers. Other meetings of the directors shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Commodore.

#### **ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS**

- A. The management and control of the BLYC shall be by the Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) voting members. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve a three (3) year term, may serve a consecutive three year term and cannot be re-elected to the Board for a period of one year after said second consecutive term has expired. Terms of duty on the Board will be staggered thereby giving continuity to the Board. Should it be necessary to replace a director whose term has not expired, a new director shall be elected at the next annual meeting to serve their remaining part of the original three-year term. A director elected to fulfill the unexpired term of another director may serve one additional consecutive term and then must remain off the Board of Directors for one (1) full year after completing his/her own three year term. In the case of tie votes, the nominees shall draw lots to determine the successful nominee or nominees.
- B. The immediate Past Commodore automatically becomes a non-voting member of the Board of Directors for one year if his/her three year term on the Board has expired.
- C. The Board of Directors may appoint additional Special Directors to the Board who will be non-voting members of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI - NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS**

- A. A slate of candidates for a three (3) year term shall be nominated and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. Additional candidates to fill unexpired terms shall be added to the slate as needed. Said slate of candidates for the Board of Directors shall be placed on a ballot and all BLYC members will be notified at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Sufficient room is to be left on the ballot for write-in votes.
- B. Additional nominations to the slate can be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

- C. Absentee ballots will be available to all voting members in good standing by the Secretary with approval of the Treasurer. Ballots are to be gathered and counted by two (2) voting members in good standing, not directors or nominees, appointed by the Commodore at the time of voting. A cross check tabulation must be made with no difference in totals, before announcements of the results. All ballots, including mail ballots, tally sheets, etc. are to be kept by the Secretary for no less than 30 days after the date of balloting, and they shall be available for examination by any member in good standing.

## **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

- A. Officers of the Club shall be as follows:
- Commodore
  - Vice Commodore
  - Rear Commodore
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- B. Such officers shall be elected by directors immediately after the annual meeting and shall take office immediately thereafter. They shall hold their office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected. Vacancies may be filled during the year by the Board of Directors. No Commodore shall hold office for more than two consecutive years, and all officers shall be members of the Board.
- C. The Commodore shall have general charge of BLYC. He or she shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, and generally conduct the affairs of BLYC, except as herein otherwise provided.
- D. The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore and shall perform the duties of the Commodore in his or her absence and shall be Chairman of the Trophy Committee.
- E. The Rear Commodore shall be responsible for all physical property of BLYC. He or she shall have all buoys and markers available for races, and shall be responsible for all other equipment necessary for the sailing of races, including starting signals, flags, cannon shells, etc. He or she shall be a member of the Race, Rules and Regatta Committee.
- F. The Secretary shall keep a record of all BLYC members. He or she shall attend all meetings of the BLYC and shall keep accurate minutes of such meeting.
- G. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and money of BLYC and shall keep an accurate account thereof. The Commodore shall approve all purchases under \$500 and all purchases over \$500.00 must be authorized by the Board of Directors in advance, and the invoice must be approved for payment by the Board of Directors.
- H. The Board of Directors may provide for such other and additional officers as may be necessary in their judgment.

## **ARTICLE VIII - RACE, RULES AND REGATTA COMMITTEE**

- A. A Race, Rules and Regatta Committee shall be appointed by the Commodore and shall include the fleet captains, X-boat and OPTI representatives, the Rear Commodore and such others as the Commodore may designate. This Committee shall outline a Racing Schedule and determine all Racing Rules applicable. Each year, this committee or the respective Fleet captains shall conduct a meeting of all Skippers to propose amendments and changes to Racing Rules.
- B. This Committee shall have complete charge of all Regattas and shall set rules and directions as they may deem necessary in conducting a Regatta.

## **ARTICLE IX - SAILING SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The Commodore may appoint a Sailing School Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for hiring a sailing instructor, setting the sailing school schedule, determining fees and any other duties deemed appropriate by the Race, Rules and Regatta Committee.

## **ARTICLE X – APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Commodore may appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall review any decisions of the race judge and shall affirm, reverse, or otherwise modify the decisions of the race judge. The decision of this Committee shall be final except that, if appropriate, a decision may be appealed to the appropriate committee of the W.Y.A, I.L.Y.A. or U.S. Sailing.

## **ARTICLE XI – TROPHY COMMITTEE**

- A. The Vice Commodore may appoint a committee.
- B. This Committee shall have charge of obtaining and maintaining suitable trophies. This Committee shall provide the Secretary with a record of all trophies and persons holding the same from time to time, and shall be in charge of presenting trophies at the annual presentation meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII – W.Y.A AND I.L.Y.A. APPOINTMENTS**

The Board of Directors shall annually appoint delegates and alternate delegates to the W.Y.A. and I.L.Y.A

## **ARTICLE XIII – OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Commodore shall designate such other Committees and appoint members thereof as may be necessary and convenient from time to time.

## **ARTICLE XIV – FISCAL YEAR**

The Corporation shall have a fiscal year commencing September 1.

## **ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Voting Members. No amendment shall be made unless a quorum of voting members is present at a meeting or unless notice of such proposed amendment is given in the notice calling the meeting.

## **ARTICLE XVI – ATTENDANCE BY DIRECTORS**

Any director elected as such by members at the annual meeting, who shall miss two (2) successive meetings of the Board, or three (3) meetings in one (1) fiscal year, may be dropped from the Board of Directors and his office declared vacant by the Board, unless said Board deems his absence excusable.