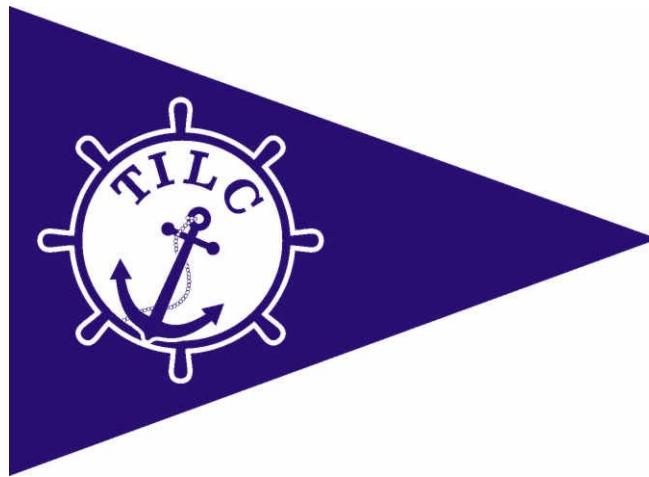


By-Laws of the  
**TILC**  
**Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc**



**Formerly “The Outboard Club of the Tonawandas Inc.”**

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**ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND NAME**

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc. is to encourage the sport of boating; to promote the science of seamanship and navigation; to serve the interests of boat owners; to prevent the pollution of neighboring recreational waters; to stimulate interest in boating among the citizens in the area served by the club; to develop a fraternal spirit among boating enthusiasts; to provide a medium of exchange of boating information; to take proper action against discriminatory legislation and taxation affecting the lawful purposes of the corporation; to own or lease real and personal property for corporation uses; to develop more adequate boat storage and dock facilities; to do all things which will tend to serve present owners of boating equipment and to further interest in boating generally and to do any and all things necessary or proper in connection with, or incidental to, any of the foregoing purposes.

Section 2 – Name

The name of this club shall be “TONAWANDA ISLAND LAUNCH CLUB, INC.”

**ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the TILC shall be comprised of the following specific groups: Active, Associate, Junior, and Mariner. All membership placements held prior to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 will not be altered by this bylaws change and those memberships will retain the rights and privileges of that placement.

Section 1a – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP in the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc. shall be open to only married couples residing within the Niagara Frontier who are interested in boating. Active members maintain full club privileges and rights.

### Section 1b – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any unmarried children, age 23 and over, of active members who have maintained 5 years of continuous Active Membership prior to the child's application for Associate Membership. Associate Members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an Active Member, except they shall not be eligible for elected office. They do have full voting rights. Associate membership status requires request by the member, board recommendation, and membership approval. Junior members or others who become eligible for associate membership shall have initiation fees waved and will not be required to be placed on the waiting list. Associate members automatically become Active Members upon marriage of that member. Associate Membership requires full dues payment.

### Section 1c – JUNIOR MEMBERS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP is open to the children, under the age of 23, of an Active Member. Junior Members shall not be eligible for elected office nor have voting rights. A Junior Member upon attaining the age of 23 may apply for Associate Membership (or Active Membership if eligible under the grandfather clause listed above.). If a Junior Member should marry, they shall be eligible for immediate entry as an Active Member upon completion of the membership process regardless of the active count. No initiation fee shall be required upon their application for Active Membership. If a Junior Member should own his own boat and wishes to use the Club launching and docking facilities, he must pay the amount equal to membership dues as annual launching and docking fee.

### Section 1d – MARINER MEMBERSHIP

MARINER MEMBERSHIP shall include members above 70 years of age who no longer require the use of docking or launch facilities, but wish to continue as members in the TILC. These members must have maintained 7 years of continuous, "active" status prior to the request for Mariner placement. They shall not have to pay dues and/or assessments. They shall not have voting rights or be eligible for office. They shall not count toward active membership. Mariner membership status requires request by the member, board recommendation, and membership approval. Mariner members shall pay annual dues of \$50.00.

### SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP CHARTER

The membership charter shall be closed at eighty-five (85) active memberships with further applicants for new membership to be put on a waiting list until an opening occurs. Married children of current members (with 5 years of continuous active membership) shall be eligible for immediate entry as an Active Member upon completion of the membership process regardless of the active count. No initiation fee shall be required upon their application for Active Membership.

