Bush River Yacht Club

Constitution

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By-Laws

Revised

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ARTICLE I

NAME

SEC. 1: The name of this Club shall be BUSH RIVER YACHT CLUB, INC.

SEC. 2: The Club Colors shall be black and orange.

SEC. 3: The Club Burgee shall be triangular pennant, the basic black, with an orange disk onto which is superimposed a black duck in full flight in the direction of the short side of the triangle.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

SEC. 1: The objectives of this Club shall be as follows: to encourage the sport of Boating, to promote safe boating through the science of seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain a suitable Club House and anchorage for the recreation and use by its members, and maintain safe, enjoyable boating on the Bush River to all.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SEC. 1: The elective officers of the Club shall be: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 2: The appointed officers of the Club are: Power Fleet Captain, Recording Secretary, and at the discretion of the Commodore, Sail Fleet captain, Chaplain, Fleet Surgeon, and others.

SEC. 3: The Flag Officers of the Club shall be: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Power Fleet Captain, each of whom shall have available a vessel suitable for cruising. Each Flag Officer will attire in the uniform as designated in Article XV at all official Club functions and when representing Bush River Yacht Club. Further that the uniform of the day will be designated by the Commodore.

SEC. 4: Any Regular Member who has been nominated for the office of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore or Commodore, shall have been a Regular Member for a minimum of two consecutive years prior to their nomination and shall have served actively as Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet Captain or a committee Chairman.

Amended 09/05/2025

SEC.4: Amendment:

Any regular member who has been nominated for the office of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore or Commodore shall have been a member for a minimum of 2 consecutive years prior to their nomination and shall have served actively as Secretary, Treasures Fleet Captain, Committee Chair, or a Member at Large.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

COMMODORE

SEC. l It shall be the duty of the Commodore:

a. To take command of the fleet: to preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Governors; to supervise the Club and its property; to suspend a member for violating this Constitution and By-Laws and/or the Rules and Regulations of the Club pending the action of the Board of Governors.

b. To be Ex-Officio member of all committees.

c. To appoint the Power Fleet Captain.

d. To appoint at his discretion Sail Fleet Captain, Chaplain, Fleet Surgeon and other such appointed officers.

e. To appoint all appointive committee chairmen. To the extent he deems appropriate, to delegate this responsibility to the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore.

f. To remove any appointive committee chairman or any member of a committee.

g. To appoint a Recording Secretary.

VICE COMMODORE

SEC. 2: It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore:

a. To assist the Commodore, and in the Commodore's absence to officiate in his stead.

b. To supervise the Burgee, the House and all activities associated with the House and other activities as delegated by the Commodore.

REAR COMMODORE

SEC. 3: It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore.

a. To assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore and, in their absence, to officiate in their stead.

b. To supervise the swimming pool, piers and grounds.

c. To supervise the Junior Fleet and other activities as delegated by the Commodore.

SECRETARY

SEC. 4: It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

a. To keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and Board of Governors in a book provided for that purpose.

b. To file all documents, records, reports and communications connected with the business of the Club.

c. To be the master keeper of the Membership Roster, by recording all additions and deletions of members and by verifying all membership data (addresses, telephone numbers, anniversary dates, birth dates, seniority dates, and class of membership).

d. To receive all applications for membership in writing and to notify applicant of the action taken by the Board of Governors on his application.

e. To furnish all members with validated membership cards.

f. In case of inability to attend any meeting, to cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of the meeting.

g. To maintain the Master record of this Constitution and By-Laws in a book provided for that purpose and to assure that all approved changes are signed and dated by him and the Commodore.

TREASURER

SEC. *5:* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

a. To collect and/or receive all monies due the Club and to pay all approved disbursements, keeping a correct account of the same in books provided for that purpose.

b. To make disbursements only upon checks signed by both the Commodore and the Treasurer.

c. To render a financial report at each General Membership Meeting and each Meeting of the Board of Governors.

d. To prepare and mail all statements to members.

e. To prepare and submit all required Federal, State and Local tax reports and a detailed financial statement for the year in which he served.

f. To report to the Club Workmen's Compensation Insurer payments made for labor to include contract labor.

g. Prepare an estimated cash flow based on the budget each year by January 30th and maintain an actual cash flow record.

POWER FLEET CAPTAIN

SEC. 6: It shall be the duty of the Power Fleet Captain to plan and organize the annual cruises and communicate with the Officers and Members of the Power Fleet on behalf of the Commodore, and such other duties as may be required by the Commodore.

SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN

SEC. *7:* It shall be the duty of the Sail Fleet Captain to plan and organize the annual cruises and communicate with the Officers and Members of the Sail Fleet on behalf of the Commodore, and such other duties as may be required by the Commodore.

