

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-Laws 31 March 2007

In accordance with Article IV of the Off Soundings Club Constitution, and Article V of the Off Soundings Club By-Laws, the following amendments are hereby proposed to the membership for consideration:

CONSTITUTION

Article XI Membership

Section 1 – *Replace to read:* “The club shall be composed of active and honorary members. Members must be at least 21 years of age.”

Section 2 – *third line, change to* “...must be included two or more supporting letters...” *(change from three to two; in addition to proposer and required two seconds)*

Delete all after line 13. Section will end with: “...Membership in this club shall be restricted to those who enjoy and participate in the sport of sailing.”

Section 6 – *Replace to read:* “Honorary members shall be elected at any meeting of the club after recommendation by the Board of Governors. They shall be exempt from dues and assessments; they shall not vote or hold office unless they are an active member at the time of their election.”

Add Section 7 – “Members entering active-duty military service shall have their dues waived for the period of military duty overseas.”

Article XII Meetings

Section 1 – *third line, last sentence revised to read:* “Notification of such meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed to each member at least 30 days in advance of scheduled date of meeting, or posted on the club website.”

Section 2 – *third line, revised to read:* “...mailed to each member at least 30 days in advance...” *(change from 15)*

**Article XIV
Amendments**

Section 1 – *fourth line, revised to read: “...mailed to every member at least 30 days in advance...” (change from 15)*

BY-LAWS

**Article IV
Yacht Squadron**

Section 4 – *revise to read: “There shall be annual spring and fall races at such times and at such places as may be designated by the Board of Governors.”*

Add Section 5 – “Members of the club may invite guests to participate in club races. Guest invitations are administered by the Membership Chairman.”

Add Section 6 – “Yachts participating in club races must be at least 23.75’ in length, and no longer than 62’ in length.”

**Article V
Amendments**

Section 1 – *fourth line, revised to read: “...mailed to every member at least 30 days in advance of such meeting.” (change from 15)*

*Submitted by
Off Soundings Club Board of Governors
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Reference: In addition to changes proposed for consistency and clarification, as well as recognition of internet communication, this change incorporates Precedent Setting Decisions made by the Board of Governors on 3/17/51, 1/12/56, 4/4/64, and 10/24/92.