

LAGUNA YACHT CLUB

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LAGUNA YACHT CLUB
CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS

Article I

This organization shall be known as the Laguna Yacht Club. It's homeport for facilities and dockage shall be located at Huron Lagoons Marina on the Huron River in Huron, OH.

Article II Objective

The object of the organization is to stimulate interest in boating and yachting, the science of navigation, the art of seamanship and boating safety and to promote a fraternal spirit among its members.

Article III Election to Membership

An application for membership must be in writing, signed by the applicant and submitted to the Membership Committee. The applicant must be sponsored by an Active member who shall sign the application attesting to their belief the applicant will be a good member. The completed application will be considered at the next Board meeting. Admission to any class of membership in the Club shall require a majority vote of the board members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of the board. The Chairman of the Membership Committee may grant temporary use of Club facilities to an applicant who has made application and paid all applicable fees until the Board has acted on the application.

Article IV Membership Classification

Membership of LYC shall consist of 6 classes listed as follows:

Section 1. Resident: Dockers of Huron Lagoons Marina with voting privileges and 21 years of age or older.

Section 2. Non-resident: Without voting privileges.

Section 3. Honorary: May be conferred by the board in recognition of unusual service to the club for one year at a time without voting privileges.

Section 4. Life Membership: Shall be recommended by the Commodore to the Board for the following:

1. Longevity – minimum 25 years adult membership
2. Has provided vital services to the club for a significant number of years.
3. Age – A member who is at least 55 years of age

Section 5. Junior Members: Shall be persons 18 years or over who meet the membership qualifications of the

Club and have applied for membership.

Section 6. Charter Members: Those first ten board members organizing and financing the Club Start Up.

Article V Resignation, Suspension or Expulsion of a Member

The resignation of any member shall be presented in writing to the Secretary. A member will not be considered to have resigned in good standing unless and until all dues and other financial obligations are paid in full to the date of resignation. The Secretary shall report all resignations to the Board.

Article VI Board of Directors

Section 1. This club shall be organized under the Board of Directors "the Board", consisting of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.

Section 2. The Board shall meet as often as the Commodore may direct, and shall meet at any time upon a call of a majority of the Board, or with five days' notice on the written request of ten members.

Section 3. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in their members by a majority vote.

Section 5a. The Board shall enact rules and regulations (“Club Rules”) governing the club and such rules shall remain in effect from year to year unless or until amended or repealed.

Section 5b. The Board shall control and manage the affairs, property and finances of the club, and the hiring of employees. All rights and powers connected therewith shall be vested in them, subject to the authority and will of the membership.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Board to hear all complaints brought against members. The Secretary shall lay such complaints before the Board and the board shall render a decision thereon, such decision being arrived at by a majority vote of the members of the Board.

Section 7. The board may drop from the roll any or all delinquent members as shall be reported by the Treasurer. It may also reinstate such members.

Article VII Nominations Candidates for office may be nominated either:

Section 1. Nominating Committee By the Nominating Committee as herein provided.

Section 2. Petition By petition in writing signed by at least five Active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 3. Nominations by Nominating Committee Written notice containing a list of all persons nominated by the Nominating committee for election to positions within this Club shall be sent to each Active member by the Secretary at least 20 days prior to such meeting in the manner provided for the notice of meeting.

Article VIII Election Of The Board

Section 1. The Board shall be elected at the Annual Meeting each year. They shall assume office for the next calendar year, beginning 1 January following the election.

Section 2. All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Section 3. Vacancies may be filled by the vote of a majority of the Board or, if failing that, by election at a Special Meeting of the club membership.

Section 4. For initial stability the First Board will hold office until elections in 2010.

Article IX Duties of the Officers

Section 1. Commodore. It shall be the duty of the commodore to preside at all meetings, to appoint all committee leaders not elected, and to appoint the Fleet Measurer. The Commodore shall secure the approval of a majority of the Board, for all such appointments.

The Commodore will, at the Commodore’s discretion, call meetings of the Board and shall see that the decisions and rulings of the Board are carried out.

The Commodore shall arrange for an audit of the financial records of the club and report the results thereof to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Vice Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of all duties, and to officiate in the commodore’s absence. The Vice Commodore shall also be the head of the House and Grounds Committee.

Section 3. Rear Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Rear commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of all their duties, and to officiate in their absence. The Rear Commodore shall also have primary responsibility for enforcement of the Club Rules, for distributing and posting such Rules, and for bringing to the attention of the Commodore and the Board such changes in the Rules as may be appropriate.

