



CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, RULES,  
REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES  
(CBRRP&P)

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# CLUB HISTORY

**T**AUNTON YACHT CLUB was born July 1, 1895, when a group of men, many of them owners of pleasure craft on Taunton river, formed a corporation the members of which were George E. Wilbur, Everett H. Waldron, Clinton V. Sanders, John H. Eldridge, Harry S. Williams, Dr. Edwin N. Clark, Luther Dean, William S. Palmer, Charles S. Simmons, William Wakley, Harry B. Baker, Charles F. Park and Harry H. Townsend.

Mr. Wilbur was the first Commodore, Mr. Sanders the first vice-Commodore and Mr. Townsend the first rear-Commodore.

The Clubhouse, a two-story wooden structure with lockers and lunch counter on the first floor and dance hall, fireplace, and dressing rooms on the second, and twelve foot piazzas around both floors, was dedicated with appropriate festivities on July 30, 1893.

There followed a score of years during which the Club held a high place in social and sporting circles of Taunton and Dighton until the popularity of the automobile reduced interest in boating to an unknown quantity. The first Clubhouse was sold July 17, 1920.

Reorganizing occurred May 24, 1939, when Stephen H. Rhodes was elected Commodore, Bion L. Pierce Vice Commodore, George H. Robinson Treasurer, Elmer B. Noyes Secretary, Leonard F. Hubbard, Andrew ray, Willard A. Ormabee and Ralph Tucker directors.

The present Clubhouse was completed in the spring of 1940.

## CONSTITUTION

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- Section V        Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum to transact business,  
But a less number may adjourn the meeting to another date.
- Section VI      There shall be a finance committee of three appointed by the Commodore from the Board of Directors at the first monthly meeting of the directors.
- Article IV     The Annual Meeting
- Section I        The annual meeting of the Taunton yacht Club shall be held at a place approved by the Board of Directors on the Monday preceding the fourth Saturday in October for members only. The installation of the officers to be held on the fourth Saturday in October for members and guests.
- Section II       Regular and special meetings shall be held as provided in the By - Laws.
- Section III      Ten members shall constitute a quorum to transact business but a less number may adjourn the meeting to another date.
- Article V      Article 5 has been deleted
- Article VI     Amendments
- Section I        This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of all voting members present at any meeting of the Club, provided however, that a minimum of seven (7) day's notice of such meeting shall have contained the original and proposed amendment in full

## BYLAWS

### Article I      Elections and Appointments

- Section I      Elections shall be held for the officers of the Club, five directors, House Committee, Nominating Committee, committee on admissions and Rules Committee at the annual meeting each year and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected.
- Section II      All challenged elected positions shall be by secret ballot.
- Section III     Vacancies in any office or committee may be filled by election at any regular or special meeting provided however, that notice of such election must be given in the call for the meeting.
- Section IV     No one may be elected to any position until after having been a member of the Taunton yacht Club for at least one full year of membership and a member in good standing.

### Article II      Order of Business

1. Reading records of last meeting
2. Reports of officers and committees
3. Unfinished business
4. Reading the list of members elected since last meeting
5. Election of officers and committees
6. New business
7. Adjournment

### Article III     Duties of Officers (Bridge)

- Section I      It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at meetings of the Club and Board of Directors, to command members, to fill a vacancy in any office or committee of the Club until such vacancy is filled by election as provided in article I, section 3 herein. To call special meetings, to see that all rules and regulations of the Club are enforced, to discipline members as hereinafter provided and to appoint the following at the first monthly meeting of the Board of Directors following the election:
- 3 for the Auditing Committee
  - 3 for the Budget/Finance Committee from the Board of Directors
  - the Fleet Captain
  - the Mooring Committee
  - the Dock Committee

