

## **PREAMBLE**

### **WALLA WALLA YACHT CLUB, INCORPORATED**

The following revised bylaws were adopted June 14, 1992 and supersede the existing bylaws dated February 3, 1991 and any amendments thereto. They shall become effective upon adoption.

## **NAME AND DURATION**

The legal name of this organization is Walla Walla Yacht Club, Incorporated. This organization is successor to Walla Walla Boat Club, organized in 1946, incorporated as Walla Walla Boat Club, Incorporated, in 1950, Laws of the State of Washington, and name changed to Walla Walla Yacht Club, Incorporated, on October 31, 1956.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club is to promote general interest in recreational boating, provide facilities for the use of its members, and to afford a means of good fellowship with the best interests of the club in mind.

## **AUTHORITY**

The Walla Walla Yacht Club, Incorporated, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised in all issues not covered by these bylaws and the Standing Rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

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OF  
WALLA WALLA YACHT CLUB**

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## ARTICLE I

### MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. ELIGIBILITY.** Membership shall be limited to those individuals who enjoy boating and who have the best interest of the club in mind. A membership may be held by a single person or jointly with a spouse or domestic partner. Membership privileges, with respect to use of club facilities only, shall be extended to member's children through age 22. No one younger than 18 shall be at the club unless under the supervision of an adult member. (amended 6-11-11)

**Section 2. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES.** The membership shall consist of the following classes:

a. Regular Membership.

- 1) A regular member shall be entitled to all the privileges and obligations of membership as defined by these bylaws, including but not limited to membership card, moorage in accordance with Article VII, and use of club facilities. Regular membership is entitled to one (1) vote per membership. (amended 9-18-16)
- 2) Dual Membership: Dual membership is for two regular memberships sharing one moorage. Each membership has all the privileges and responsibilities of a regular membership. Only one moorage space is allowed for a dual membership. (added 6-26-11)

b. Associate Membership. An associate member is entitled to moorage in accordance with Article VII, shall receive a membership card and shall remain on the club mailing list. Associate members will not be responsible for the annual repair and maintenance fee, assessments, nor have a vote. (amended 6-19-05) (amended 9-18-16)

c. Life Membership. A life member is an honorary member and is entitled to none of the privileges or obligations of regular membership. The life member shall remain on the club mailing list, shall be welcome as a guest at all club functions and is entitled to moorage in accordance with Article VII. (amended 6-19-05) (amended 9-18-16)

**Section 3. APPLICATION FOR REGULAR OR DUAL MEMBERSHIP.**

a. Applications for regular or dual membership

- 1) Applications shall be made on the approved form and accompanied by a deposit as shown in Article IX. The application(s) shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. The prospective member(s) shall be invited to attend the next scheduled board meeting for introduction. If the application(s) is for dual membership, both parties shall attend. The New Membership Orientation will take place at this time.
- 2) After completion of the introduction and New Member Orientation, the application shall be acted upon by the Board. If the application(s) is approved, the applicant(s) shall be notified and then become eligible for regular membership of the club.
- 3) When an appropriate slip is available, the harbor master will contact the applicant to make an offer. If the applicant accepts the slip assignment, payment of the remaining dues, fees, and assessments per Article IX, and submittal of proof of liability insurance, shall be required. (amended 11-11-01) (amended 6-26-11) (amended 9-20-15) (amended 9-17-17)

b. Membership Liability Insurance: (added 3-25-07)

- 1) Proof of liability insurance shall be required from each membership for each boathouse, boat, jet ski, and/or other motorized watercraft owned and operated at Walla Walla Yacht Club. Proof shall be initially be submitted with the membership application as it is a condition of membership. (added 3-25-07) (amended 9-20-15)
- 2) Proof in the form of a copy of the declarations page received from the insurer shall be submitted with the first half annual payment of dues. This is a requirement for renewal of membership. Non-submittal may result in termination of membership, in accordance with Article I, Section 7. (added 3-25-07) (amended 3-27-11) (amended 9-20-15)
- 3) A liability limit for each accident, bodily injury and property damage not less than \$300,000 coverage shall be required. (added 3-25-07)