RECORDING SECRETARY

SEC. 8: It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary:

a. To record the attendance of probationary members at all General Membership meetings and to record the hours worked by the membership (See Article VII, SEC. 10) Hours worked are to be posted on the club bulletin board.

b. To record the minutes of General Membership meetings and Board of Governors meetings in the absence of the secretary.

ARTICLE V

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SEC. 1: Composition -

The Board of Governors shall consist of nine voting members and one nonvoting member. The voting members shall be the Commodore, the Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and four at-large members to be elected annually to serve for a period of two years. The nonvoting member shall be the President of the Holding Corporation or in the absence of the President, the Vice-President.

SEC. 2: Quorum-

Six members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a Quorum.

SEC. 3: Duties of the Board of Governors -

It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors:

a. To manage this yacht club.

b. To fill all at-large vacancies upon said Board which shall occur, during their term, for any cause.

c. To nominate a successor for the unexpired term of any elective officer who for any reason shall be unable to serve.

d. To adopt such rules and regulations governing the Club, and its members, as may be found necessary, not in conflict with this constitution, and when so adopted said rules shall be of the same force and effect as if herein contained.

e. To bond that it may designate for such time and such an amount as it may determine.

f. To receive and act upon any action of the Commodore in accordance with Article IV, Section la, in the suspension of any member.

g. To, at all times, have the power to suspend or expel any member for good cause shown, after written charges shall have been preferred and a reasonable opportunity given the member to present their defense. However, that the Board of Governors shall have the right to reconsider the expulsion or suspension of any member and may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board, reinstate such member upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe.

h. To elect or disapprove applications for provisional membership and to review their suitability and act on permanent membership in accordance with Article VII, Sec. 9 & 10.

i. To meet at least once per month at a designated time and place. Special meetings may be called by the Commodore or at the request of three members of the Board provided notice be given of time, place and purpose.

j. To create and dissolve committees as required for the best interest of the Club.

k. To proportionally pay fifty percent (50%) of all income received after January 1 to the Bush River Boat Club Holding Corporation until yearly rent and expenses account is paid in full.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

SEC. 1: Applications of proposed members shall be posted in the Club House at least two weeks prior to final action by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 2: Applications for membership must be read at two Regular Membership Meetings after being recommended by two members in good standing.

SEC. 3: No applications will be considered by the Board of Governors until after the applicant has made a personal appearance and has been introduced as an applicant for membership at a regular membership meeting.

SEC. 4: The election of members shall be by secret ballot of the Board at any meeting of said Board. Two negative ballots shall reject such applicant. No rejected applicant shall be proposed again within one year thereafter.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 1: Classes of Membership.

The classes of Membership shall be:

a. Distinguished Life
b. Life
c. Regular
d. Senior Regular
e. Social
f. Social Pool
g. Spouse
h. Youth
i. Associate

SEC 2. Life and Distinguished Life Members:

a.1. The 10 years prior to eligibility for Life Membership must be served as a regular member.

a.2. Upon the recommendation of the Commodore, the Board of Governors by a vote of seven affirmative, may elect a Life Membership to any member of the Club whom they deem worthy as a result of outstanding and continuous service to the Club, provided however, that the member shall have, at least, 25 years of seniority (see ARTICLE VII, SEC. 11) and attained the age of 65 years.

a.3. All Past Commodores of the Club will automatically become a Life Member, provided however, that the Past Commodore shall have, at least 25 years of continuous seniority (see ARTICLE VII, SEC. 11) or reached the age of 65 years and have been a Past Commodore for at least 10 years. This membership will become effective at the beginning of the next Club year following completion of the requirement.

b. Upon the recommendation of the Commodore and (2) sponsors, in writing, the Board of Governors, by a vote of seven (7) affirmative may elect any Past Commodore Life Member to the Honor of Distinguished Life Member.(See Commodore's Handbook for guidelines.)

c. All previously approved Life Members are Distinguished Life members, (9- 15-89).

d. A member thus elected shall be entitled to all the privileges of a regular membership.

e. The name of the proposed member to receive this honor shall be posted in the Club House and be published in the Burgee at least thirty (30) days prior to final action by the Board of Governors.

f. A Life or Distinguished Life Member shall not be required to pay any yearly dues; however, he shall be required to pay all taxes assessed toward that membership.

g. Excluding the Past Commodores, Life Members shall not exceed two (2) percent of the voting membership at the time of election.

SEC. 3: Regular Members:

a. Any person, 18 years of age or older, of good moral character, who shall agree in writing on the regular application blank of the Club to abide by its Constitution, By-Laws and Rules, and who shall submit with the application the required entrance fee, dues, and taxes, shall be eligible for regular membership when such application is properly endorsed and approved by the Board of Governors.

b. A regular member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including the right to vote, hold office, rent a slip and the use of the swimming pool for the member's family. "Family" means the member, spouse, and dependent children. That is, your dependents who are declared on your income tax form.