- the Social Committee
- the Planning Committee
- a Rendezvous Committee

- Section II It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and, in his/her absence, to act as Commodore.
- Section III It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and, in his/her absence, to act as Commodore.
- Section IV It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct roll of the members and yachts of the Club, to keep full records of each meeting of the Club and of the directors. To have the custody of all reports and documents connected with the Club's business, under the direction of the Commodore and Board of Directors. To send notices of all Club and director's meetings, to notify members of their election, to notify the Treasurer of the election of members, to transmit to the Admissions Committee all applications for membership, to conduct the correspondence of the Club and to perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned him/her by the Commodore or Board of Directors.
- Section V It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all monies due the Club, depositing the same to the credit of the Club in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and to pay all bills contracted by the Club or any of its committees after such have been approved by the Board of Directors or by an Auditing Committee of three appointed by the Commodore from their number for the purpose, and to keep in a book, owned by the Club, correct and ample accounts of all receipts and disbursements. He/she shall make a verbal report of the financial condition of the Club at any regular meeting when asked to do so by any member present and at the annual meeting shall submit a written report of the receipts and disbursements for the year and the amount of money remaining in his/her hands. He/she shall report to the Board of Directors at each meeting a list of all members who may be in arrears to the Club either for dues or other indebtedness. He/ she shall, if required by the Board of Directors, furnish bonds in some approved chartered company for the amount they may designate, the expense of such bonds to be paid by the Club.

Article IV Other Elected Positions /Committees

Section I Board of Directors



- A The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the general business management of the Club and general control of the property, both real and personal.
- B They shall examine and audit all accounts of the Treasurer and all committees and approve all bills before payment.
- C They shall receive from the Treasurer at each regular meeting a list of all members who may be in arrears to the Club for any indebtedness other than dues and may declare the membership of such members forfeited or may at any regular or special meeting report the names of the delinquent members for action by the Club.
- D They may hold regular meetings once in each month at such time and place as they shall decide upon, or the Commodore may call special meetings at his/her discretion and shall do so at the written request of any two members of the board.
- E They may at any meeting demand a full report to date from any office or committee of the Club showing all financial and other actions of such officer or committee.
- F They may make such changes and alterations regarding fees for the current year as they shall deem necessary for the best interest of the Club.

Section II House Committee

- A A House Committee consisting of six members shall be elected by the membership. Each member shall be elected to serve for a term of three years and two members shall be elected at each annual meeting. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to have charge of the Clubhouse at Dighton and all real property appertaining thereto, and to prescribe rules for the proper maintenance of the same subject always to the Board of Directors.

Section III Rules Committee

- A Effective with the October 1993 annual meeting, a Rules Committee consisting of three members shall be elected by the membership in the following way:  
  
One member will be elected for three years; one member will be elected for two years and the third member will be elected for one year.  
  
At each annual meeting thereafter, the membership will vote for one member to serve for a term of three years.  
  
The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to prescribe rules for the proper operation of the Taunton Yacht Club, Inc. And to review and update the constitution and bylaws as needed, always reporting to the Board of Directors.

Section IV Committee on Admissions

- A A committee on admissions consisting of seven members shall be elected by the membership to serve for a term of one year at each annual meeting. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee. It shall be their duty to receive from the Secretary any application for membership and to act on same according to their best judgment for the interest of the Club, and report the names of all persons so recommended to the Secretary. Final approval to be made by the membership at a regular or special meeting by secret ballot.

Section V Nominating Committee

- A Effective with the October, 1993 annual meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of three members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by the membership in the following way:

One member will be elected for three years; one member will be elected for two years and the third member will be elected for one year .

At each annual meeting thereafter, the membership will vote for one member to serve for a term of three years.

The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a slate of nominees for elected positions to be presented to the general membership for voting upon at the annual meeting.

- B The Nominating Committee shall cause to be printed a list of nominations resulting from their deliverance a copy of which shall be sent to each member of the Club at least six days before the annual meeting. It is provided however, that this action shall not prohibit any member from voting for any eligible person at the annual meeting not nominated by the Nominating Committee, nor shall it prohibit counter nomination being put in by any member at the annual meeting.

Article V Appointed Committees

Section I Fleet Captain:

- A A Fleet Captain shall be appointed by the Commodore. It shall be his duty to communicate the orders of the Commodore to the officers and members of the Club, to act at all times as his/her executive officer and to chair the Rendezvous Committee.

