

## **Bylaws of the Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire, Inc.**

### **I**

**NAME:** The name of the club shall be Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire, Inc. (YCCSC).

### **II**

**PURPOSE AND NON PROFIT STATUS:** The purpose of YCCSC, Inc. shall be to provide educational and participatory sailing and boating events primarily for residents and for property owners of Cape St. Claire in Annapolis, Maryland with an emphasis on providing youth sailing camps during the summer months. The Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **III**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Any resident or non-resident property owner in Cape St. Claire shall be eligible for full voting membership upon payment of annual dues. Ownership of a boat is not required, and no candidate for membership may be discriminated against on any unlawful basis including race, color, gender, age, or religion. Payment of dues shall constitute membership for an entire family residing in the same household, and up to two adults per household shall have a full vote.

Associate membership shall be available to out-of-Cape St. Claire families under the following conditions: (a) the percent of Associate Members may never exceed 20% of the total YCCSC membership in any given year, and (b) an Associate member is sponsored by an active full member. Associate membership must be renewed annually. Payment of Associate membership dues shall constitute membership for an entire family residing in the same household and up to two adults per household shall have full vote.

Every family of a child that is participating summer sailing programs shall automatically be made a member or associate member of the YCCSC upon registering and paying for summer sailing.

#### IV

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The officers and chair positions of the Club shall be elected by the voting membership annually. The officers shall consist of: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Youth Sailing Chair. The retiring Commodore shall automatically become the Rear Commodore. Club officers and committee chair positions must be occupied by current YCCSC members.

#### V

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers noted in Section IV of these by-laws and the heads of the standing committees. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to plan programs, hire and terminate employees and instructors, schedule regattas and social events, and expend Club funds for these and other related purposes.

#### VI

**QUORUM:** At least 10% of the voting members must vote in the election of officers, or for any amendment to the by-laws. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of a minimum of 6 people and shall be governed by a simple majority vote.

#### VII

**COMMITTEES:** The Club may maintain the following standing committees.

- Social Committee: shall organize social events such as annual awards banquet, swim parties, spring cocktail party; be responsible for set-up, tracking party supplies, clean up, etc.
- Cruising Committee: shall “anchor” local rendezvous, carry Club supplies and fly the burgee; shall organize weekend overnight(s).
- Wednesday Night Race Committee: shall liaison on behalf of Club for the Magothy River Association’s Wednesday night series.
- Friday Night Race Committee: shall organize Club races, providing schedule, committee, rules, handicaps, post race results, etc.
- Membership Communications Committee: shall oversee maintenance of contact lists and emails, websites and facilitate providing programming information to the membership.
- Youth Sailing Committee: shall be responsible for all aspects of the summer sailing program including scheduling the programs, hiring instructors, supervising

the purchase of equipment and maintenance of the dinghy fleet, fundraising, and maintaining a liaison with the Board of Governors of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association to assure compliance with requirements for use of community property as a venue for the programs.

#### VIII

**DUES:** Annual dues shall be \$45. The amount may be lowered on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Dues may be increased by vote of a quorum of the membership as defined in Section VI of these by-laws.

#### IX

**OFFICER INDEMNIFICATION:** The club shall maintain an insurance policy that indemnifies the club officers, executive committee and standing committee members from any liability for acts performed in good faith for the club and membership.

#### X

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Each member is responsible for maintaining their own private insurance on any vessel they own or use. The YCCSC is responsible for maintaining insurance sufficient to cover the operations of youth sailing in addition to the indemnification of officers and committee members.

#### XI

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:** These by-laws may be amended by a quorum vote provided that these amendments be publicized to the full membership no less than 5 (five) days prior to a scheduled meeting. Publication of bylaw changes may be communicated by first class mail, hand delivery or via email.

#### XII

**DISSOLUTION:** Upon the dissolution of this organization, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

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Commodore  
Yacht Club of Cape St Claire

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