

**REFERENDUM OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF  
THE DRIFTERS BOAT CLUB**

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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Drifters Boat Club.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this non-profit organization shall be to cooperate with local authorities in the development and promotion of safe recreational boating and in the promotion of greater family enjoyment afloat and ashore.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1     There shall be three classes of membership in this organization: Active, Associate, and Honorary.
- Section 2     **Active members** shall be owners of pleasure boats consisting of men, women and children who have indicated an interest in the objectives of the Drifters Boat Club, as set forth above, and who have been recommended for membership by an existing Drifters Active member, and who have paid prescribed admission fees and dues for the current year.
- Section 3     **Associate members** shall be non boat owners who have indicated an interest in the objectives of the Drifters Boat Club, as set forth above, and have been recommended for membership by an existing Drifters Active member. Associate members shall be subject to the payment of all admission fees and dues, entitled to all privileges, and be subject to all regulations of this organization.
- Section 4     **Honorary members** shall be former Active or Associate members that still wish to retain contact with the Club on a 'non regular' participation basis. Honorary member status is bestowed only by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Honorary members shall receive Club communications, but do not have voting privilege. The Executive Committee may set a nominal charge for honorary membership status (to cover mailing expenses, etc.). Honorary members attending a Drifters function will be required to pay any designated guest fees for that event, if applicable.

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Section 5 As the Drifters Boat Club is committed to '*Family Boating Fun*', members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good family values. If a member(s) exhibits conduct or behavior of an improper nature for a family based organization, they may be removed from membership status when agreed by at least five Executive Committee members (at least one of which must be the Commodore or Vice Commodore). This clause applies to all membership classes.

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Section 1 The elected officers of this organization shall be the Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Past Commodore. The Commodore shall be the prior year's Vice-Commodore.

Section 2 There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Past Commodore. The General Board shall consist of four members in good standing and elected from the General Membership.

Section 3 Executive and General Board Members, with the exception of the previous year's Vice Commodore, shall be elected at the first General Membership meeting of each year, and shall serve in their elected capacity until the following year's election, except under the conditions stated in Section 4, Article IV of this document. No Officer or Board Member shall hold the same position for more than three successive years.

Section 4 If any officer or board member fails to attend two consecutive board meetings without prior notification, the other members of the board will be allowed, at their option, to replace that individual with an appropriate appointee from the general membership. The newly proposed board member must be ratified by a majority vote of the remaining officers and board members.

### **ARTICLE V - ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES**

- Section 1 Prior to admission to membership, each new member shall deposit with any member of the Executive Committee any application, entrance fees and dues for the current year.
- Section 2 Annual dues and fees shall be fixed by majority vote of the membership present in each year, no later than the annual meeting during the month of January. In the absence of such action, dues shall continue at the existing rate.
- Section 3 Any member in arrears for dues after May 1<sup>st</sup> shall have their membership terminated.
- Section 4 Membership dues for new members joining the Club prior to Labor Day shall be the full amount in effect for that year; after Labor Day, dues shall be one-half of the full amount.
- Section 5 Membership in the Club does not commence until current year dues have been paid in full AND the applicant has signed the waiver of liability on the application form.
- Section 6 Membership dues are valid for one family (adults and their legal dependents).

### **ARTICLE VI - RESIGNATION & REINSTATEMENT**

- Section 1 Resignation or termination of membership shall serve as a release of all rights, title to, or interest in the assets of the organization, without refund of any paid dues.
- Section 2 Reinstatement may be granted by the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE VII**

- Section 1 There shall be one meeting of the general membership of the organization during each year, typically held in January. A second "special" general membership meeting may be called later in the year at the discretion of the Commodore (see Article IX, Section 1).

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Section 2 Election of officers will be held at the first General Membership Meeting of the year. Attending members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 Members of the Executive Committee shall meet prior to a regular general membership meeting to develop material and issues to be reviewed.

Section 4 At any Executive Committee meeting, six members shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

Section 1 Any insignia or flags shall conform to any rules and regulations of this organization and be in socially acceptable good taste.

### **ARTICLE IX**

Section 1 This constitution may be amended or a new constitution drawn by a two-thirds vote of the members attending the annual general membership meeting. In addition to the annual general membership meeting, a special meeting may be called for this purpose at the discretion of the Commodore. Only one special meeting may be authorized in a calendar year.

Section 2 Any change in this constitution shall require a fourteen day written notification to the membership.