- Section II     Rendezvous Committee
- A           A Rendezvous Committee of five members with Fleet Captain as chairman shall be appointed by the Commodore. It shall be their duty to make arrangements for the rendezvous, be judges in any contests, and take charge of all the boating activities under the auspices of the Club. They may, under the direction of the Board of Directors, furnish prizes to be awarded in any contests conducted under the auspices of the Club, the cost of such prizes to be paid for by the Club, the amount to be approved by the Board of Directors for that purpose.
- Section III    Social Committee
- A           A Social Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Commodore. It shall be their duty to have charge of social entertainments held at the Clubhouse, subject always to the Board of Directors.
- Section IV     Auditing Committee
- A           The Commodore shall appoint a committee of three to audit the books of the Treasurer and any other committees and report at the annual meeting.
- Section V      Budget / Finance Committee
- The Budget/Finance Committee shall, at the second monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, present a budget for the fiscal year to be approved by the Board of Directors and to be posted in the Clubhouse. It shall be the duty of the finance committee upon adoption of the budget to control the items so adopted. No appropriations shall be overdrawn, no transfers shall be made, and no single expenditure of more than \$100.00 shall be made without the recommendation of the finance committee and approval of the Board of Directors. All bills shall be presented by the finance committee to the Board of Directors for approval after being approved by a majority of the finance committee.
- Section VI     Mooring Committee
- A           A Mooring Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Commodore. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to maintain the mooring fields. This shall include the installation/repair of the individual moorings, the identification of all moorings, the assignments of moorings to members, to maintain the launch, to maintain the mooring moving equipment (-tiki-) and to maintain the engines and equipment needed for operating the launch and “tiki”.

Section VII Dock Committee

A Dock Committee consisting of ALL captains whose boats are kept tied at the docks, and two (2) members from the general membership, shall be appointed by the Commodore. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to properly maintain the north floats, the main dock, the south floats and all the dinghy fingers. To make sure there are no unsafe conditions. To provide water and electricity to all vessels that are kept tied at the docks for the season. To collect all monies for seasonal rental from docked vessels, dinghies that are kept for moored vessels and any overnight rentals. All subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. (Amended July 5, 1994)

Section VIII Planning Committee

A Planning Committee consisting of one member of the Bridge or Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Commodore. He/she will be the chairman of the committee. The committee shall consist of the chairman and the chairman of all appointed committees. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a short term and long term growth plan for the Club.

Section IX The Commodore, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint any other committees not heretofore provided for in the constitution and bylaws.

Article VI Membership

Section 1 The membership of the Club shall consist of Flag, Family, Associate, Honorary, Life members and Associate B. (Amended July 10, 2006)

- A Flag membership: Shall be boat owners, or non boat owners, desiring the privilege of voting and holding office.
- B Family membership: The spouse of a flag member having equal rights to attend meetings, hold office (after one year of membership), vote, take part in all discussions and formulate policy.

In the case of one spouse of the family membership departing, the surviving spouse completes the current membership year as a flag member. (Amended July 5, 1994)

- C Associate membership: non boat owners. They shall have all the privileges of the Club, but may not vote nor hold office.
- D Honorary membership: any person who has distinguished themselves in the encouragement of yacht building or naval architecture, or who has rendered the Club important service, or

any person who for other reasons the Club may see fit to thus honor, may be elected an honorary member by a **four-fifths** vote of the members present at any meeting of the Club, after recommendation by the-Board of Directors.

Honorary members shall be exempt from all dues, but shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except voting and holding office.

E. Life Membership: any member who has 25 (twenty five) consecutive years as a member in the TYC shall have the privilege of becoming a Life Member and will be exempt from paying yearly membership dues. This does not exempt other fees such as dock, mooring, function fees, etc. They shall retain the same privilege as Flag Members. (Amended November 1995)

F. Associate B. Membership: This category is for a person wishing membership in TYC that has a boat but either “trailers” the boat or stores it at another location.

Associate B members receive the same benefits and limitations of an Associate (A) Member with the addition of the following benefits:

1. No work requirements
2. Member discounts on Fuel

An Associate B member wishing to upgrade their membership must complete a current membership application and be subject to the same review, fees and approval process as a new member.

Associate B members have no voting rights and do not own a share in the Club.

Any use of docks and moorings would be allowed after all flag and family members have had a chance. Sign-up sheet must be checked.

All dock and mooring rules apply.

Associate B members may not apply for Dock or Mooring space and may not be placed on the waiting list for placement. These benefits are reserved for Flag and Family Membership. (Amended July 12, 2006)

Section II Each applicant for membership in this Club must:

be at least eighteen years of age, shall submit his/her application together with all applicable fees, signed by two members of the Club, to the Secretary who shall transmit it to the Committee on Admissions as provided in article IV section IV herein.

- Section III The recommendation of prospective members shall be made by the committee on admissions as provided by article iv section iv herein. An adverse vote of three of the committee on admissions shall reject the application.  
No recommendation can be made, however. Unless the Secretary has received all applicable fees from the applicant which shall be returned to the applicant in case the application is rejected (by either the committee on admissions or the general membership.
- Section IV Any member having resigned in writing from membership for any reason (providing said resignation has been accepted by the membership and duly recorded) may, upon application, be recommended for reinstatement by vote of the committee on admissions without payment of the initiation fee. The same rules govern as an original application.
- Section V The membership year shall run from Nov. 1 to the following Oct. 31. Anyone joining before the November 1 date will be joining for the current membership year only and must follow the dues structure as provided in article XI.