**Section 4. APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.** A regular member that is active and in good standing for the preceding three (3) years may apply in writing to the Board for associate membership. Changes from regular membership to associate membership will become effective upon approval by the Board. Dues will be as stated in Article IX. (amended 9-25-11) (amended 9-18-16)

**Section 5. APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.** A regular member or associate member that is active and in good standing for the preceding ten (10) years, who has reached the age of 65, may apply in writing to the Board for life membership. Changes from regular membership or associate membership to life membership will become effective January 1 of the following year upon approval by the Board. (amended 9-18-16)

**Section 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP - VOLUNTARY.** Any regular member of this club may resign in good standing at any time by giving notice in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall act upon such request at the next scheduled board meeting. Termination of the membership shall not release said member from the obligation to pay all dues, fees, and assessment in accordance with Article IX. (amended 9-18-16)

**Section 7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP - INVOLUNTARY.** Membership in the club may be terminated for the following reasons:

a. Membership may be terminated, by action of the Board of Directors, if any of the annual dues, fees, assessments or other moneys, including payment delinquent fees, or other membership requirements, are not paid in full for the first billing period by February 28 or for the second billing period by August 31 of each year. (amended 3-27-11)

b. A notice of membership termination, stating the sum owed which includes the reinstatement fee, the effective date of termination, and allowing 30 days after the termination date, April 1 or October 1 respectively, for removal of their property, shall be sent, via registered mail, to the terminated membership at the address on record with the WWYC. Termination of membership shall not discharge the outstanding obligation. (amended 6-19-05) (amended 3-27-11)

c. Membership may be terminated, by action of the Board of Directors, for conduct likely to endanger the reputation, welfare or good order of the club or for failure to comply with the bylaws and standing rules. A notice of termination, stating the effective date of termination and allowing 30 days after the termination date for removal of their property, shall be sent, via registered mail, to the terminated member at the address on record with the WWYC. (amended 6-19-05)

d. Disposition of Terminated Membership's property. (added 6-19-05) (amended 3-27-11)

- 1) Vessels: Vessels remaining on WWYC premises after the property removal date shall be subject to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 88.26. (added 6-19-05)
- 2) Boathouses: In the event a terminated membership's boathouse remains on the WWYC premises after the property removal date, the Walla Walla Yacht Club shall have a possessory chattel lien on the boathouse for the cost of disposing or removing the boathouse and may dispose of, or foreclose on, pursuant to any applicable laws of the State of Washington. (added 6-19-05) (amended 3-27-11)

## **Section 8. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.**

- a. Associate Membership. A regular member that is active and in good standing for the preceding three (3) years may apply in writing to the Board for associate membership. Changes from regular membership to associate membership will become effective upon approval by the Board. Dues will be as stated in Article IX. (amended 9-25-11) (amended 9-18-16)
- b. Life Membership. Life members may be reinstated to regular membership by application on the approved form and accompanied by payment for all annual membership dues, fees, and assessments in accordance with Article IX. A life member will not be required to pay an initiation fee or reinstatement fee. Should there be a waiting list for regular membership, the life member will have preference over new member's applicants. (amended 9-18-16)
- c. Former Memberships. Former members who have resigned in good standing may become eligible for reinstatement of regular membership upon acceptance of their application on the approved form and accompanied by payment for annual membership dues, fees, and assessments in accordance with Article IX. He will not be required to pay an initiation fee but shall make payment of a reinstatement fee in accordance with Article IX. Should there be a waiting list for regular membership, the former member will have preference over new member applicants. (amended 9-18-16)

## **Section 9. RENEWAL OF TERMINATED MEMBERSHIP.** (deleted 6-19-05)

**ARTICLE II**  
**GOVERNING BODY**

**Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be six (6) board members. All members of the Board of Directors are entitled to one (1) vote on board actions at board meetings. (amended 11-14-99) (amended 11-15-09)

**Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS.** A regular member shall have 2 consecutive years paid annual membership dues to be eligible for nomination as a member of the Board of Directors or Secretary/Treasurer. The nominees for Commodore and Vice Commodore shall be serving on the Board of Directors at the time of nomination. If no current member of the Board of Directors is willing to be nominated for Commodore or Vice Commodore, a regular member who has previously served on the Board of Directors may be eligible for nomination. (amended 4-23-95)

**Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE.**

a. Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer These positions shall be elected annually for a one (1) year term each (amended 11-9-97) (amended 11-14-99) (amended 11-15-09)

b. Board Members. The board members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years each.

