

AMELIA ISLAND SAILING CLUB

REVISED BYLAWS – Dated January 08, 2020

Revised for clarification only.

Superseding March 13 2000

I. CLUB PURPOSE

To promote interest and education in sailing and to sponsor sailing events, and to otherwise engage in sailing activities. To charge and collect dues for membership and to use such dues in furtherance of the interests of the membership of the club and to carry out the purpose of the club.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Classification

1. Active – Voting

- a) *Open to all residents of Amelia Island, Florida, and/or within proximity thereto, including spouse and children under age eighteen (18).*
- b) *Voting for all club business shall be on a one vote per family basis; i.e., each active voting membership shall constitute one (1) vote and shall be qualified to hold club officer position.*
- c) *Active voting members shall be accorded all privileges for participation in club activities.*

2. Associate Non-voting

- a) *Associate non-voting membership classification is defined as any past member living more than fifty (50) miles from Amelia Island. Dues for such membership will be one-half the amount of regular annual dues.*
- b) *Associate non-voting members shall be accorded all privileges for participation in club activities with the exceptions of voting and holding club officer positions.*

3. Honorarium Lifetime

- a) *The board of directors may, at its discretion, recommend to the membership, bestowal of honorary lifetime membership for an active member as described herein. This honorarium requires membership approval on a simple majority basis at any general meeting.*
- b) *Lifetime members shall be accorded all privileges for participation in club activities, with the exception of voting and holding club officer positions.*

III. FISCAL YEAR / FEES / DUES

1. *The fiscal year shall begin January 1st and end December 31st of each calendar year.*
2. *Annual dues, the amount of which shall be determined annually by the membership, are payable January 1st of each year*
3. *The board of directors shall review the dues schedule annually and make rate recommendations to the membership for the next fiscal year at each October general meeting. Approval of the board's recommendation/s will be determined by a simple majority of voting members present, including properly submitted proxies, at each November general meeting. A properly submitted proxy is a simple written statement indicating the individual the active voting member authorizes to vote on their behalf if they are not present. The statement must be signed by the active voting member and dated. The statement is then submitted by the authorized individual at time of voting to the official conducting the vote.*

IV. ELECTED OFFICERS

A. Officer Positions

1. Commodore

Senior administrative officer who will preside at all general club meetings and direct the elected officers in their duties and responsibilities.

2. Vice Commodore

Will function as the public relations officer and secretary of the club; record minutes of club meetings and insure notification of members of the club's activities by coordination with the rear commodore. Will assume duties of the commodore in his / her absence. Should the commodore be unable to complete his / her term of office, the vice commodore will assume the position of the commodore for the remainder of the existing term in office.

3. Rear Commodore

Will function as editor-publisher and distributor of the club's monthly newsletter which shall include, among other items of interest, information to club members of the club's activities in a timely manner. Should the treasure be unable to complete their term of office, the rear commodore will assume the duties of that office for the remainder of the existing term in office.

4. Treasurer

Shall function as treasurer of the club, maintaining the club's financial records, submissions and accounts

B. Terms of Office

All officers shall be elected for one (1) year, beginning their term of office January 1st and completing their term on the following December 31st.

C. Nominations

The commodore shall appoint a nominating committee each year to establish a slate of candidates for all offices. The committee shall present the slate to the membership at each October general meeting, at which time nominations may also be put forth from the floor by active voting members.

D. Elections

Election of all officers shall be held at each November's general meeting. Election shall be determined by a simple majority of voting members present and voting, including properly submitted proxies.

V. Board of Directors

Shall consist of the current commodore and the three (3) most recent past commodores who are active members, unless one or more of these individuals is either unavailable, unwilling or unable to serve, whereupon prior commodore/s who are active members will be called upon to serve as a board member/s. Will function to guide and advise members and officers on the conduct of club policy and activities. All officers will be ex-officio member of this board. The current commodore shall chair this board.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

The commodore shall appoint standing committees and their chairman / chairwoman each January, member of which will serve for one year.. By way of example areas include:

- A. Membership*
- B. Program*
- C. Cruise*
- D. Race*
- E. Landside*
- F. Publicity*
- G. Social Media*
- H. Monthly events*
- I. Christmas Party*

- J. *Riverkeepers*
- K. *Other*

VII. BYLAWS

The bylaws of this organization may be amended by recommendation of a majority of the board of directors upon approval of three-fourths (75%) majority of voting members, including properly submitted proxies.