Article VII Resignations

- Section I Resignations of members must be made in writing and presented to the Secretary who shall transmit the same to the Board of Directors for their action. No resignation, however, can be accepted unless all indebtedness to the Club, including dues, shall have been paid.
- Section II Any member resigning or forfeiting his membership shall lose all rights and interest in the Club.

Article VIII Meetings

- Section I The regular meeting of the Club shall be held on the evening of the first Monday in each month. It is however, provided that with the exception of the meetings in October, any or all other meetings may be omitted by vote of the Board of Directors, and in case the first Monday should be a legal holiday the following Monday shall be the meeting time.
- Section II The Commodore shall call a special meeting of the Club on the written request of any five members, or he/she may do so at his/her discretion.
- Section III Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary at least four days prior to such meeting. Notices of special meetings shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Article IX Voting

All flag and family members may vote at all elections and upon all subjects legally brought before any regular or special meeting. No vote may be cast by proxy or power of attorney.

Article X      Discipline

Section I      The Board of Directors shall at any time when in their judgment the action shall seem necessary for the best interests of the Club, suspend any member from membership, thereby depriving him/her of the privileges of the Club and the use of Club property. But in case of such action it shall be the duty of the Commodore and the Board of Directors to call a regular meeting of the Club on the next regular meeting as herein provided, or a special meeting prior to that time, when the suspension shall come before the Club for either confirmation or relief.

Section II      A member may be suspended or expelled for conduct injurious to the welfare of the Club by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting before which the subject is brought.

Section III      Charges of misconduct against any member may be made in writing by one or more members or by the direction of the Commodore. The Board of Directors shall investigate the circumstances connected with such alleged misconduct, and if, in their opinion, the matter requires action, they shall lay the matter before the Club on the next regular meeting provided however, that the call for the meeting shall state that the matter is to be brought up, and that the statement of such charges shall be sent to the accused member at least one week previous to said meeting.

Section IV      Any Officer(s) elected or any Officer(s) guaranteed by the Constitution or By-laws to serve in a position of authority and trust and has sworn to the oath of that office, may be recalled from that office: For failure to carry out the responsibilities and trust or by ill example of that office as defined by the Constitution or by declaration of the Board of Directors; For failure to serve in that office(s) due to 3 consecutive months of unexcused absences.

Definitions:

An ***unexcused absence*** is defined as not attending a Board of Directors, General membership or Special Meeting as called, without notification of his/her intentions.

An ***excused absence*** is defined as not attending a Board of Directors, General membership or Special Meeting as called, but the officer(s) not attending shall send notification of his/her intentions to the presiding officer of said meeting by e-mail, telephone, letter or verbal communication.

Sub Section A – Notification:

In the event Article X – Section IV is invoked, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall send a certified letter informing

the officer in question of any action to be taken. The officer must respond to this call within 5 days after the receipt of his/her notification. For failure to respond, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, may place the issue of Recall on the agenda of the next General membership meeting or Special meeting called for this purpose.

Sub Section B – Action:

The Commodore shall enforce the will of the voting Membership. A “NO” vote by the membership will relieve the officer of any charges and the Officer Board Member shall remain in the elected position until the next Annual Meeting unless they choose to resign that position.

A “YES” vote by the voting membership declares the Officer / Board Member ineligible / unable to continue to serve in the office elected. The Commodore may appoint a replacement to that office / position who shall serve until the next Annual Election. In the event of the office holder / board member is the Past Commodore, the position will revert back to the previous Past Commodore should he / she be willing to serve, this would remain in effect until the next Annual Election.

Sub Section C – Standing

Any member who is relieved from a position or resigns from any office / position held under Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution shall not be denied the right to their membership standing.