- 1) To ensure continuity of experience, these positions shall be staggered so that (3) positions shall be elected to assume office in even years and three (3) positions shall be elected to assume office in odd years. (added 11-9-97)
- 2) To facilitate the transition from the current bylaws to staggered terms as stated in b. (1) above, the 1997 elections for 1998 officers shall elect three (3) one-year positions and three (3) two-year positions. (added 11-9-97)

**Section 4. BOARD MEETINGS.**

a. Quorum. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

b. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at a time and place designated by the Commodore. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commodore or by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Notice shall be given in sufficient time to permit attendance.

**Section 5. VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled for the remaining term by appointment by the Commodore with approval of the directors. (amended 11-9-97)

## **Section 6. TERMINATION OF OFFICE.**

- a. Absenteeism. Any elected member of the Board of Directors absent from three (3) regular board meetings per year may be removed by action of the Board of Directors, thereby constituting a vacancy on the Board of Directors. (amended 03/28/2010)
- b. Removal from Office. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office in either of the following actions:
  - 1) By majority vote of the Board at a regular or special board meeting, or -
  - 2) By two-thirds majority of those members present at any regular or special meeting in accordance with Article IV.

## **Section 7. GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

- a. The management of the club shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
- b. The Board of Directors shall recommend and implement policy for the club, apply the bylaws, establish all Standing Rules, and conduct any necessary business in the name of the club.
- c. The Board of Directors shall work with the standing and special committees in implementing the purpose of the club.
- d. The Board of Directors shall review the insurance coverage of the club at least every 2 years. They shall obtain and maintain in effect public liability insurance.
- e. (deleted 11-15-09)
- f. (deleted 11-14-99)

## **Section 8. DUTIES OF THE COMMODORE.**

- a. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings of the members of the club and the Board of Directors.
- b. The Commodore shall be responsible for negotiations with regard to club business.
- c. The Commodore is an authorized signer on all accounts. The Commodore, along with the Vice Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer are all required to sign authorizations for any financial obligations such as the establishment of checking and savings accounts and any loan contracts. Routine business such as signing checks is exempt from this requirement. (amended 11-15-98) (amended 3-24-02) (amended 3-27-11)
- d. All complaints pertaining to club management shall be directed to the Commodore.
- e. He shall exercise all other powers delegated to him in the bylaws.



## **Section 9. DUTIES OF THE VICE COMMODORE.**

- a. It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties.
- b. During the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall perform all the duties and have the authority of the Commodore.
- c. He shall also serve as harbormaster with the following duties:
  - 1) Assign moorage.
  - 2) Verify boat lengths and boathouse dimensions.
  - 3) (deleted 11-15-98)
  - 4) Make recommendations to the Board for harbor maintenance and improvements.
- d. The Vice Commodore is authorized as co-signer on all accounts. The Vice Commodore, along with the Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer are all required to sign authorizations for any financial obligations such as the establishment of checking and savings accounts and any loan contracts. Routine business such as signing checks is exempt from this requirement. (added 11-15-98) (amended 3-24-02) (amended 3-27-11)
- e. The Vice Commodore shall twice yearly perform a visual inspection of the boathouses, in accordance with the Standing Rules, A. BOATHOUSE RULES. Deficiencies will be discussed with the boathouse owner, followed with a memo to WWYC files and copy to the member. (added 3/25/07)
  - 1) The boathouse owner shall then have no more than ninety (90) days to correct all such noted connection deficiencies. After correction, the boathouse owner, together with the Vice Commodore shall inspect the repairs to confirm compliance. If the repairs are satisfactory, the Vice Commodore shall so note on the original notification. (added 9-29-19)
  - 2) Should the boathouse owner not correct the noted deficiencies within the ninety (90) day period, the Vice Commodore shall have the repairs made and bill the owner. (added 9-29-19)

