

**Sandy Point Yacht Club Bylaws**  
**Adopted January 15, 1988/Revised 2/3/12**

**Article I. IDENTIFICATION**

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Sandy Point Yacht Club (SPYC).
- B. The Sandy Point Yacht Club shall be a non-profit organization.

**Article II. PURPOSE**

The Sandy Point Yacht Club is an organization of people with a common interest in recreational boating who join together to participate in and enjoy the fellowship associated with boating and to represent and protect the interest of boaters within the community. The Club is organized to provide the opportunities and facilities for the membership to achieve the following objectives:

- To provide a setting for those involved in boating to gather together to share common interests.
- To stimulate a greater interest in boating among the citizens served by the club.
- To promote boating safety.
- To encourage proficiency in all aspects of seamanship.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.
- To monitor and discuss legislative issues impacting boaters.
- Encourage the prevention of pollution of the waterways.
- Make recommendations to appropriate parties local, state, and federal agencies.
- To encourage fellowship among all members regardless interest in boating.

**Article III. MEMBERSHIP/DUES**

Membership shall be open to any family residing in the community known as Sandy Point and any others who wish to share in the club membership.

- Membership shall be a family membership.
- Membership must be renewed annually based on the fiscal year, January 1 through December 31.
- Dues are paid to the Treasurer.
- A membership card will be issued upon receipt of paid dues.
- New members will receive a copy of the current bylaws.
- Annual membership fees (dues) will be based on recommendations from the Bridge and must be approved by the majority of the membership in attendance.

**Article IV: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS / CLUB COMMUNICATION**

**A. Annual/ Regular Meetings**

The Sandy Point Yacht Club will have at least one meeting annually, and such other meetings as the membership or the Bridge request. Regular meetings are conducted on the first Friday of every month or at the discretion of the Bridge/membership.

## **B. Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of 10% of Membership. Each family shall have one vote.

## **C. Special meetings**

A special meeting may be called by the Bridge or membership and notification may be made electronically or by phone.

## **D. Communication**

The primary means of communication among the Bridge and membership shall be electronically. If a member does not have electronic means, it shall be the members responsibility to request information via other means. Members shall notify the Secretary of changes in electronic means as appropriate.

# **ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

## **A. Nominations**

- The Commodore will appoint a nominating committee in October, which may consist of the Bridge, to present a slate of nominees for the elected officers at the annual meeting of the members.
- The positions to be elected on an annual basis are; Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Fleet Commodore (Treasurer), Rear Commodore (Secretary) and Fleet Captain.
- Other nominations may be submitted by the membership prior to election at the annual meeting.
- Any member in good standing may run or be nominated for office.
- To be nominated a member must be present at the October meeting or agree in writing.

## **B. Election**

The election of officers will be at annual meeting held in November. The elected officers shall hold office for twelve months beginning in January.

## **C. Resignations**

If any office is vacated, with the exception of the Commodore, a new officer will be appointed by the Bridge to fill the vacancy until the next election of officers. In the case of resignation of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore will assume the office until the next general election. The Bridge shall appoint a new Vice-Commodore in this event.

# **ARTICLE VI. BRIDGE (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)**

## **A. General**

The five elected officers shall be; Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Commodore and Fleet Captain. The Bridge will serve as the Executive Committee for the Sandy Point Yacht Club. The past Commodore serves in an advisory position to the Bridge as a member of the Bridge.

## **B. Governing Body**

The Bridge will be the governing body of the Sandy Point Yacht Club.

## **C. Budget.**

The Bridge will prepare and present the annual budget, the calendar of events, and the programs of this organization.

## **D. Bridge.**

The Bridge (Executive Committee) will conduct the business of the Sandy Point Yacht Club and make such decisions regarding budgets, policy, activities, etc., as may be required. The Bridge will meet periodically at a time and a place determined by the Commodore. The Bridge shall execute the desires of the membership as voted by them.

## **ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

### **A. The Commodore shall:**

- Preside over meetings of the Club and its Bridge
- Appoint Committee Chairpersons for all Committees.
- Oversee Club activities.

### **B. Vice-Commodore shall:**

- Assist the Commodore
- Assume the functions and responsibilities of the Commodore in his/her absence or inability to serve.
- Oversee activities of all standing committees

### **C. Rear Commodore or Secretary shall:**

- Keep minutes of Club and Bridge meetings
- Assume responsibility for preserving all Club records and documents.
- Prepare all necessary correspondence.

### **D. Fleet Commodore or Treasurer shall:**

- Receive all monies on behalf of the Club and deposit all funds in a bank account of the Sandy Point Yacht Club.
- Maintain all financial accounts of the Club and properly receive and disburse all funds as authorized by the Commodore/Vice Commodore.
- Present each paid member with an annual membership card.
- Present financial standing of the club to the Membership.

**E. Fleet Captain shall:**

- Arrange activities calendar and schedule club cruises.

**ARTICLE IX. LIABILITY OF OFFICERS**

Each officer or former officers of the Sandy Point Yacht Club shall not be held liable for any reason due to the fact that all efforts by the officers are voluntary and are for the benefit of the social and recreational boating activities of the Sandy Point Yacht Club.

**ARTICLE X. STANDING & SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEES**

**A. General**

- The Commodore may designate from the Membership committees and one individual designated as the Committee chairperson. Membership in any committee is open to all Members in good standing. Prospective committee members should make their interests known to the Secretary or Committee Chairperson.
- Examples of committees might include but is not limited to: Programs, Cruises, Newsletter, Social events, etc.

**ARTICLE XI. BURGEE**

- The Burgee for the Sandy Point Yacht Club shall be a pennant with the initials "S.P" and a red and blue diagonal stripe running across the pennant and a blue star in the upper left hand corner.

**ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

**A. Effective Date**

These by-laws shall take effect immediately from the date of their approval by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. Members who do not have email shall advise the bridge to mail their copy of the bylaws.

**B. Amendments**

Proposed amendments must be made at a regular membership meeting. They must be signed by a Member in good standing, and shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary for information and review by the Bridge at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be proposed. The Secretary shall email/mail to each Member a copy of the proposed amendment at least twenty (20) days prior to the next meeting, advising of the time and the place of the membership meeting at which the amendment will be voted on. A quorum of the Members in good standing shall be present to vote in said amendment for adoption. The term "amendments" refers to any modification, change, or addition to the last officially approved by-laws of the SPYC.