### Section 3 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership in the Club shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. The membership application, in its

approved form, shall contain signatures of both applicants and an agreement to abide by the By-Laws of the Club, including a statement of desired interests and participation for the good and welfare of the Club.

### SECTION 3a - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application for membership shall first be referred to the Membership Committee for investigation and approval; secondly, to the Board of Directors for approval and thirdly, to the general membership for approval. For the general membership to decline an application for membership, eight (8) negative votes are required. If the application is approved, the applicant shall receive written notice and become a member upon payment of dues effective the month of acceptance.

### SECTION 4 – MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING shall:

1. Have written true and accurate information on the TILC application form
2. Demonstrate active participation in club responsibilities (i.e. – meetings, functions, and work parties.)
3. Demonstrate appropriate conduct as a member of the TILC
4. Pay dues and/or assessments according to club policy.

Failure to comply with these conditions **may result in Board review**. Recommendation of the Board **and** approval by a majority at a membership meeting may initiate loss of docking privileges, loss of club usage privileges and/or termination of membership. Termination of any member shall not release said membership from the obligation to pay all monies owing to the Club to the end of the membership. These actions require written notification to the member prior to the membership meeting.

### SECTION 5a - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any member in good standing may request a **Leave Of Absence** for a maximum period of one (1) year. The membership must apply in writing, with approval contingent on recommendation of the Board of Directors and the approval of the general membership. All LOA's terminate as of December 31st of that year and membership will be terminated if payment of the next year's dues is not received according to the bylaws.

### SECTION 5b – Leave Of Absence (MILITARY)

A member may receive special considerations while serving in the Armed Forces for a term or enlistment not to exceed four (4) years or a government required obligation. The member shall not be required to pay the regular monthly dues and assessments. This member shall not have voting privilege but shall maintain all other club privileges. Military LOA requires request by the member, Board recommendation, & membership approval. Any member in this category shall have ninety days (90) from the date of honorable discharge or release from active duty, whichever occurs first, to request reinstatement to active membership. This must be done in writing, to the secretary.

### SECTION 6 - RESIGNATION

A member in good standing may resign from the Club at any time upon a notice, in writing, to the secretary. Termination of any member shall not release said member from the obligation to pay all monies owing to the Club to the end of the membership or responsibility/liability for the return of the clubhouse key.

#### SECTION 7 - DEATH OF AN, "ACTIVE" MEMBER

If death occurs to an active member of the club, the surviving spouse may retain active membership upon payment of regular dues.

#### SECTION 8 – DIVORCE

In the event of divorce, either party may retain active membership upon payment of regular membership dues. These will be considered 2 separate active memberships.

### **ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### SECTION 1 - MANAGEMENT OF AFFAIRS

The management of the affairs and properties of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of the elective officers of the Club and the immediate Past Commodore.

#### SECTION 2 - TERM OF OFFICE

Members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the term during which they serve as an elective officer of the Club or until their successors are elected and installed.

#### SECTION 3 - REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at a time and place designated by the Commodore. Newly elected officers shall be invited to attend the January Board Meeting.

#### SECTION 4 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Commodore may call special meetings of the Board of Directors when sufficient notice is given to permit the Directors to be present.

#### SECTION 5 – QUORUM

A quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members of the Board; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting

#### SECTION 6 - EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES

The Board of Directors shall be limited to using budgeted funds or emergency expenditures to protecting the assets of the club.

## **ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1 - ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

The elective officers of the Club shall be; a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected each year to serve one (1) year, and three (3) Trustees, one (1) of whom shall be elected each year to serve three (3) consecutive years.

### **SECTION 2 – ELECTIONS**

The officers of the Club shall be elected at the November membership meeting. The new officers shall be installed by the Trustees during the opening of the first general meeting after January 1st, and shall hold office for the term as provided in Section 1 of Article 4 of the By-Laws or until their successors shall be elected and installed.

### **SECTION 3 - CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**

Candidates for office shall be members in good standing only and shall be nominated at the September and October general membership meetings. Nominees must be present at the membership meeting and give verbal approval or rejection of nomination. Nominees' names may be submitted through the Nominating Committee by written acceptance of the nominee. All written acceptances must to through the Nominating Committee. Nominations shall be closed at the October meeting.