## **Section 10. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY (amended 11-15-09)**

- a. Record and present the minutes of the general membership meetings, special meetings, or meetings of the Board of Directors. Meeting minutes shall be organized and maintained for official club records.
- b. Conduct correspondence relating to the club as requested.
- c. Issue notice of all meetings.
- d. Keep on record the official copy of the approved bylaws of the club. A copy of the bylaws shall be made available at all meetings.
- e. Keep a correct roll of all members with their addresses and phone numbers. (added 11-15-98)
- f. The secretary is an authorized signer on all accounts. The Secretary, along with the Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Treasurer are all required to sign authorizations for any financial obligations such as the establishment of checking and savings accounts and any loan contracts. Routine business such as signing checks is exempt from this requirement. (added 3-24-02) (amended 3-27-11)
- g. Perform other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary. (amended 3-24-02)

## **Section 11. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER** (amended 11-15-09)

- a. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual review of the financial records for the previously completed fiscal year. The review shall be conducted according to a Board of Directors approved procedure. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than the May Board Meeting of the current year. (amended 11/11/07) (amended 11-15-09)
- b. Keep a record of moorage of boats and boathouses.
- c. Receive and disburse the funds of the club under the direction of the Board of Directors.
- d. Keep records of accounts of the club. Distribute invoices for all monies due to the club.
- e. Deposit all club funds in the bank approved by the Board of Directors.
- f. The treasurer shall be the primary authorized signer on all WWYC accounts. The Treasurer, along with the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Secretary, are all required to sign authorizations for any financial obligations such as the establishment of checking and savings accounts and any loan contracts. Routine business such as signing checks is exempt from this requirement. (11-15-98) (amended 3-24-02) (amended 3-27-11)
- g. Serve as a chairman of the Budget Committee. (amended 11-15-09)
- h. The Treasurer shall report to the members at the March meeting on the proposed fiscal year's budget as approved by the Board of Directors. (amended 3-25-07)
- i. Bill annual dues, work hour fees, electric usage, gas usage, and all other monies due as directed in Article IX, Financial Responsibilities. (amended 6-26-11) (amended 9-25-11)
- k. (deleted 9-25-11)
- l. In the event of resignation of a membership in good standing or involuntary termination of membership, all monies owed are due and payable within 30 days. (added 9-25-11)

## **Section 12. PAYMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY.**

- a. The Officers of the Governing Body, who in compensation for services performed, shall each be credited in full for their annual regular membership dues. (added 9-13-09) (amended 3-31-19)
- b. Payment shall be effective 1 January 2019. (added 9-13-09) (amended 3-31-19)
- c. Members of the board, who in compensation for services performed, shall each be credited one-half of their annual regular membership dues (added 9-13-09) (amended 3-31-19)
- d. Board members (crew leaders) that have large projects may request that an assistant be assigned, as needed. The assistant would be appointed by the Commodore. Compensation would be credit for one-fourth of their annual dues. This would be limited to one-year terms, renewable by the Commodore if needed. (effective 9-18-22)
- e. Payment shall be effective 1 January 2019 (added 9-13-09) (amended 3-31-19)

## ARTICLE III

### **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The Commodore shall appoint a three-member nominating committee. The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of nominees for the Board of Directors consisting of 4 officers and vacant board member positions. The Nominating Committee shall take into consideration the various interests of the club and have each represented on the slate of nominees. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer to assure that the slate of nominees is mailed to each regular member at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting. (amended 11-15-92) (amended 3-20-05) (amended 06-19-05)

**Section 2. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.** Nominations from the floor shall be accepted after the slate of the Nominating Committee has been read at the annual membership meeting.

**Section 3. ELECTIONS.** Elections shall proceed in the following order: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board Members.

## ARTICLE IV

### **COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. APPOINTMENT.** The Commodore shall appoint all committees and committee chairmen as appropriate from the regular membership of the club, subject to confirmation of the Board. The Commodore is as an ex-officio member of all committees, without the privilege of a vote, except in case of ties.

**Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES.** There shall be three (3) standing committees, namely Social Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and Newsletter Committee. These committees shall serve for a one-year term.

**Section 3. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** The Commodore may appoint temporary committees for a special purpose. These committees shall be the Nominating Committee and Budget Committee, as defined in these bylaws, in addition to any other committee as needed.

**Section 4. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE.** The Vice Commodore shall be chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The members of the Board of Directors shall be members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Additionally, any club member, who wishes, may participate in the Long Range Planning Committee. (added 11-11-95)

**ARTICLE V**  
**ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**  
(amended in total 03-28-10)

**Section 1. ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

- a. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman of the Budget Committee.
- b. Annual Operating Budget. The Budget Committee shall present a preliminary operating budget to the Board of Directors at the February meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall develop a recommended operating budget to present to the general membership at the March meeting. (amended 11-9-97)
- c. Approval. The annual operating budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the March General Membership meeting. (amended 11-9-97)

**Section 2: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

- a. Capital Expenses Committee. The Capital Expenses Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Commodore who is also tasked as Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The members of the Capital Expenses Committee will be the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Reference Article IV, Section 4.
- b. Capital Expenditures. Capital expenditures are not a part of normal operating expenses. Capital expenditures include special projects and acquisitions with a life of one year or more. They shall be accounted for separately on the balance sheet. Capital expenditures and acquisitions less than \$2,000 will be considered as part of the annual operating budget.
- c. Capital Expenditures Budget Submittal: The Capital Expenses Committee shall present a preliminary budget to the Board of Directors by the February board meeting. This report will be integrated into the budget overview.
- d. Approval. The Annual Capital Expenses budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the March General Membership Meeting. Additional capital expenses shall be approved, as needed, by the membership at general membership meetings or at special membership meetings, if required.

**Section 3. EXCESS OBLIGATION.** The officers and/or the Board of Directors and/or any paid employee of the club or any member shall not obligate the club in excess of the approved total annual operating budget without ratification in accordance with Article VI, Section 4.

**Section 4. EMERGENCY SPENDING.** If the Board determines that there is not enough money available in the operating budget to meet an emergency expense, then the board will declare an emergency which allows the board to authorize spending from other club resources.

**Section 5: ASSESSMENTS.** Non-budgeted costs to the club may be financed through assessments.

- a. Proposal: Assessments may be proposed by the Board or may be proposed by the membership at a general membership meeting through an approved motion.
- b. Notification: All proposed assessments shall be presented in writing to the membership in accordance with Article VI, Section 3.
- c. Action: Action on the proposed assessments shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting or at a special meeting held prior thereto.

## ARTICLE VI

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 1. GENERAL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.** General membership meetings shall be held in March, June, September, and November. The November meeting shall be considered the annual meeting for the election of officers. The meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Commodore. (amended 11-9-97)

**Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of members of the club may be called by the Commodore or by any ten (10) members.

**Section 3. NOTICE OF MEETING.** Any meeting of the membership shall require written notice mailed to each membership. Notice shall be made at least ten (10) days previous to the date for the meeting. Such notice shall state the place, day, hour, and purpose of the meeting. Mailing of the notice to the last address known by the Secretary/Treasurer shall constitute compliance with this requirement.

**Section 4. RATIFICATION.**

- a. Quorum. Fifteen percent (15%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum. (amended 9-18-16)
- b. Vote. Any action, other than amendment to these bylaws or removal of a board member or officer, shall require a simple majority of those members present at any meeting in which a quorum is present.

