

The Sailing Club At The Ohio State University

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The Name Of This Organization Shall Be The “Sailing Club At The Ohio State University.” Hereafter The “Club.”

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to provide facilities for the activity of sailing, the opportunity for instruction in sailing and for intercollegiate racing, and to provide a social atmosphere for people with common interest in sailing.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Sailing Club At The Ohio State University *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

The Sailing Club At The Ohio State University *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

Section C. Bylaws

The Sailing Club At The Ohio State University *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be*

consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

All students, faculty, and staff of the Ohio State University shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be denied membership to this organization. Only currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students shall be competing members. All other members shall be considered non-competing members. Competing members will have eight semesters of racing eligibility, in accordance with ICSA policy.

Section B. Member Selection

To become a member of the sailing club an interested person must pay semester dues and attend club practices, regattas, and/or social events. Membership is maintained on a semester basis.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Members may join at any time in accordance with Article IV Section B.

Section D. Member Removal

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the total membership of the Club, a member may be expelled from the Club for reasons specified in the by-laws. One week's notice to the membership of the Club, and to the person under impeachment, in writing, shall be required before such recommendation may be considered by the membership.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The club advisor shall assist the club as requested by the executive board, and serve along with the commodore as representative to Hoover, the University, and other partners of the club.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor shall retain office as long as is mutually agreeable between them and the club.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Upon recommendation of the Executive Board and approval of a majority of the total membership, a new faculty advisor may be selected.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Upon recommendation of the Executive Board and approval of two-thirds of the total membership, a faculty advisor may be removed, and a new advisor may be nominated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

- A. Commodore – shall preside over all of the meetings of the Club; shall appoint all committees not elected or otherwise specified; shall serve as standing member of all committees; shall represent the Club to Hoover Sailing Club; shall represent the Club to The Ohio State University; shall be permanent chairperson of all Club regular committees.
- B. Vice Commodore – shall be, in the absence of the Commodore, fulfilling the duties of the Commodore; shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the property of the Club.
- C. Rear Commodore(s) – shall be responsible for all Club social trips and functions; shall organize all membership events.
- D. Fleet Captains – shall be responsible for all Club competitive events; shall be responsible for organizing practice; shall be responsible for travel and lodging arrangements for competitive events.
- E. Treasurer – shall be custodian of all Club funds, shall distribute said funds as ordered by the Club, shall keep all financial record to date and in the fashion described by the University. Shall be audited by the president and by a board member selected at random, not of the presidents or treasurers choosing.
- F. Secretary – shall keep a written record of all Club and Executive Committee meetings; shall conduct necessary Club correspondence; shall maintain all non-financial records of the Club; shall make arrangements for meeting and office space for the Club; shall be responsible for advertising the Club through conventional or electronic means; Shall oversee the Club's social media presence and website.
- G. Recruiting and Outreach Chairperson - shall recruit new members to the club; shall act as point of communication to alumni of the club; shall act as point of communication to outside individuals; shall organize all recruitment events.
- H. Apparel and Fundraising Chairperson – shall keep a record of all Club apparel and merchandise and be responsible for its storage and upkeep; shall oversee sales of apparel and merchandise; shall find opportunities and organize activities to raise funds for the Club.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

All elected officers shall meet Club and University requirements, and be an active due paying member for the semester of nomination and each semester they serve as an Officer. To be eligible to

run for commodore, a member must have previously served for at least one year in another Officer role.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers shall be elected at a scheduled meeting after December 1 and before the MCSA Midwinter's meeting. Nominations shall take place at the Club's Thanksgiving meeting and the list of nominees shall be presented by the Executive Board one week before the meeting at which elections will be held. Additions to the list may be made at any time until the beginning of the meeting by any member. Elections shall be held by secret ballot unless otherwise prescribed by a two-thirds majority of those present.

Section D. Officer Removal

If any officer is found to be derelict in his or her duties, that officer may be impeached and subsequently removed from office. The officer must be notified of the action in writing one week before any announcement of such action is made to the membership as a whole. After the announcement, the officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership or by unanimous decision by the rest of the board. Impeachment may occur by either a recommendation from the Executive Board or by a petition signed by 15% of the total membership of the Club. All officers appointed or elected are subject to this provision.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The club shall be dissolved if there are fewer than six active members in the club for two subsequent semesters.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Should the club be dissolved, the boats owned by the club shall be donated to Hoover Sailing Club, and all remaining club funds shall be donated to a sailing nonprofit as decided by the last commodore at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Amendments or revisions to this Constitution shall be enacted in the following manner: all revisions and/or amendments must be presented to the Executive Board in writing before consideration. The proposal must then pass consideration at one regularly scheduled meeting. A majority of the membership present must vote in the affirmative for the proposal to be enacted. No alterations to the proposal are permitted after the first consideration from the Executive Board.

