

Dartmouth Corinthian Yacht Club

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We who have an interest in Yachting and its related activities do hereby formulate an organization for the furtherance of these activities at Dartmouth College.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Dartmouth Corinthian Yacht Club.

ARTICLE II - Membership

1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all students of Dartmouth College and its Associated Schools upon payment of the dues enacted by the Executive Committee of the Club. Membership may be opened to any other individual or group at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. Membership in the Club carries with it the right to participate in all General Meetings of the Club, and entitles the member to one vote on any issue for which a vote is called at a General Meeting, as well as the privilege of participating in Club activities.

2. Anyone who accepts a membership card, uses the Club facilities in any way without paying a guest fee, or represents Dartmouth College on a Sailing Team, must pay his membership dues within a month of any such act. Delinquents will be fined five dollars, and, if need be, payment shall be collected by the College authorities.

ARTICLE III - Organization

1. The governing body of the Club shall be an Executive Committee composed of the five elected officers of the Club as follows: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Racing Team Captain. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee shall establish rules, dues, regulations and policies of the Club; except that the Commodore, by virtue of his position as the recognized, responsible head and representative of the Club, shall have veto power over the Executive Committee. This veto may be overridden by unanimous vote of the remainder of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall establish such committees as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the Club, and the Commodore shall in Consultation with the Executive Committee, appoint chairmen for these Committees.

3. The Executive Committee shall read its policy and actions to a General Meeting of the Club at least once in every month. The membership may overrule the Executive Committee by a 3/4 vote of the members present at a General Meeting

4. The Executive Committee shall present any proposed expenditure of over \$100 of the Club monies to the membership for the approval of the membership at a General Meeting. The membership may veto the proposed expenditure by a 3/4 vote of those present.

ARTICLE IV - Duties of the Officers

1. Commodore. The Commodore shall be the single, recognized head of the Club. He shall have the power to call both General and Executive Committee meetings at his pleasure and shall inform the Secretary when he calls such meetings. The Commodore must participate in any action of the Executive Committee which involves the Expenditure of monies (subject to the provisions of Article III.) The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
2. Vice-Commodore. The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore and, in the absence of the Commodore, shall assume the powers of the Commodore, except that the Vice-Commodore shall never have the veto power of the Commodore.
3. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and records of duly-called meetings of the Club and its Executive Committee, handling and filing of all official Club correspondence, and announcing in an approved manner all meetings of the Club and its Executive Committee. Minutes of all General Meetings shall be posted in an approved manner.
4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Club monies and their dispersal on the authorization of the Commodore or Executive Committee as hereinafore provided. He shall keep adequate records of all the Club's financial transactions in accordance with approved methods.
5. Racing Team Captain. The Racing Team Captain shall be responsible for the efficient and effective organization and maintenance of the Dartmouth Sailing Team.

In addition to the duties enumerated above, the officers of the Club shall assume such duties and responsibilities as the Commodore or Executive Committee may delegate to them.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

1. The commodore shall be required to call the Annual Meeting of the Club for the purpose of election of new officers at least once each calendar year, during the period between January 1 and March 15. In addition, he shall be required to call for at least one General Meeting and one Executive Committee meeting each month while school is in session.
2. If a delegation of at least 12 members informs the Commodore in writing of its desire for a General Meeting, or three members of the Executive Committee inform the Commodore in writing of their desire for an Executive Committee meeting, the Commodore shall call such a meeting.

ARTICLE VI - Elections

The elections procedure of the Club shall be as follows:

1. At least three weeks before the date fixed for the Annual meeting the Executive Committee shall make public a slate of its its nominations for the five elected offices of the Club. Opposition nominations of complete slates must be presented in toto to the Commodore no later than two weeks before the date fixed for the Annual Meeting. The presentation of such slates shall be in writing and signed by at least five members not on that slate. The Commodore shall then make the opposition slate public and declare it to be in nomination for election, provided that: in all cases, each man whose name appears on a slate shall publicly ~~XXX~~ signify his willingness to serve on that slate.
2. If no valid opposition slate is presented as hereinafore provided, the Commodore at the Annual Meeting shall declare the nominated slate to be elected, in accordance with standard procedures. If an opposition slate has been presented, voting shall take place at the Annual Meeting, and the slate which receives a majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting shall be declared elected, and the members thereof shall assume their duties immediately.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

The procedure for amending this Constitution shall be as follows:

1. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Commodore over the signatures of ten members. The Commodore shall then make the proposed amendment public and read it, allowing discussion, at the next two consecutive General Meetings.
2. At the second of these meetings, a vote shall be taken, and the proposed amendment shall be considered as passed and as being a part of this Constitution if a majority of the members of the Club vote in its favor.

ARTICLE VIII - Ratification

The procedure for ratification of this Constitution shall be as follows:

1. This Constitution shall be made public and a special Constitutional General Meeting of the Club, not less than three weeks after the first reading, shall be announced. This Constitution shall be read at each General Meeting preceding the Constitutional meeting.
2. At the Constitutional Meeting, a vote shall be taken; this Constitution shall be considered ratified and shall go into effect immediately if three-fourths of the members present vote in its favor.

3. This Constitution supercedes all previous Constitutions.

Adopted this fifth day of March, 1963.

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Commodore

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Secretary