## ARTICLE VII

### **MOORAGE AND CAMPGROUND USE**

#### **Section 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MOORAGE.**

- a. Each regular membership is obligated to pay for moorage for one assigned open moorage space or one boathouse moorage space per membership. (amended 4-21-96) (amended 6-10-01) (amended 6-26-11)
- b. No member shall sublet or allow usage of his moorage or any portion thereof except to another regular member in good standing.
- c. Moorage is not transferable with the sale of a boat or boathouse.
- d. In case of dual membership, no additional moorage facilities will be available except as provided herein. (added 6-26-11)
  - 1) A moorage priority list will be maintained and administered by the Vice Commodore under Article II, Section 9. for regular membersships who wish to move to a different moorage. (added 6-26-11)
  - 2) If either member of a dual membership wishes to apply for separate moorage, there shall be a waiting period of 12 months after the establishment of the dual membership before they are eligible to make this change. (added 6-26-11)
  - 3) The request for separate moorage is entered at the bottom of the current membership waiting list and ahead of those on the non-member waiting list. (added 6-26-11)
  - 4) If no one is listed on the non-member waiting list, or if those so listed decline, the 12-month waiting period may be waived by approval of the Board. (added 06-24-12)
- e. A moorage priority list will be maintained and administered by the Vice Commodore under Article II, Section 9 for regular members who wish to move to a different moorage.
- f. The Board of Directors reserves the right to rearrange moorage. Any conflict should be resolved among the member(s) and/or be in the best interest of the club.
- g. (deleted 3-29-2015)

**Section 2. ADDITIONAL MOORAGE.** Additional moorage per each regular membership shall not be made available after January 1, 2011. The exception to this rule is that any boat moored as additional moorage as of January 1, 2011 shall have moorage available as long as the ownership does not change. (amended 3-27-11)

**Section 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP MOORAGE AND CAMPGROUND USE.** An associate member is entitled to 14 days for moorage and campground use total per year, as available. (amended 9-21-14)

**Section 4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP MOORAGE AND CAMPGROUND USE.** A life member is entitled 14 days for moorage and campground use total per year, as available. (amended 9-21-14)

## **Section 5. NON-MEMBER MOORAGE.**

- a. Courtesy Moorage. Courtesy moorage may be provided under the following circumstances:
  - 1) Visitors from other yacht clubs with reciprocal privileges. Courtesy moorage shall not exceed 2 consecutive weeks not more often than 2 times per year.
  - 2) Visitors in transit may be provided no more than 2 consecutive night's moorages without charge.
- b. Guest Moorage. Guests accompanied by members may use moorage facilities for a limit of 5 consecutive days and not more often than 2 times per year without charge.
- c. Temporary Moorage. Temporary moorage is any moorage extending beyond the courtesy or guest moorage limits on a fee basis. Moorage shall be assessed at a fixed rate per night according to Article IX. Temporary moorage shall not be extended beyond 10 days of the above stated time limits. Any moorage for other club activities or commercial interests shall be arranged with the Board.



## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **GUESTS**

Members of WWYC shall abide by the following when sponsoring non-members:

- a. The Walla Walla Yacht Club facilities are for members and member's guests only.
- b. Guests have no membership privileges.
- c. Guests must be accompanied by a sponsoring member.
- d. Guests may not have overnight privileges unless the sponsoring members are present.
- e. The Walla Walla Yacht Club facilities shall not be used for the unaccompanied vacation of guests.
- f. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their invited guests and for any damage to the facilities.
- g. Guests shall sign in at the clubhouse.

## ARTICLE IX

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

**Section 1. FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the club shall commence on the first day of April and end on the 31st day of March.

**Section 2. STANDING FEE SCHEDULE.** The amounts of standing fees as described are shown in the attached Standing Fee Schedule.

**Section 3.** (deleted 9-18-16)

**Section 4. INITIATION FEE.** A new member accepted into the Club shall pay a one-time initiation fee.

**Section 5. REINSTATEMENT FEE.** A former member reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Article I shall pay a reinstatement fee.

**Section 6. ANNUAL REGULAR MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Annual dues of each regular member shall be as stated in the Standing Fee Schedule. Annual regular membership dues shall be prorated only in the following circumstances: (amended 9-15-02) (amended 6-26-11)

- a. If a new membership joins after July 1 of the current year, the new membership shall owe membership dues for only the second billing period (July 1 through December 31). (amended 6-26-11)
- b. If a current membership in good standing resigns their membership before June 30 of the current year, the current membership shall owe membership dues for only the first billing period (January 1 through June 30). (amended 6-26-11)

**Section 7. ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Annual associate membership dues shall be as stated in the Standing Fee Schedule.