Article XI Dues

Section I All fees, dues and payment schedules shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Up to date fees, dues, and payment schedule shall be posted in the clubhouse for all members to see. (Amended October 17, 1994)

Section II All membership dues shall be paid on or before the first day of November of each year. Dues shall include launch service when in operation. (Amended October 17, 1994)  
(Membership standing is maintained by timely payment of dues)  
(Seniority) (Amended September 11, 2000)

Any member in good standing may elect to pay their dock and mooring fees in full or in four (4) monthly payments (from November thru February). (Amended September 11, 2000)

Dock and mooring assignments will be established during the month of November of each year. Only members in good standing will be assigned positions. (Amended September 11, 2000)

Section III Any applications approved after September 1,



Shall pay only one third (1/3) of the membership dues and mooring/dock fees. The initiation fees and/or application fees, however, will remain the same. (Amended June 30, 1997)

Section IV The Secretary, Treasurer and Honorary members shall be exempt from all dues.

Section V In the event a member chooses a rebate in membership fees, the abatement shall be Fiscal Year; November 1 through October 31. Membership status change fee will be prorated at the rate of 8.33% each month.

Mooring and Dock change fee will be prorated at the rate of 14.29% from April 1 through October 31. (June 30, 1997)

Section VI Maintenance Fee Assessment:

All members must perform a minimum of four (4) hours of labor per year or be assessed a maintenance fee the following year. (See fee schedule).

Fees will be assessed at the end of each fiscal year and added to the following year's membership bill.

The amount of the assessment fee may go up in following years if members do not do a minimum of four (4) hrs of labor.

Things that need doing include:

- General Cleaning
- Mowing of lawns
- House Cleaning
- Building Repairs
- Dock Repairs
- Mooring Repairs
- Galley Cleaning

## Article XII Arrears of Dues

Section I A member in arrears for annual dues on the first day of February shall be dropped from the rolls of the Club and a notice of discharge be posted.

Section II Any member who has been dropped from the roll under the previous section may, upon written application to the directors, at their discretion, be reinstated upon the payment of the initiation fee and the current year's dues in addition to all past assessment placed against him/her.

## Article XIII Signals and Pennants

Section I The signals of the Club shall be a pointed burgee, its width being two-thirds its length, the device two isosceles triangles equal in size and shape, the bases of both resting on the luff and separated

from each other by one-eighth of the length of the luff. From the center of the bases of these triangles to their apexes is five and one quarter times the space between their bases. Occupying the pointed end of the signal is a red diamond equal in size and shape to the two blue triangles placed base to base which extends toward the center of the luff seven-eighths of the length of the signal, the rest of the flag white.

- Section II The Commodore's flag shall be blue, rectangular in shape, its width two-thirds its length, a white foul anchor encircled by thirteen stars, set in the center of the field.
- Section III The Vice Commodore's flag shall be the same as the Commodores substituting red for blue.
- Section IV The Rear Commodore's flag shall be the same as the Commodores substituting white for blue for the field and red for white for the device.
- Section V The Fleet Captain's flag shall be white, rectangular in shape, its width being two thirds its length with a blue foul anchor between the letter F and C.

Article XIV Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30th.

Article XV Moorings

- Section I All moorings are property of the Taunton Yacht Club, Inc., servicing shall be made by the Mooring Committee as needed including pick-up and dropping. Each mooring shall be pulled for inspection no less than once every four years. Member's presence at the time of inspection is granted upon request. A mooring registration fee shall be paid. Initially, the charges for these fees and services shall be set by the Board of Directors. There shall be one annual rental fee which covers all services.
- Section II Mooring locations as shown on chart will be allotted on the basis of seniority. These locations are assigned to members with the understanding that on termination of use, the mooring will be reassigned. Mooring locations may not be traded except through the Mooring Committee.
- Section III Mooring locations will be retained as long as members are in good standing.
- Section IV Mooring sites in prime locations (close to the Clubhouse) must be given up if not used during the boating season.
- Section V The Taunton Yacht Club, Inc., shall maintain the mooring location close to the Clubhouse for the use of the Commodore during

his/her term of office at no charge. If the Commodore is on the docks, an amount equivalent to the mooring fee shall be deducted from his/her dock fee.

Article XVI Amendments

These bylaws may be amended in the same manner and under the same conditions as the constitution.

## **Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures**

### **Dock and Mooring Rules and Regulations**

(Enacted August 1986)

Amended June 6, 1988

Amended September 9, 1991

Amended May 4, 1992

Amended June 1995

Amended March 25 1996

Amended 1999

Bylaw References Corrected March 8, 2006 for insertion into Constitution, Bylaw, Rules Regulations and Procedures (CBRRP&P)

As a result of a special board of directors meeting on August 7, 1986 and subsequently ratified by the membership in open meeting, the following Rules and Regulations governing the use of club facilities at the main dock, floats, and moorings are, as of 8/18/86, in effect. The rules, procedures and enforcement of some are outlined for your convenience below. A copy of some will be posted on the club bulletin board as well. For your convenience the steward will also have a copy of this notice in his/her possession while on duty.