SEC. 4: Senior Regular Member:

a. A Senior Regular Member shall have been a Regular Member for at least twenty (20) years and be 65 years of age.

SEC. 5*:* Social Member:

a. There shall be two classes of social memberships.

Classification 1. Social Pool Member

(1) Applicants for Social Pool membership shall meet all the qualifications and conditions as an applicant for regular membership.

(2) Social Pool membership shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club as prescribed for a regular member except the rental of a slip, launching privileges, holding an elective office and the right to vote.

(3) Social Pool members may become Regular members by payment of the difference in dues.

Classification 2. Social Member

(1) Applicants for Social membership shall meet all the qualifications as an applicant for Social Pool membership except payment of an entrance fee, mandatory work and meeting attendance requirements.

(2) Social members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club as prescribed for a Regular member except the rental of a slip, launching privileges, holding elective office, the right to vote, and the use of the pool by the member or guest of a member.

(3) Social members may become a Regular member or Social Pool member by payment of an entrance fee and difference in dues, mandatory work and meeting attendance requirements. Probation period and Cold Foot Night applies.

SEC. 6: Spouse Member - (Legal husband or wife)

a. Spouse applicants shall meet all qualification and conditions as an applicant for regular membership, except the required entrance fee.

b. Spouse member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, use the pool and launching ramp.

SEC. 7: Youth Member

a. Youth member shall meet all qualifications and conditions as required for regular membership, except the required entrance fee.

b. Youth member must be a son or daughter of a member or legal guardian in good standing.

c. Youth member may retain membership from age 18-25.

d. Youth member may become a regular or social or spouse member at any time by application and paying the difference in dues.

e. Youth member may not hold an elective office, vote or rent a slip. They may use the pool and the launching ramp.

SEC. 8: Associate Member:

a. The classes of Associate Member shall be:

1. Honorary
2. Non-resident
3. Spouse Associate Member

1. Honorary - Any person that through his or her position has demonstrated a genuine interest in the betterment of the Club and/or has made long term significant contributions to the Club may be nominated for Honorary Membership by the

membership committee. The Board of Governors shall consider such nomination. To elect will require two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote of the entire voting Board of Governors by secret ballot. Honorary Member shall not be required to pay dues. Each Honorary Member shall be reaffirmed or deleted each year at the first Board of Governors meeting in January. The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed a number equal to two percent (2%) of the membership.

2. Non-resident Member - Any member who shall have been required to move a distance exceeding 150 air miles from the Club may be entitled to a non resident membership upon proper application and payment of dues for this class of membership. Such membership permits all the privileges of the Club with the exception of the right to vote, hold office, rent a slip or obtain a swimming pool membership. Non-resident members may become Regular, Social Pool, or Social members by payment of the difference in dues.

3. Spouse Associate Member - The spouse of a deceased member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club with the exception of the right to vote and hold office. They shall not be required to pay dues. They shall enjoy this status until such time as they remarry at which time this membership shall terminate automatically. They shall pay guest rates for the use of the pool and regular rates for slip and launching rights.

SEC. 9: Probation Period:

a. All applicants who have been provisionally accepted for membership will have their membership reviewed by the Board of Governors for final acceptance as a member at a regular board meeting in December following their provisional acceptance. The Membership Review of those members who were provisionally accepted less than six (6) months before the December Review Meeting will be conducted during December of the following year. Applicants that are accepted after July 1 will have until June 1 of the following year to complete their probationary 20 work hours. If a provisional member is not accepted for membership by the Board of Governors, they will be so notified by such action and there will be no appeal granted. (see Article VII SEC. 10: d.)

b. All probation members except Social and Associate members are required to attend four (4) general membership meetings during their probationary period. Failure to attend the required four (4) meetings without reasonable explanation will be grounds for expulsion.

Amended 02/20/2024

SEC. 10: Work Hours **Amended 02/20/2024**

a. Per membership definition in the Constitution all Regular (Except Past Commodores) and Social Pool Members shall work (10) hours per year.

b. Mates and individuals who are part of the club (i.e., members, immediate family of members) can complete work hours on behalf of a member. The individual completing the work hours on behalf of another member must designate the member for whom they are completing hours prior to completing the hours. The individual completing the hours on behalf of another member is responsible for ensuring that the number of hours worked for another member is properly recorded.

c. Members may elect to pay for required work hours in lieu of completing the work hours accordingly:

i. Members may pay $20 per required work hour for their required hours when making payment for their annual membership dues. This option will be invoiced on the member's Annual Dues Bill and must be paid by the due date of the initial or full payment of membership dues to satisfy the membership work hour requirement.

ii. After the due date for the initial membership dues payment and before December 31st, the member may pay $40 per required work hour for all or a portion of their required hours. The member must submit payment in full for this option prior to December 31st of the year the hours were required to satisfy the membership work hour requirement. .

