

BY-LAWS OF THE BEAVER LAKE YACHT CLUB INC.

2026 Proposed DRAFT – Revised as August 11, 2026

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

- A. There shall be two (2) classes of membership: General Members and Social Members.
- B. **Chenequa Country Club** may be granted “**Special Member**” privileges as may be determined annually by the Board of Directors and may only have voting privileges as may be set in Article II.
- C. The benefits and dues of each membership class shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- D. “**General Members**” shall be available to each property owner with lake frontage on Beaver Lake. Membership privileges to new General Members may be granted upon completion of a membership application and payment of all fees that may be required.
- E. “**Social Members**” eligibility may be open to former General Members and the adult children of former General Members. They shall have all rights and privileges of General Members except they shall have no Launch Site access or voting privileges.
- F. “**Tenants**” residing in a lake property dwelling may be granted General or Social membership status as may be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors. Tenants shall have no voting privileges.
- G. Only Members of good standing, shall participate in club functions. Guest privileges may be extended on such occasions as the Board of Directors determine.
- H. Membership Dues shall be as follows:
 - 1. Dues of all membership classes shall be established by the Board of Directors annually.
 - 2. Service Charges and New Member 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.
 - 3. New **General 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 for that year only.
- I. Any Member may be expelled for just cause by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors. Any Member in arrears for payment of annual dues after July 1, may be suspended.

ARTICLE II - VOTING MEMBERS AND VOTING

- A. Only those General or Special Members having annual membership dues paid in full shall be entitled to one (1) vote per voting class of membership.
- B. Ballots for any Annual or Special Meetings must be received by the BLYC Secretary personally or by regular or electronic mail, at or prior to such meeting. The BLYC Secretary will hold all sealed or electronic ballots until the time for voting. All ballots will be opened and counted, or returned to the Member whose address and name appears on the ballot, if they personally present themselves at the time of voting.
- C. There shall be no proxy vote privilege at the Annual or Special Meetings.

ARTICLE III - LAUNCH SITE

The Board of Directors shall set vendor use and launch site rules annually. These rules shall be available on the website and emailed to all Members and vendors.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

- A. The date of the “**Annual Membership Meeting**” of the Members of the BLYC shall be set by the Board of Directors at least Thirty (30) days prior to any Annual Meeting to communicate critical information, or for anything that may be necessary for a membership vote. Twenty-five (25) voting Members shall constitute a quorum. The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect directors and to consider special business, communicate goals and priorities; and to establish budgets, dues and fees.
- 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, they 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 BOARD NOMINATIONS

- A. A slate of candidates for a three (3) year term shall be nominated and approved by a majority vote 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. The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:
 - Commodore
 - Vice Commodore
 - Rear Commodore

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications Director
- Social Director

- 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 (2) 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.
- E. The Rear Commodore shall be responsible for maintaining all physical property of BLYC.
- F. The Secretary shall keep a record of all BLYC Members, attend all meetings of the BLYC and keep accurate minutes of such meetings.
- G. The Treasurer is responsible for preparing and presenting BLYC financial results for the current year and the approved budget for the upcoming year at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall manage collection/disbursement of dues and money as approved for the BLYC account and ensure that a detailed account of the BLYC financial statements is maintained and reported. Payment of expenses exceeding planned budget must be reviewed and approved by the Commodore and one additional Board Member.
- H. The Communications Director is responsible for managing all official BLYC Homeowner communications.
- I. The Social Director is responsible for planning annual BLYC social events and activities.
- J. The Board of Directors may provide for such other and additional officers as may be necessary in their judgment.

ARTICLE VIII - SAILING, REGATTA & WATERCRAFT COMMITTEE

This special Committee may be appointed by the board and shall have complete charge of all sailing activities and shall set rules and directions as they may deem necessary for conducting regattas, special sailing, and on-water events.

ARTICLE IX– OTHER COMMITTEES

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

ARTICLE X– FISCAL YEAR

The Corporation shall have a fiscal year commencing November 1.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws or Rules of the Corporation may only be revised and ratified if:

- a) The BLYC Board of Directors posts an electronic email notice that a General or Special meeting of Members is scheduled that invites all voting Members to attend, and
- b) That the meeting notice, along with any proposed By-law or rules changes, is published at least 30 days prior to any such Special or Annual meeting, and
- c) The meeting must be attended in person by a quorum of Twenty-five (25) voting Members, and
- d) That the provisions of Article II and Article IV must be properly noticed and followed before a vote may be taken.
- e) In order to pass any proposed By-Law Amendment a 2/3 affirmative vote is required.

ARTICLE XII– 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.