

**Bylaws for Squalicum Yacht Club, Inc.**

**Submitted April 22, 1970**

ARTICLE I. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote family boating recreation in all its phases, including cruising, boating etiquette, safety on the water, and improving the marine recreation facilities in the Pacific Northwest area; to support other organizations having comparable goals, as well as advancing fellowship among people interested in boats and boating.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Sec. 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to anyone, male or female, who is interested in the purpose of the organization, and who is willing to assume the "Obligation of Membership." Each membership shall entitle all members of a family, 14 years old or older, and living at home and who assume the obligation of membership, to the full benefits of membership.

Sec. 2. Application for membership must be made on forms provided by the Club, accompanied by an initiation fee, the current year's dues, and the recommendation of three members. Such application must be approved by the membership committee.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Sec. 1. The regular business meetings of this Club shall be held in the Clubhouse at Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, Washington, or at such other location in or near Bellingham that the members shall select, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except during June, July, and August. To avoid conflict with Thanksgiving

and Christmas, the November and/or December meetings may be held on dates agreed upon by the membership at the previous meeting.

Sec. 2. Ten percent (10%) of the membership must be present to constitute a quorum in order to conduct any Club business. Each person who is a member shall be entitled to one vote.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by the Commodore or the bridge whenever they shall deem such meeting to be desirable for the best interests of the club. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and, except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given. No business other than that contained in the call may be considered at such special meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV. Nomination and Election

Sec. 1. Thirty (30) days prior to the business meeting in September, the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) members, whose duty shall be to bring to the September business meeting a slate of officers who are willing to serve for the following year.

Sec. 2. In addition to the nominations by the Committee, there shall be a call for nominations from the floor at the September meeting.

Sec. 3. Under the order of New Business, after a second call for nominations from the floor, the Annual Election of Officers shall be held at the October business meeting.

Sec. 4. The Annual Installation of Officers is to be held prior to December 1 each year. This installation meeting may be in lieu of the regular November business meeting.

Sec. 5. The newly elected officers shall take over their duties after the Annual Installation of Officers each year.

#### ARTICLE V. Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this Club shall consist of: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Commodore, and two (2) Trustees. Term of office shall be for one (1)

year, except for Trustees, which shall be for two (2) years. At the first election following adoption of these bylaws, one Trustee shall be elected for one (1) year, so that each year there will be one Trustee elected thereafter.

Sec. 2. No person shall hold more than one office concurrently.

Sec. 3. Any member of this Club, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to any office; however, it is recommended that the officers, other than the Secretary and Treasurer, will follow a line of succession, namely: First year: Rear-Commodore; Second year: Vice-Commodore; Third year: Commodore.

#### ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all business meetings, act as the Chairman of the Governing Board, appoint committees to assist in furthering the welfare of the Club, be an ex-officio member of all committees, and provide general supervision over all affairs of the Club.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to preside in the absence of the Commodore, to assist him in the execution of his duties, and to act as Chairman of the in-house activities and programs of the Club.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rear-Commodore to preside in the absence of both the Commodore and Vice-Commodore, and to assist them in carrying out their respective duties, as well as to be Chairman of the Cruise Committee.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Club, conduct its correspondence, and see that dues notices are mailed to members.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money due the Club, and to pay all bills approved by the Governing Boards, or voted by the membership at any regular meeting. The records of the Treasurer shall be subject to an audit by the Governing Board in conducting the routine business of the Club.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the immediate past commodore to act as chair of the house committee.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to ensure that, in all deliberations and actions by the governing board, the long-standing values and traditions of the club are taken into consideration.

## ARTICLE VII. Governing Board (Bridge)

The Governing Board shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Commodore, and the two (2) Trustees. The Governing Board shall conduct the routine business of the Club, at the direction of the membership. Four (4) members of the Governing Board shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VIII. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this organization shall be from November 1 through October 31 of the following calendar year.

## ARTICLE IX. Dues, Initiation Fees, and Special Assessments

Sec. 1. The dues, initiation fees, and any special assessments of this organization shall be established by the membership.

Sec. 2. Dues shall apply to each family membership as defined by Article II, Sec. 1, or for a single membership, and are due and payable in the month of October each year. Members who have not paid their dues by February 1 of any calendar year shall be considered "not in good standing" and their names will not be listed in the roster of members for that year. Any member "not in good standing" may regain good standing by payment of such dues as are owed to the club.

Sec. 3. Members in good standing shall be entitled to rent the clubhouse at the minimum rate as set by the governing board.

Sec. 4. For new members initiated during the September or October meetings, dues shall be considered paid through the end of that fiscal year and the following year.

Sec. 5. Changes to annual dues and/or initiation fees or the levying of any special assessments may be made by the membership in the following manner:

- A. Present proposed changes at any regular meeting.
- B. Provide proposed changes directly to each member by his or her regular means of notification (U.S. mail or other print or electronic means) at least one (1) week prior to the next regular meeting
- C. Present for discussion and vote at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present is required for passage.

#### ARTICLE X. Clubhouse

Sec. 1. The Clubhouse shall be reserved for use of the Club for social purposes on each fourth Wednesday of each month, and at such other times as the Club may decide.

Sec. 2. The Club shall retain the power to regulate its policy pertaining to the rental of the Clubhouse.

#### ARTICLE XI. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by the membership in the following manner:

- A. Present proposed changes in writing at any regular meeting.
- B. Provide proposed changes directly to each member by his or her regular means of notification (U.S. mail or other print or electronic means) at least one (1) week prior to the next regular meeting
- C. Present for discussion and vote at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present is required for passage.

These bylaws were presented and read at the regular business meeting of Squalicum Yacht Club, Inc., on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and were officially approved by and adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by vote of the membership as heretofore provided.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_Commodore

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

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