iii. After December 31 of the year in which the hours were required, the member may pay $40 per required work hour and an additional fee, calculated as 10% of their total membership dues, to satisfy their membership work hour requirement. The

member must submit the payment in full for this option by January 31st following the year during which the member's required work hours were not completed.

d. Club coupons may not be used to pay for work hours.

e. New members cannot pay for their initial 20 hours

f. All probation members except Social and Associate members are required to give twenty (20) work hours during their probationary period. At least eight (8) of these work hours are to be given on scheduled clean-up days.

g. Any work done for the benefit of the Club counts as work hours.

h. All members will be responsible for the recording of their hours and validation by the appropriate Committee Chairman or Officer.

i. All Members' work hours will be subject to review at a Board Meeting in December. At this meeting, the member will be asked to fulfill their obligation or be suspended by the Club.

j. Members not meeting their work hours by the first BOG meeting in Sept. will be notified of their outstanding obligations.

SEC. 11: Seniority

Only years as a Regular, Distinguished Life, Life or Senior Regular Member may accumulate seniority. Effective January 1, 1982.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

Amended 10/03/2025

Introduction of a Family Membership under ARTICLE VII, MEMBERSHIP

This membership type will become section 4. Existing sections 4 through 11 will become sections 5 through 12.

Family Membership Proposed Constitution Amendment Revision This Membership type will become Section 4.

Existing sections 4 through 11 will become sections 5 through 12 Introduction of Family Membership under Article VII.

Membership SEC 4 FAMILY MEMBER Any person, 18 years of age and older, of good moral character, who shall agree in writing on the regular application blank of the Club to abide by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, and who shall admit with application the required entrance fee, dues, and taxes shall be eligible for a family membership when such application is properly endorsed and approve by the Board of Governors.

Family Membership is available to Regular Members, Social Pool Members, Social Members, and for New Membership Applications. Family Membership includes A member, spouse, and dependent children sharing the same household. Only the member or the spouse in a Family membership is eligible to vote and to run for an elected Flag Officer position or Board of Governors position, however only 1 at a time.

All prerequisites of a Regular Member and a Family Member to hold an elected position are identical. Those positions include Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, or Member at Large. A Family Membership has the same required entrance fee, dues, and taxes as a Regular Membership. Family membership shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club including the right to have 1 vote, hold office as the member or a spouse one at a time, rent a slip, and the use of the swimming pool for the member's family A family membership shares the same seniority number.

If either the member or the spouse leaves Bush River Yacht Club for any reason other than divorce the remaining individual shall assume the membership and obligations. If Family Membership is dissolved due to divorce, with approval of the Board of Governors, the membership will revert to the primary member. The Spouse member may make application for either a Regular Member, Social Pool Member, or Social Member.

If 2 Regular memberships choose to transition into a Family Membership they will continue as Family Membership with approval of the Board of Governors utilizing the highest-ranking seniority of the two memberships.

If the Family membership is dissolved and returned to the primary regular member, with approval of the Board of Governors the Regular Member's seniority that was used as a Family Membership seniority will be retained by the primary Regular member that had possession of said seniority prior to entering the family membership. The Spouse Member of the Family Membership will be able to make application for a Regular Membership, Social Pool Membership, or a Social Membership.

All requirements and benefits of Regular Membership apply to Family Membership. If the member or the spouse of a Family Membership transitions into a Senior Member, Life Member, or Distinguished Life Member, the Family Membership would dissolve. Other parts of the constitution that will require amendment changes due to the introduction of Family Membership. Article VII Membership.

SEC. 1: Include Family Membership in the classes of Membership.

SEC.2: The 10 years to eligibility for Life membership must be served as a Regular Member or a Family Member.

SEC. 3: A Senior Member shall have been a Regular Member or a Family Member for at least 20 years and be 65 years of age.

SEC. 10: Per membership definition in the constitution all Regular Members (except Past Commodores) and Family Members (except Past Commodores) and Social Pool Members shall work 10 hours per year.

SEC. 11: Only years as a Regular Member, Family Member, Distinguished Life Member, Life Member, or Senior Member may accumulate seniority, Effective Jan 1, 1982 Annual Dues and Fees Need to Add Family Membership to the Dues and Fees table Family Membership, Initiation **, Yearly Fee $1050.00, Coupon $150.00 Slip Assignment Rules Affected by the introduction of Family Membership. Understand rules of the club are dictated by the Board of Governors and voted on in the board room, not a GMM Meeting.

Slip Assignment Rules

#13 Slips will be assigned on Slip Assignment Day in order of Member's seniority. Seniority is defined by contiguous membership, and only Regular, Family, Distinguished Life, Life, or Senior Members accrue slip seniority.

#17 Slips must be vacated within 1 week of sale of boat to a non-member. Slip assignee is responsible for the vacating of slip by new owner. Any member that sells their boat or downgrades their membership status from a Regular Member or Family Member who holds a slip AFTER slip assignment day will not be entitled to any refund for their slip fees or difference in membership fee.