**Section 8. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FEE.** It is the member's responsibility to fulfill this requirement.

a. The annual repair and maintenance fee shall be as set forth in the fee schedule and may be paid in dollars, work hours or any combination of the two that equals the scheduled fee. Work hours shall be earned by working on approved repair, maintenance or improvement tasks/projects. Work hours for the "current year" shall accrue during the 12-month period beginning with the prior year November 1 and ending October 31 of the current year. Work hours, in excess of 20 in any accrual period, shall not be carried forward to the following year(s). Work hours shall not be prorated. Work hours may be earned by the member or by special arrangements with the Commodore. (amended 3-20-05) (amended 6-19-05) (amended 9-25-11) (amended 11-10-13)(amended 9-26-21)

b. (deleted 9-25-11)

c. For current memberships in good standing, any portion of the fee not paid by work hours is due November 1, payable no later than November 30, of the current year. For terminated memberships, voluntary or involuntary, payment of the work hours owed is due within 30 days. (amended 3-20-05) (amended 6-19-05) (amended 9-25-11)

**Section 9. ANNUAL MOORAGE FEES.** Boat slip and boathouse charges shall be as shown in the Standing Fee Schedule. Annual moorage fees shall not be prorated. (amended 9-25-11)

## **Section 10. PAYMENT OF REGULAR ANNUAL MOORAGE FEES AND MEMBERSHIP DUES**

a. Moorage Fees and Annual Dues: All moorage fees and annual dues are due when billed. Non-payment after 60 days may incur a reinstatement fee or membership termination in accordance with Article 1, Section 7. (amended 9-20-15)

1) The first half of the annual dues and all moorage fees are billable January 1 of each year and due no later than February 28 of each year. Any member having an outstanding balance on March 1 may have their membership terminated on April 1 in accordance with Article 1, Section 7. (amended 9-13-09) (amended 3-27-11)

2) The second half of the annual dues is billable July 1 of each year and payable no later than August 31-of each year. Any member having an outstanding balance on September 1 may have their membership terminated on October 1 in accordance with Article 1, Section 7. (amended 9-13-09) (amended 11-15-09) (amended 3-27-11)

3) A reinstatement fee may be billed on March 1, or September 1, respectively, for non-payment of annual membership dues and moorage fees. If the total outstanding balance owed is not received by April 1 or October 1, respectively, the membership shall be considered terminated in accordance with Article 1, Section 7. (added 3-27-11) (amended 9-20-15)

4) If there are extenuating circumstances sufficient to delay payments beyond the above established dates, the member may contact the Commodore and an appeal may be made to the Board of Directors. (added 3-27-11)

b. Membership Liability Insurance: (added 3-25-07) (moved to Article 1, Section 3, 9-20-15)

## **Section 11. PAYMENT OF OTHER BILLINGS** (amended 3-20-05) (amended 6-19-05) (amended 3-27-11) (amended 9-20-15)

a. All Other Billings, are due when billed. Any outstanding balance past due more than 30 days may have the payment delinquent (late fee) added. The late fee will be added to each consecutive re-billing until full payment for that billing is received. This is effective as of 7/1/2015 (amended 9-20-15).

1) Electricity usage shall be billed twice each calendar year. The first billing shall be included in the July 1 billing for annual dues. The second billing shall be included with the final billing in November. (amended 9-25-11)

2) Gas purchases shall be billed four times each calendar year. The first billing shall be included with the July 1 billing; the second billing will be on August 1, and the third billing on September 1. The fourth billing shall be included with the final billing in November.

3) All other fees, including work hours, assessments and purchases of other goods or services are due when billed.

## **Section 12. ASSESSMENTS**. Assessments shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the approved assessment proposal in accordance with Article V, Section 5.

## **Section 13. OTHER FEES**. Other than fees referenced in Section 3 through 10 above, charges as referenced in these bylaws will be shown on the standing fee schedule.