Section 4. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

1. To maintain current versions of the constitution and the Club Rules, to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings in the club minute book, also to file and keep a full and complete record of all official communications; to keep permanent records concerning members, their

- proposals, election to membership and other details, in such manner as is approved by the Board.
2. To preserve all documents, reports and communications connected with the business of the club.
 3. To prepare and keep current a membership list with names of members, address, size of boat and boat numbers.
 4. To notify each member of the time and place of meetings in accordance with Article XII.

Section 5 Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To collect and receive all moneys and to keep a correct account thereof, and to deposit same in the club's name, in such bank or banks as shall be designated by the Board.
2. To pay all bills presented that are supported by a proper voucher or approved by the Commodore.
3. To render a full report in writing of the financial conditions of the club to the Annual Meeting of the members.
4. To keep the Board informed of the financial affairs of the club and to prepare such reports as they request.
5. At the expiration of the Treasurer's term of office, to turn over to the Treasurer's successor all moneys, effects and papers in the Treasurer's possession belonging to the club.

Section 6. Fleet Captain It shall be the duty of the Fleet Captain:

1. Organize and implement all official cruises and rendezvous for members.
2. Chair the Cruise Committee.

Article X Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the club shall consist of the following. Others may be added at the discretion of the club membership. Committee members shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chairman.

- Cruise Committee
- House Committee
- Entertainment Committee
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee

Section 1. The Cruise committee shall be responsible for all cruises and rendezvous established by the Board and the Fleet Captain will be the Committee Chairman.

Section 2. The House committee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of all grounds and buildings owned or leased by the Club. The committee shall consist of a member of the Board of Directors, who shall be chairman, and at least two other members.

Section 3. The Entertainment committee shall be responsible for all social events held by the Club. The Chairman of this committee may appoint subcommittees as necessary for each social event, but will oversee and direct the annual social calendar and budget. The Committee shall consist of a member of the board of Directors, who shall be chairman, and at least two other members.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall prepare and submit a balanced budget for the year's operations to the Board of Directors by the board meeting previous to the April General Meeting. This Committee will monitor financial operations of the Club throughout the year to ensure adherence to the budget. The Committee shall also prepare and submit such other financial statements, including monthly reports, as the Board or Membership may request. The Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall be chairman, and at least two other members. A bookkeeper, if employed by the Club, may be an ex-officio member of this Committee.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all membership applications, and interviewing the applicants or their sponsors, and shall recommend the disposition of each application. The Committee shall consist of one member of the Board of Directors, who shall be Chairman, and at least two other members.

Article XI Fiscal The fiscal year of the Club shall be from the first day of February to the 31st day of January of the succeeding year. The Treasurer shall issue to the Secretary a list of all members in good standing as of March 30th.

Article XII Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be at 6.00 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month. Regular meetings will be held during the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October. Meetings in November, December, January and February will require 5 days written notice in advance, if winter meetings are required for Club business.

Section 2. Special Meetings shall be called by the Commodore at his pleasure, or upon written notice by seven resident members.

Section 3. Notices of Special Meetings shall be sent to all Resident Members at least five days prior thereto and state the purpose of the meeting.

Article XIII Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place at the regular November meeting. The new officers shall take office at the first regular meeting of the following year.

Section 2. The Board may succeed themselves for one additional term of office. The Secretary and Treasurer may be reelected up to four consecutive terms.

Article XIV Order of Business

Section 1. All meetings of this Club and Board of Directors shall be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order; latest revision.

Section 2. A quorum for club business shall be three Board Members and twenty percent of resident membership.

Article XV Bylaws

Section 1. The Bylaws of the Club may be amended by a two-thirds vote of resident members present at a regular meeting provided written notice explaining amendment was mailed ten days previous to meeting to all resident members.

Article XVI Dues

Section 1. Dues for resident members will be Fifty Dollars with no initiation fees.

Section 2. Dues for non-resident members shall be as follows: Initiation fees Two Hundred Dollars and annual dues will be One Hundred Fifty Dollars.

Section 3. Dues for Junior members will be Fifty percent of Resident or Non Resident dues until after members Twenty-First birthday.

Section 4. Honorary Members pay no dues.

Section 5. Lifetime Members pay no dues.

Section 6. Charter Members pay no dues.