Trailer Slip Assignment Rules

#1 You must be a Regular Member or a Family Member to request a trailer slip

ARTICLE VIII

DUES AND ENTRANCE FEES

SEC. 1: Dues and entrance fee will be as voted by the membership and appended to the Bush River Constitution and By-Laws (See Sec 4, Article XVII). 60% of dues are payable on 1 January and 40% of dues are payable on 1 May of each year. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare a yearly dues and fees appendix, maintain a copy with the Master record of the Constitution any By-Laws (see Article IV SEC. 4g), and to have a copy of the yearly fees and dues published in the December issue of the Bush River Yacht Club Burgee. Entrance fees will be assed at the Board of Governors discretion for Regular, Social Pool, and Social Members.

SEC. 2: All members except Associate and Youth members and Social members in good standing on January 21, 1994 are required to purchase one coupon book of up to one hundred and fifty dollars to be used throughout the year from January 1 through December 31. All payments for the coupon book will be payable in advance. One hundred dollars is for food and drink at Piers End. Fifty dollars is only for the admission fees to onsite club events. No more than two admissions per event can be paid for using coupons. The Board of Governors may designate specific events and meals ineligible to be paid for with coupons.

SEC. 3: Cold Foot Night:

a. A Cold Foot Night may be declared annually upon approval of the Board of Governors. If approved, Cold Foot Night will be the second

general meeting in April and the required entrance fee will be waived for

that date. The decision of the Board will be posted in the Clubhouse at

least thirty (30) days prior to Cold Foot Night.

b. Applications for Cold Foot Night will be accepted up to and including the second general membership meeting in April, and the annual dues must be submitted with the application.

c. Only applicants from the state of Maryland who have not previously been a member of the Club will be accepted. All other requirements for membership must be completed as required by this Constitution except that the personal appearance must be completed prior to or on Cold Foot Night.

d. No Cold Foot Night applications will be acted upon by the Board of Governors prior to slip assignment day.

SEC. 4: There shall be no assessment by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may propose to the Membership an Assessment. The procedure for announcement and approval must follow per XVII of Bush River Yacht Club Constitution and By Laws Sec 2-3&4.

SEC. 5: The Board of Governors at their discretion may waive and/or adjust the entrance fees for new members. The fees will be determined at the BOG meeting in August for the next calendar year.

ARTICLE IX

RESIGNATIONS

SEC. 1: Resignations of members shall be sent to the Secretary and acted upon by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 2: The rights and interests of any member in the property and privileges of the Club shall cease with the termination of their membership.

ARTICLE X

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSIONS

SEC. 1: A member shall stand suspended without action of the Board of Governors when they are 45 days in arrears for dues or other indebtedness, and the Treasurer shall notify them of such delinquency by mail to the address as it appears on the records of the Club. The Board of Governors may make exception to the policy of automatic suspension in cases of extreme hardship. The member who desires an exemption will present to the Board of Governors in writing or in person prior to the automatic suspension date. A suspended member remaining in arrears for dues or other indebtedness for fifteen (15*)* days after their suspension shall be automatically expelled without action of the Board of Governors. The names of members suspended or those persons expelled will be promptly posted in the Clubhouse.

SEC. 2:

a. Any member of the Club may present to the Board of Governors written charges against any other member for conduct unbecoming of a Club member or conduct likely to endanger the good order and welfare of the Club. The Secretary of the Club shall immediately notify

   the accused member of the charges filed by sending the accused member a copy of the charges. The member so charged shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Governors by filing a request in writing within ten (10) days after notification with the secretary. If the member so notified fails to reply or appear within ten (10) days after such notification, the Board of Governors upon review of the case will take action it deems appropriate for the case. After the hearing, the action of the Board of Governors on suspension or expulsion shall be final. No member of the Board of Governors against whom any such charges shall be referred shall be allowed to preside over and/or vote at any such hearing.

b. The Board of Governors may suspend any member for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days for conduct unbecoming a Club member, or for violation of the requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws, and/or Club Rules. Any member so charged shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Governors by filing a request in writing within ten (10) days after notification with the Secretary.

c. All notifications shall be certified mail.

SEC. 3: A member, while under suspension, shall be denied the privileges and access to the Club property to the extent specified by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 4: A person expelled from the Club shall not be permitted access to the Clubhouse or grounds to any extent greater than that specified by the Board of Governors, even if accompanied by a member in good standing.

ARTICLE XI

REINSTATEMENTS

SEC. 1: A member resigned or expelled who desires to renew their membership must make application in the usual manner and pay the usual entrance fee plus the current year's dues and any outstanding indebtedness to the Club. The entrance fee may be waived by the Board of Governors for a member resigned in good standing.