## **ATTACHMENT TO ARTICLE IX**

### **STANDING FEE SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Section 3.</u></b>	<b><u>Application deposit</u></b> (added 11-11-01) (amended 9-18-16)	\$50.00
<b><u>Section 4:</u></b>	<b><u>Initiation Fee</u></b> (shall not be prorated) (amended 9-15-02)	\$300.00
<b><u>Section 5.</u></b>	<b><u>Reinstatement Fee</u></b> (amended 3-26-23)	\$150.00
<b><u>Section 6:</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Regular Membership Dues and Fees</u></b> (amended 9-13-09) (may be prorated ½ yearly; see Article IX, Section 6)	

a. Total Annual Membership Dues: \$900.00

The dues shall be payable as follows:

(amended 11-11-01) (amended 9-15-02) (amended 9-13-09) (amended 9-18--22)

- 1) 1st half: Billable January 1, payable no later than February 28 \$450.00  
(amended 11-11-01) (amended 9-15-02) (amended 9-13-09) (amended 9-18-22)
- 2) 2nd half: Billable July 1, payable no later than August 31 \$450.00  
(amended 11-11-01) (amended 9-15-02) (amended 9-13-09) (amended 9-18-22)

<b><u>Section 7. Annual Associate Membership Dues</u></b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
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**Section 8. Annual Repair and Maintenance Fee** (shall not be prorated) \$600.00  
or approved work hours at an hourly rate = \$30.00/hour  
(amended 3-20-05) (amended 6-19-05) (amended 3-25-07) (amended 9-25-11)  
(amended 11-10-13) (amended 9-26-21)

**Section 9. Annual Moorage Fees** (shall not be prorated) (amended 9-25-11)

a. Annual Open Moorage Fees:

Boat Slips (20 foot Minimum)	\$55.00
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Plus: \$5.00 per foot for each foot exceeding 20 feet.

Length is based on the manufacturer's stated length.  
(amended 6-10-01)

b. Annual Boathouses Fees:

The sum of Frontage and Depth:

Frontage (parallel to dock) at \$4.50 per foot

Plus, Depth (perpendicular to dock) at \$1.50 per foot

c. Deleted (3-27-11)

d. Deleted (3-27-11)

**Section 10. Payment Delinquent Fee**

(amended 3-20-05) (amended 3-26-23)

\$50.00

**Section 11. Other**

- a. Temporary Moorage per night \$10.00
- b. Gas Key Deposit (refundable upon return) (amended 6-24-12) \$50.00
- c. Two club keys shall be provided to each regular membership and associate membership, without charge. Cost for replacement key is non-refundable. (added 11-11-01) \$20.00
- d. Metered electricity (amended 3-20-05) Current rate
- e. Gasoline  
Cost of gas shall be cost at refilling of the storage tank plus 30% surcharge per gallon.  
(amended 11-15-98) (amended 06-04-06) (9-18-22)
- f. Burgee cost (added 11-11-07) \$25.00
- g. Boathouse Connection Deficiencies as billed  
The boathouse owner shall be billed for unrepaired connection deficiencies after 90 days from notice. (revised 9-29-19)
- h. RV Site Use (added 03-29-20)  
Year Use \$120.00  
Per night – membership: \$ 10.00  
Per night - guest: \$ 15.00  
  
Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging – Annual\_ \$120.00  
(added 9-18-22)
- i. Line Use (added 3-9-20)  
Fee for line used but not returned within 30 days. \$ 30.00

**Section 12. Assessments**

- a. Assessment approved for funding cost to install additional pilings. \$750 annually  
Assessment is per membership, 2024 through 2028. Assessments will be billed January 1 and July 1 for one-half of the annual assessment.  
(added 9-17-23)
- 1) 1st half: Billable January 1, payable no later than February 28 \$375.00
- 2) 2nd half: Billable July 1, payable no later than August 31 \$375.00

## **ARTICLE X**

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

The provisions of these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at any meeting in which a quorum, as established in Article VI, is present. Amendments to these bylaws shall be proposed through the Board or through an approved motion presented at a membership meeting. All proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to voting. Mailing of the proposed amendment to the last address known by the Secretary/Treasurer shall constitute compliance with this requirement.