

Provincetown Yacht Club

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Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

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Article I

This club shall be known as the Provincetown Yacht Club of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Article II

The Burgee of the Club shall be a pointed flag; the device, a white circle in the center of two red stripes, in width one-fifth of that of the signal; one running lengthwise thru it in the middle, the other running cross-wise thru it at one-third the length of the signal from its head; all on a blue field.

Article III

Section I

Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section 2

The Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear-Commodore shall be the Flag officers.

Article IV

Election of Officers

Section I

The election of officers shall take place the Annual Meeting and shall be by ballot and they shall hold office for one year from the date of Annual Meeting which shall be the second Thursday of July and until their successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies may be filled at any General or Special Meeting, (notice of such election having been sent to each member at least seven days previous to such meeting.)

Article V

Duties of Officers

Section I

It shall be the duty of the Commodore to command the Squadron, and to preside at all meetings of the Club.

Section 2

He may call a special meeting of the Club at his pleasure, and he shall do so at the written request of the owners of any three yachts, of any two members of a Standing Committee.

Section 3

He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all Committees except the Race Committee.

Section 4

He (or the officer in command) may appoint a Fleet Captain and a Fleet Surgeon and define their duties. Such Fleet Officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the appointer, but not to exceed his term of office or command.

Section 5

In the event of the temporary absence of either the Secretary, Treasurer, or Measurer, the Commodore, upon request of the absentee, may appoint a member to act in his place. (In the event, however, of a vacancy occurring in the office of either the Secretary, Treasurer, or Measurer, The Commodore may appoint a successor to hold office until an election to fill the vacancy shall be held, as provided in Article IV.

Vice-Commodore

Section 6

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence, or in case of a vacancy in the office of Commodore, to act as Commodore.

Rear-Commodore

Section 7

It shall be the duty of the Rear-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties, and in case of absence or vacancies in the offices of Commodore and Vice-Commodore, to act as Commodore.

Secretary

Section 8

It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

To keep a true record of the proceeding of all meetings of the Club in a book provided for that purpose.

To keep a correct roll of all the members (numbered in the order of their elections.)

To notify the Treasurer of the number of members carried on the roll and to advise him during the year of the election of any new members, and other changes in membership.

To keep a correct list of the ownership, name, dimensions, type, and the rig of each yacht enrolled in the Club.

To notify each member-elect of his election, (and upon his becoming a member to assign him a number in conformity with the date of his election.)

To notify each member of every meeting.

In case of inability to attend any meeting, to cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of meeting.

Treasurer

Section 9

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

To collect and receive all moneys due the Club, and to pay all bill contracted by it, keeping a correct account of the same in books provided for that purpose.

To make report at each meeting of all his receipts and disbursements, with a statement for the amount of money then in his hands.

To have the custody of all the funds of the Club, and pay all bills upon the approval of the three Commodores.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1

There shall be not less than 4 meetings in each year, which shall be held on the 2nd Thursday in June, July, August and another in September. The July meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting.

Article VII

Enrollment of Boats

Section 1

A yacht owned entirely by a member or members of the Club shall be entitled to reenrollment in the Club upon its owner or owners filing with the Secretary a certificate of the Measurer that such yacht complies with the Club's conditions.

Article VIII

Voting and Quorum

Section 1

Each member is allowed one vote in all meetings and a quorum will consist of ten members.

Article IX

Election of Members

Section 1

Every candidate must be proposed and seconded by two members over their own signatures in a book kept at the Club House for that purpose, unless the member proposing or seconding the candidate is absent from the Town of Provincetown, in which case the proposal for membership shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Club, and it shall be his duty to enter the names of the candidates and of the proposer and seconder in said book. The Secretary shall immediately cause the name of the candidate and of the proposer and seconder to be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Club House.

Article X

Women Members

Section 1

Any woman, having been elected to membership, shall after paying the regular dues, be entitled to all the privileges of the Club.

Junior Members

Section 1

Juniors, under the age of 15 years, may become members by paying one-half annual dues.

Article XI

Section 1

The Club shall have a Measurer who shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office for one year from the Annual Meeting, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Section 2

It shall also be the duty of the Measurer, on the request of the owner or by direction for the Race Committee to measure any yacht and to computer her Rating Measurement in the manner prescribed by the Club, and to file with the Secretary and Race Committee duly authenticated certificates in relation thereto, personally signed. (Standard Rules)

Article XII

Committees

Section 1

The election of Committees shall take place at the Annual Meeting, and there shall hold office for one year from Annual Meeting and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Section 2

At the General Meeting to be held in June in each yea, there shall be elected by ballot a Nominating Committee who shall hold office until their report shall have been acted upon at the following Annual Meeting.