SEC. 2: A member under suspension for nonpayment of dues or other indebtedness shall be reinstated during their period of suspension upon payment of dues or other indebtedness plus a reinstatement fee of ten percent (10%) of the said indebtedness.

ARTICLE XII

COMMITTEES

SEC.1: The Standing Committees are as follows:

Membership	Junior Fleet
Public Relations	Photography
Fleet Registration	Safety
Entertainment	Communications
Legal & Liaison	Grounds
House	Slip Assignment
Budget & Finance	Sick & Welfare
Swimming Pool	Burgee

SEC. 2: The Special Committees are as follows:

Nominating

Opening Day

Commodore's Ball

ARTICLE XIII

ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

SEC. 1: Membership Committee. The Commodore shall appoint a membership committee consisting of a Chairman and four (4) other members, one of whom shall be the Vice Commodore. All applications for membership shall be turned over to the Chairman who will designate one or more members of the committee to investigate and report on the applicant. Reports shall be signed by the investigator and Chairman of the Committee.

SEC. 2: Nominating Committee. The Commodore shall appoint a nominating Committee Chairman. The Chairman will consult with the Commodore after which the Chairman will select four (4) other members at least ninety (90) days before the annual meeting. This committee will nominate the officers, and two (2) members of the Board of Governors. Their report shall be made in sufficient time to be published in the October edition of the Burgee. The Nominating Committee will read their nominations at the 1st & 2nd meetings in October at which time after reading their nominations will ask for any nominations from the floor after both meetings. When the nominations are read at the 2nd meeting and nominations from the floor are concluded, the Committee will close the nominations for the elections. Any regular member may add their name to the ballot as long as they meet the requirements for that office under the Constitution.

SEC. 3: Burgee. The Commodore shall appoint the Editor of the Burgee. Their duties shall be to publish and assure distribution, on or before the first of each month, of this official publication of the Club.

SEC. 4: House. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman of the House committee. The Chairman of the house committee shall hire and supervise the club manager &/or paid staff to operate the house. The duties of this committee are to control the purchase and

allocation of all alcoholic beverages; to audit, not less than once per month, the expenditures and receipts of the house: to recommend to the Board of Governors the sale price of all goods and services to be provided.

SEC. 5: Entertainment. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The duties of this committee shall be to schedule, plan and arrange for all the house entertainment to be provided by the Club.

SEC. 6: Slip Assignment. The Commodore shall appoint a Slip Assignment Chairman. The duties of this committee are: to bill and make slip assignments in accordance with the rules for slip assignment as approved by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 7: Fleet Registration. The Commodore shall appoint a Fleet Registrar. The registrar will maintain a registration of every boat owned by the Club Membership. One copy of this record shall be maintained in the Clubhouse, and one copy at the head of each pier.

SEC. 8: Budget & Finance. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman and the Chairman will appoint two (2) additional members to serve on the Committee. The committee shall prepare a budget for review and approval of the Board of Governors no later than the third Thursday in November. The Committee will review the finances of the Club on a monthly basis to assure that the income and expenses are within the budget amount and report it to the Board of Governors.

SEC. 9: Junior Fleet. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman and Committee. The committee will help organize and supervise all activities of the Junior membership and serve as a liaison between the Junior membership and the Board of Governors.

SEC. 10: Opening Day and Commodore's Ball. The Immediate Past Commodore will be Chairman. They will be responsible for organizing and conducting of Opening Day and the Commodore's Ball.

SEC. 11: Public Relations. The Commodore shall appoint a Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The duties shall be to promote the Bush River Yacht Club, covering elections of officers, certain events of the year, through the local media.

SEC. 12: Legal & Liaison. The Commodore shall appoint a chairman of Legal & Liaison. The duties shall be to advise the Board of Governors and the membership on any legal matters concerning the Club and to represent the Club at any legal hearing outside of the Club.

SEC. 13: Swimming Pool. The Commodore shall appoint a chairman of the Swimming Pool Committee. The duties shall be to take charge of the Club pool. Prepare the pool for opening, maintain the pool through the season, provide a suitable lifeguard and to regulate the pool hours.

SEC. 14: Photography. The Commodore shall appoint a photography chairman. The photographer shall attend the major events, take photos and display in the Clubhouse. Events to be determined by the Commodore.

SEC. 15: Safety. The Commodore shall appoint a safety chairman. The duties shall be to inspect the Club grounds, piers, and house and report to the membership and the Board of Governors of any unsafe conditions that exist.

SEC. 16: Communications. The Commodore shall appoint a communication chairman. The chairman shall maintain the inside and outside public address system.

SEC. 17: Grounds. The Commodore shall appoint a grounds chairman. The duties shall be to keep the grounds in presentable order.

