

BY-LAWS OF THE ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1- Election of members

- (a) Each applicant for membership shall complete an application as prescribed by the Board of Governors. Each applicant shall be sponsored by two (2) voting members in good standing.
- (b) Each application for membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of that Committee to investigate the candidate, post the application on the Club bulletin board at least twenty (20) days prior to the time the Board of Governors is asked to pass on it if the application is submitted during the sailing season; if not, such notice shall be given by mail or email to the voting members, and make its report to the Board of Governors with its recommendation.
- (c) A candidate shall be elected to membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Board of Governors' meeting at which a quorum is present, and such membership shall become effective upon payment of the applicable fees, dues and assessments.

SECTION 2. The initiation fees, annual dues and boat fees are to be set by the Board of Governors by February 15th. If no change to the dues and fees are adopted by February 15th, the existing dues and fees apply for the coming season

- (a) The initiation fee shall be waived if the applicant applies for membership upon attaining twenty-one (21) years of age and is a child and member of the household of a Senior or Life member in good standing.
- (b) Dues shall be mailed to each member not later than the first day of March each year, and are payable not later than the first day of May. Failure of a member to pay his obligation by the first of May will result in a 10% late fee. Flagrant tardiness of fee payments by a member may result in termination of his or her membership at the discretion of the Board of Governors, and upon written notice from the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 3. Privileges.

- (a) Any person resident within fifty miles of the Club may be admitted to the Club, accompanied by a member in good standing, on not more than three (3) occasions

during the year. Guests residing at a greater distance than fifty miles may be admitted whenever invited and accompanied by a member in good standing, except that members of other accredited yacht clubs, upon presentation of their credentials, need not be so accompanied.

- (b) Any individual may crew regularly for a Senior, Life, or Under 30 Member boat owner for one season only, without a crew fee being applied. The Member boat owner must pay the crew fee for subsequent seasons.
- (c) Prospective members may use the Club facilities to house a boat of one of the Club's approved classes upon invitation of the Commodore only.
- (d) Every member in good standing may use any and all facilities and services provided by the Club, on an equal basis with all other members; provided, however, that if the Board of Governors shall determine that the demand for certain facilities or services does or will exceed the available supply, it may adopt any plan or rule to restrict usage for the benefit of the club as a whole.

ARTICLE II - RESIGNATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

SECTION 1.

- (a) A member who is in good standing may resign by tendering a written resignation to the Board of Governors.
- (b) A member will have resigned by way of being in arrears for two full years upon missing the deadline for payment for the third time consecutively.

If a member who has paid an Initiation Fee and thereafter resigns again shall apply for membership, he shall pay any Initiation Fee then in effect unless payment there of shall be waived by the Board of Governors because of unusual circumstances.

SECTION 2. The Board of Governors shall have the power to expel or to suspend for such time and on such condition as it may determine, any member who has willfully disregarded any rules or regulations of the Club or whose conduct shall be determined to be injurious to the welfare of the Club. Any member having a complaint against another member on account of any such actions or conduct of the latter may report the same in writing to the Board of Governors; such complaint shall set forth the facts of the case, together with the names of witnesses if any. If the Board of Governors on its own initiative shall consider that a member should be subjected to discipline, the Secretary shall prepare a similar written complaint. Any such complaint shall be heard promptly by the Board of Governors on at least five (5) days' notice to the member complained of and to the complaining member; and such members appearing at the meeting and their witnesses shall be heard and their statements reduced to writing and filed with the Secretary. The decision of the Board of Governors upon any such complaint shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof sent to the member complained of and the complaining member, if any.

ARTICLE III - FINANCES

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall adopt a budget of expenditures to be made from the treasury. The specific appropriations therein contained for the use of any committee or officer may be dispersed and paid by the Purser upon the order of the respective committee chairman or officer without further authorization of the Board of Governors. No disbursement in excess of any specific appropriation shall be made except with the approval of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2. The Board of Governors shall from year-to-year set the annual budget such that it generates a surplus or deficit in order to hold in total cash a targeted amount of \$40,000 in 2012 US dollars as established by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index at the start of each year. If the amount of cash reserve at the beginning of the year is less than 90% of the target, the Board of Governors shall pass a budget which is projected to produce a surplus. If the amount of cash reserve at the beginning of the year is greater than 110% of target, the Board of Governors shall pass a budget which is projected to produce a deficit.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors may amend these By-Laws in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Constitution.