**Dock Committee Members** (Article III Section I and Article 5, Section VII - TYC By-Laws) amended July 5, 1994

A Dock Committee consisting of ALL captains whose boats are kept tied at the docks, and two (2) members from the general membership, shall be appointed by the Commodore. (Amended July 5, 1994)

#### **Dock Committee Chairman:**

The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by a majority vote of the dock committee members and presented to the commodore for appointment. (Article 5, Section VII – TYC Bylaws).

Any member in good standing of the Taunton Yacht Club is entitled to rent seasonal dock space (April 1 to October 30), as space becomes available. Board of Directors shall establish rental fees. Unless by prior approval by the Board of Directors, no vessel may go on the dock until all fees have been paid in full. If dock space is not paid in full by the deadline for payment it shall be considered vacant and filled by the chairman using standard procedures to fill open space.

#### **Dock Committee:.**

It shall be the duty of this committee to properly maintain the north floats, the main dock, the south floats, the dinghy fingers and the Dinghy Racks (amended July 28, 1997). To make sure there are no unsafe conditions. To provide water and electricity to all vessels that are kept tied at the docks for the season. To collect all monies for seasonal rental from docked vessels, dinghies that are kept for moored vessels and any overnight rentals. All

subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. (Article 5, Section VII – TYC Bylaws) (Amended July 5, 1994)

The Dock Committee Chairman Shall:

For the purpose of tracking "on dock seniority": Maintain a list of captains whose vessels are tied to the dock. The list shall include the date they first came on the dock. This date shall be the "dock seniority date". The list shall be posted in the TYC and be updated as needed.

For the purpose of filling "open dock space": Maintain a list of members in good standing, who have requested to fill open dock space, by submitting a completed "open dock space" request form to the dock committee chairman. The open space shall be filled on a first come first serve basis. For the purpose of determining the order of filling this space the dock committee chairman shall note the date and exact time they receive the completed form. This shall determine seniority on this list. The list shall be posted in the TYC and be updated as needed.

Procedure to fill open dock space:

Determine the size vessel that will fit in an open space on the dock. The minimum space must equal the vessel length plus 1/3. Excessive pulpit or swim platform length will be considered in overall length and may be billed at the regular rate, at the discretion of the dock committee chairman. The Chairman must utilize open space to the maximum benefit of the club. This means that a undersized vessel will not be allowed to fill a large open space, unless that Captain wishes to pay fees equal to that of the Space (the open space) for that season in which it is first occupied. By order of the "on dock seniority list" ask all captains who have a vessel currently tied to the dock, and whose vessel will safely and adequately fill the space, if they would like to move. If someone should move, each captain should be asked to fill the open space until everyone refuses. The chairman shall then revert to the "open dock space list".

Captains will be asked, by order of seniority, to fill open space on the dock. If the chairman determines a vessel does not safely fit the open space or will not best utilize the space he may go to the next person on the list to fill this space. The captain(s) that are by-passed will maintain their place on the list.

If a captain is asked to fill an open space and refuses they will be placed on the bottom of the list. If a captain is asked to fill temporary open space (A dock member does not put their vessel in the water but maintains space by utilizing the "one season option") they remain in their position on the list. Temporary time does not count towards "on dock seniority". The captain is not a voting member of the dock committee.

The chairman may offer alternate dock space (fingers, floating docks) to Captains requesting open space that have not come to the top of the list, but who own a vessel sized to fit the space. This space will be issued on a temporary basis. Captains are not members of the dock committee and do not

accumulate seniority. While in this space they maintain their position on the list.

If the chairman assigns a Captain to a finger using the "open dock space" procedure, the Captain will have all dock rights.

Included in the dock fee is water and power for each vessel. One (1) 30 amp power plug will be assigned each vessel. If an additional connection is available and a member wishes they may use this connection for a charge of (see Fee Schedule) per day with a seven day minimum. This use must be entered in the logbook by the Captain and will be billed by the Treasurer. Violations of this rule will result in the same action as listed for north dock rule violations.