SEC. 18: Sick & Welfare. The Commodore shall appoint a sick and welfare chairman. The duties shall be to inform the membership of any sickness or deaths among the membership, and to take proper action concerning persons closely related to the Club. Also report any cases of hardship directly to the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE XIV

MEETINGS

SEC. 1: The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the first meeting in November at 2030 hours, at the Clubhouse or at such place as shall be designated by the Board of Governors, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. The installation of officers shall be conducted during the second meeting in November.

SEC. 2: **AMENEDED 04/04/2025**

Regular business meetings will be held twice per month on the first and third Friday of each month, except for the months of July and August, when there will be one general meeting held during each of those months on the 2nd Friday. General Membership Meeting times will start between the hours of 1900 and no later than 2030 hour. The Board of Governors will determine the official start times for the General Membership Meetings for the next calendar year by November the 30th. The official start time will be published in the December Burgee and will published in the Annual Bush River Yacht Club calendar.

SEC. 3: Special meetings may be called by the Commodore, or at the written request of ten (10) or more members, provided that the business of the meeting is stated in the request. The notice for such special meetings stating the purpose shall be mailed to the membership at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

SEC. 4: A quorum for all meetings shall consist of not less than ten percent (10%) of those members entitled to vote.

SEC. 5: Only members in good standing may vote at any Club meeting. No proxies are permitted at any meeting.

SEC. 6: No member shall be entitled to vote at a meeting for the nomination or election of officers, unless he/she shall have been a member at least three (3) months prior to said meeting.

SEC. 7 At all meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

a. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
b. Reading Minutes of Board of Governors' Meeting.
c. Treasurer's Report.
d. Special Communications.
e. Reports of Committees.
f. Unfinished Business.
g. New Business.
h. Elections.
i. Good of the Club suggestions.
j. Adjournment.

SEC. 8: The order of business may be changed at any meeting by a vote of the majority of those present.

SEC. 9: Roberts Rules of Order shall be standard procedure at all meetings.

ARTICLE XV

UNIFORM

SEC. 1: The coat shall be three (3) button, double-breasted, sack coat, breast pockets welt with inside case pocket on right side. Trousers with or without pleats, plain bottoms.

a. Material: The uniform shall be made of N. 0. blue serge, tropical or elasticque. When worn as a summer uniform, the trousers are to be white gabardine, duck or flannel.

b. Buttons: Buttons for the coat regulation yachting buttons.

c. Sleeve Designation of Rank:

1. The Commodore shall wear on each sleeve five *(5)* stripes of black tubular braid, 3/8 inch wide, 1/4 inch apart, the top one forming a trefoil, the bottom one placed two (2) inches from the bottom of cuff, three (3) gold stars to appear in the center of each loop of the trefoil on each sleeve.
2. The Vice Commodore: Four (4) stripes as above, two (2) gold stars to appear in the center of the lower loops of the trefoil.
3. The Rear Commodore: Three (3) stripes as above, one (I) gold star placed in the center of the upper 1oop of the trefoil.
4. The Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet surgeon and Regatta Committee: Two (2) stripes as above with the trefoil and with an appropriate insignia in upper loop of trefoil.
5. The Members: Trefoil stripe only; Boat Owners: Two (2) stripes with trefoil.
6. The Past Officers of the Club shall be entitled to wear the insignia of their rank with the exception that silver stars and/or the insignia of their office shall be substituted for gold.

SEC. 2: The Club cap shall be either navy blue or black cloth, or white serge, flannel or duck with a lustrous mohair black braid 1-1/4 inches wide, chin strap of tubular braid and a visor of black patent leather. In design, the cap is to be an exact counter of that worn by the United States Navy Officers, but without grommet.

a. Ornaments:

1. For Commodore, two (2) crossed fouled anchors, each to be 1-7/8 inches long, and at their intersection a raised disk showing a miniature Club Burgee and Staff to be enameled to show Club Colors, the anchors to be embroidered gold. Chin strap to be of tubular gold braid, fastened with gold buttons, and an embroidered five pointed star 5/8 inch in diameter on each side of and one over the device
2. For Vice Commodore, same as for Commodore, omitting the star over the device.
3. For Rear Commodore, same as for Commodore, omitting the two (2) side stars.
4. For Past Flag Officers, same as Commodore, except that silver star and silver braid are to be substituted for gold stars and gold braid.
5. For Fleet Captain, same as for Commodore, omitting stars, with fouled anchor in gold 1/2 inch long placed above device and placed horizontally.
6. For Secretary, same as for Fleet Captain, substituting a maple leaf in gold vertically.

7. For Treasurer, same as for Fleet Captain, substituting an acorn in gold.
8. For Fleet Surgeon, same as for Fleet Captain, substituting a right angle red cross with arms of equal length placed with one (1) arm vertical.
9. For Captains and Members, same as for Fleet Captain, omitting fouled anchor and substituting black braid and buttons for gold.

ARTICLE XVI

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

SEC. 1: Junior Fleet Membership: The Junior Fleet shall be required by the Board of Governors to have their own constitution and by-laws which shall not conflict with or be divergent in purpose from the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bush River Yacht Club. The Junior Fleet shall further be required to elect their own officers, function as a unit, and hold their own affairs under the supervision of the Junior Fleet Advisory Board. The Board of Governors shall appoint a committee consisting of the Rear Commodore, Sail Fleet Captain, an elected officer of the Ladies Auxiliary, and members and spouses of members to be known as the Junior Fleet Advisory Board whose duties are to control, administer and supervise the Junior Fleet and to chaperon their social affairs.

Any son, daughter, step-daughter, step-son or ward of any member or honorary member of this Club shall be eligible for consideration to become a member of the Junior Fleet upon reaching their seventh (7th) birthday. Upon their eighteenth (18th) birthday, they shall become eligible for consideration as a full-fledged member or member of the Ladies Auxiliary, as the case may be, provided he/she makes application for such membership in the regular manner with the exception that the entrance fee shall be waived.

They shall pay dues to the Junior Fleet in accordance with the Junior Fleet constitution and By-Laws and at rates as determined, from time to time, by the Board of Governors. All sums of money collected by the Junior Fleet as a result of their activities and membership shall be remitted to the Yacht Club Treasurer by the Junior Fleet Advisory Committee. The Junior Fleet shall incur no financial obligations without approval of the Board of Governors, and disbursement made to satisfy approved financial obligations shall be in accordance with the Yacht Club Constitution and By-Laws.

The Junior Fleet shall consist of three (3) categories of Junior membership as follows:

1. Midget Squadron: Those children who have attained their seventh (7th) birthday, but not attained the age of fourteen (14) years on 1 September of that year.

2. Junior Squadron: Those children whose fourteenth (14th) birthday occurs on or after 1 September of the year and who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) on 1 September of that year.

3. Senior Squadron: Those children whose eighteenth (18th) birthday occurs after 1 September of the year and who have not attained their twenty-first (21st) birthday.

The Board of Governors shall cause to have designed an insignia for the use of the Junior Fleet members. Such insignia may be worn on light summer headgear, blazer, sweaters, etc., but not on yacht cap. Only male members of the Junior Fleet reaching the age of eighteen (18) may wear the regulation yacht cap and device of the Club, but may not wear the rest of the uniform. The Board of Governors shall have the right to activate the Junior Fleet at any time.

SEC. 2: Ladies Auxiliary: The Auxiliary shall also be known as the Auxiliary Fleet and be required to elect their own officers, function as an independent unit and have their own constitution and by-laws in addition to their traditional participation in the Yacht Club social affairs. Such constitution and by-laws cannot be in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bush River Yacht Club or divergent in purpose that determined by the Board of Governors from time to time.

Any spouse, adult offspring, stepchild or ward at least twenty-one years of age shall be considered for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of this Club. They shall pay no dues or acceptance fees to the Club.

The Ladies Auxiliary shall cause to have designed an insignia for the use of its members. Such insignia may be worn on light summer headgear, etc.

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENTS

SEC. 1: Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors or by proper motion from the floor at any regular meeting.

SEC. 2: All members must be notified in writing of the proposed amendments mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting following their introduction.

SEC. 3: Action on any proposed amendment must be taken at the next regular meeting following its introduction or by special meeting called by the Commodore.

SEC. 4: This Constitution shall not be amended, modified, or repealed except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

SEC. 5: The master copy of and all amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be maintained by the Secretary.

SEC. 6: This Constitution and By-Laws cannot be suspended.

Annual Dues and Fees **as approved on September 20,2019**

Article VIII, SEC. 1 - Appendix

Membership	Initiation Fee	Yearly Fee	Coupon Book
Distinguished Life	NA		$150
Life	NA		$150
Regular	**	$1,050	$150
Senior Regular	NA	$ 525	$150
Social	**	$ 375	$150*
Social Pool	**	$ 750	$150
Non-Resident (Mail Only)	NA	$ 50	--

Dues may be payable in two payments, with 60% due on January 1 and 40% due on May 1.

Coupon Books: All members except Associate and Youth members and Social members in good standing on January 21, 1994 are required to purchase one coupon book of up to one hundred and fifty dollars to be used throughout the year from January 1 through December 31. All payments for the coupon book will be payable in advance. One hundred dollars is for food and drink at Piers End. Fifty dollars is only for the admission fees to onsite club events. No more than two admissions per event can be paid for using coupons. The Board of Governors may designate specific events and meals ineligible to be paid for with coupons.

Slips available for the season April 1 – November 30 at price set by Board of Governors.

Legend:

NA - Not applicable, previous membership required.

* - Not required for Social member in good standing on January 21, 1994.

** - Entrance fees per Article VIII section 1.

Gosia Studnicki _____ Date: 10/03/2025

Commodore

Kellee Romberger_____ Date: 10/03/2025

Secretary