#### Procedure for Member on Dock to Increase Length (August 28, 1995)

1. If the vessels length can be accommodated there is no problem. No other vessel will be moved off the dock to accommodate a larger vessel regardless of seniority.
2. If the vessels length cannot be accommodated, the captain will be referred to the mooring committee, who will then assign a mooring to the captain.
  - a. The dock space vacated will be assigned temporarily to the next captain seeking dock space.
  - b. The vacating captain will be assigned first priority on the waiting list for dock space.
  - c. When dock space becomes available, it will be combined with the space vacated. If the new vessel can be accommodated, the dock committee chairman will reassign the vacated captain to the docks.
3. If there is enough space to accommodate the captain who was assigned temporarily, that captain will now be assigned permanent dock space.
4. If there is not enough space to accommodate the captain temporarily assigned to the dock at this time, he/she will return to his/her original position on the dock space waiting list.
5. If the shift takes place prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the boating year, the additional fee per foot must be paid to the dock committee. After September 1<sup>st</sup> and for the remainder of the boating season, there will be no additional charge.

#### Club Members Only:

##### MAIN DOCK / FUEL ONLY:

30-min. max. Skipper will stay on property.

##### NORTH FLOAT / SPOT #1 LOAD-UNLOAD:

30-min.max. Skipper will stay on property

NORTH FLOAT / SPOT #2:

2 hours free. After that, charged for 24 hours at the current rate (see rate schedule). Reservations may be made by signing the logbook this allows one-day dockage to be reserved in advance. Reservations may be made with the steward or dock committee chairman.

Note: moving from one spot to another does not stop the clock on the initial docking. There will be a fee (See Fee Schedule) per night for normal use of electricity, (plus a donation (See Fee Schedule) for major use of electricity).

SOUTH FLOATS:

When available with owners' permission (see rate schedule). However, must vacate upon owner's return. Skipper must be available. Skipper must notify dock committee chairman and sign the logbook.

MOORINGS: (See Current Rate Schedule).

Transients Only:

MAIN DOCK / FUEL ONLY:

30-min. max. Skipper will stay aboard.

SOUTH FLOATS:

When available with owner's permission. Must vacate on owner's request. (See Fee Schedule for footage and electric) (When available) skipper must be available. Club member must notify dock committee chairman and sign logbook.

NOTE: when a guest is at the club in an emergency condition - charges will be appropriate and in the event a tow is necessary, an additional charge (See Fee Schedule) will be levied against the guest or sponsoring member.

MOORINGS (when available) (See Fee Schedule).

Dock:

Day starts at 12: 00 noon and runs for 24 hours.

Members are allowed a stay not to exceed one day (noon to noon) and must be registered in the log.

Successive one-day stays are allowable, but not to the exclusion of another member.

Dock usage Before April 1 and After November 1:

Anyone using the dock before and after these dates they will be charged. There will be an additional fee if you use electricity. If you have an emergency situation there will be no charge. (March 25, 1996)

Logbook

Allows for one-day dockage to be reserved in advance (i.e. anytime prior to 12:00 noon of the day starting the dockage).

Member to be charged or responsible will sign the log.

If the member is unable to fulfill his/her commitment, he/she may, prior to 12:00 noon of the day starting the stay, scratch his/her name from the log, leaving the dock available to the next member (on standby) registered in the log.

If no one has registered in the log by 12:00 noon, the dock will be open to any member on a first come, first served basis. However, they still must register in the log and be charged for the whole day.

The treasurer will bill member using the dock. Transients must pay in advance. During a period of anyone-month, a captain who has not had overnight dockage will have preference over a skipper who has had the privilege of overnight dock rental.

RENTAL: An additional fee (See Fee Schedule) will be charged per night for use of dock electricity for overnight dock

#### Violations Of Above:

Reported by a member or steward to the chairman of the dock committee who will report to Board of Directors.

If just cause is found the Board of Directors will:

First VIOLATION: Issue a written warning to the member.

2ND VIOLATION: Impose a fine (See Fee Schedule), payable within 10 days of issuance of notice. If not paid on time, expulsion from club will follow.

3RD VIOLATION: Issue notice of member expulsion within 10 days of infraction.

#### One Season Option:

If a Captain has assigned dock space and decides not to put his vessel on the dock, but wishes to maintain their dock space and seniority they may do so for one (1) season. The Captain must be a member in good standing and pay dock fees equal to the length of the last vessel you had on the dock. The space may be rented; on a temporary basis, under rules governing transient dockage. After one season this space will be considered open space and will be filled using the proper procedure to fill open dock space.

If a Captain has assigned dock space, decides not to put their vessel on the dock, and chooses not to use their "one season option" they lose any dock seniority they had accumulated, and must follow the normal procedure to request open dock space.

#### Hurricane Mooring:

- A. The chairman of the mooring committee shall designate all hurricane moorings.
- B. A member whose boat cannot be hauled effectively shall have preference and shall be assigned to a hurricane mooring.



- C. Each hurricane mooring shall be identified and clearly posted for all members to view.
- D. The commodore (or next in command) shall declare any natural or man-made emergency.
- E. During a declared emergency, any vessel tendered to a hurricane mooring and not assigned to said mooring shall vacate upon order of the mooring committee, senior bridge officer or steward.
- F. Any member has the right on a first come first served basis, during a declared emergency; to have access to a hurricane mooring that is unassigned.
- G. After all member requests for a hurricane mooring during a declared emergency have been satisfied, all available hurricane moorings will be available, without liability to the club, to any captain so requesting. A fee (See Fee Schedule) will be charged to any transient (non-member) and a waiver must be signed by said transient releasing the Taunton yacht club of any liability.

Dinghy Assignments:

1<sup>st</sup> priority is to provide a dinghy spot for moored boats.

Available dinghy spots will be made available to docked vessels on a first come first serve basis.

If a member (new or otherwise) going on to a mooring and requires a dinghy spot; if none are available, the occupant of a docked vessel in possession of a dinghy spot will be require to forfeit their dinghy spot to such moored vessel owner and receive a dinghy fee refund. (Amended June 1995)

Dinghy Rack space is to be assigned by request. (July 28, 1997)

Club Usage Rules:

There will be a service charge to any member requesting the use of the Clubhouse for non- Club sponsored events. (See Fee Schedule)

This fee covers the use of the building and utilities only. Merchandise such as ice, coffee materials, paper cups, and plates, napkins, plastic utensils, etc. are not included and must be supplied by the renter.

The fee will be applied to the house committee budgetary account.

The member will still be responsible for the cleaning and resetting of the premises.

Gas Rules:

Any member charging gas shall pay the full price at the pump.

Note: To receive the Fuel Discount (see Fee Schedule), the charge must be paid within 10 days of purchase.

Charges must be paid in full by the 15th of following month or charge privileges

will be revoked

Dock Committee Chairman Compensation:

The Chairman of the dock committee will be given a mooring at no charge; if said chairman is on the docks, an amount equivalent to the mooring fee shall be deducted from his/her dock fee. (Board of Directors November 25, 1996)

The Dock Committee Chairman fee shall be equal to that of the Mooring Committee based on the mooring rental fee. (Board of Directors September 25, 2000)

Commodore Compensation:

The Commodore is to be brought up to equal status with the Secretary and Treasurer. The Commodore will be exempt from paying Flag member dues while in office. In case of a Family membership the difference between a Flag membership and a Family membership shall be paid. (Board of Directors September 25, 2000)

Social Committee Members Compensation:

Social Committee members are exempt from paying for meals at functions they run. (March 3, 1997)

Vessel Insurance Requirements:

The Taunton Yacht Club requires all members with a vessel must produce proof of a current liability insurance policy each year before they attach their vessel to club property. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action, as outlined under Article X, Section 1, 2, and 3 of the Club By-Laws, up to and including termination.

Smoking:

The Taunton Yacht Club is a non-smoking establishment. Smoking will only be allowed outside. (April 5, 2004)

Use and Disbursement of Member Information:

Members of the Yacht Club (TYC) have their right to privacy and should not anticipate or be subject to solicitation of any type as a result of private information which they supply to the TYC.

Member information compiled by and for the Taunton Yacht Club (TYC), in any form, is intended solely for the use of the TYC and its members. This applies to all member information whether it is contained or posted at the club or issued to individual members.

Member information is solely for the purpose of the TYC and its members to contact each other for club business and the socialization of club members amongst themselves.

Member information is not to be used for any other purpose nor is it to be dispersed, in any manner, to any person or entity other than fellow TYC members and the TYC.

Solicitation of club members for any other purposes, including networking or

business development of any type, is not allowed.

Failure to comply with this policy will remove the member from status as a “member in good standing” and subject them to disciplinary action.

**CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

(Previously approved but not yet incorporated into master document)

The following amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures (upgraded and published in \_\_\_\_\_) were presented to, and accepted by, the general membership at a regular meeting of the Taunton Yacht Club held on \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONSTITUTION**

None on Record

**BYLAWS**

None on Record