### **SECTION 3a - ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMODORE / VICE COMMODORE**

To be eligible for the office of Commodore and/or Vice Commodore, a member shall have served one (1) full term as chairman of a major standing committee or as an elective officer of the Club.

### **SECTION 3b - ELIGIBILITY FOR TRUSTEE**

To be eligible for the office of Trustee, a member shall have served one full term as an elected officer of the Club.

### **SECTION 3c - LENGTH OF SERVICE, COMMODORE**

The Commodore shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

### **SECTION 4 - COMMODORE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Directors; shall be a member, ex-officio, of all committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned by the By-Laws and by the Board of Directors. The incoming commodore shall prepare the annual budget for presentation at the January Board Meeting

### **SECTION 5 - VICE COMMODORE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Vice Commodore shall exercise the function of the Commodore during the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore. Shall act as editor of the Shearpin and shall cause it to be published monthly, prior to each membership meeting, containing

news of importance to the membership. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 6 - SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Secretary shall keep minutes, correspondence, and other official reports of the Club. Shall send official letters when so directed by the Commodore, Board of Directors, or the general membership. Shall issue vouchers to the Treasurer for all approved expenditures. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 7 - FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Financial Secretary shall receive and record all dues, assessments, and monies turned over by the Club Committees and shall turn over such monies to the Treasurer. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 8 - TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Treasurer shall have custody of all the monies received from the Financial Secretary of the Club and shall keep regular books of accounts. Shall disburse the funds of the Club in payment of the demands against the Club as ordered by the Board of Directors with the approval of the general membership, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the Trustees from time to time as may be required, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 9 - TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees shall prepare a quarterly audit and submit same to the general membership of the Club. They shall maintain a safety deposit box in a bank authorized by the Board of Directors which shall contain the Club corporate papers and seal and all other documents ordered there by the first (1st) and second (2nd) Trustees. Trustees shall also administer a separate bank account for the purpose of accumulating and repaying the necessary monies for the property purchase and other major indebtedness. Withdrawal of funds from this account will require the consent of any two (2) trustees.

### **SECTION 10 - VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICE**

Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the general membership at any membership meeting at which a quorum is present. The successor so chosen and qualified shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor and shall receive, after serving four (4) months, full credit for that office and shall be eligible for nomination to offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Trustee.

## **ARTICLE 5 - FINANCIAL POLICIES**

### **SECTION 1 – MONIES**

The monies held by the treasurer shall be deposited in the name of the Club in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors shall designate and shall be withdrawn by check or withdrawal order signed by one (1) of the following officers; Commodore, Vice Commodore or Treasurer. Financial records of the Club shall be handled on a calendar year basis.

## **ARTICLE 6 - BUDGET**

### **SECTION 1 - BUDGET SUBMISSION**

The Board of Directors shall submit to the general membership at the January meeting a proposed budget of the expenditures covering the total anticipated expenditures for the new year. This budget shall be considered and approved, with or without revisions, subject to review and revision at any regular membership meeting thereafter. The Board of Directors and/or any paid employee of the Club shall not obligate the Club in excess of the approved budget.

## **ARTICLE 7 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 - DUES**

The dues shall be two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year plus applicable state and local sales taxes, payable in advance, except that dues may be paid in two (2) installments, one-half due by the night of the February general membership meeting and the balance in full by the night of the May general membership meeting.

### **SECTION 1a - DUES, NEW MEMBERSHIP**

The dues on the new incoming membership shall begin the month of their acceptance by the general membership.

### **SECTION 2 - INITIATION FEE**

The initiation fee shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable with the application for membership.

### **SECTION 3 - DELINQUENT DUES**

Dues and/or assessments shall be considered delinquent if not paid in advance or one-half by the night of the February general membership meeting and the balance in full by

the night of the May general membership meeting. All payments not postmarked by dates above shall be penalized 10% of the balance due in the period.

### SECTION 3a - DELINQUENT DUES ACTION

All delinquent memberships shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall notify the delinquents by mail and the Directors shall make recommendations to the general membership of those delinquents whose memberships should be terminated.

### SECTION 3b - GOOD STANDING MEMBER

All memberships not delinquent in dues and/or assessments shall be considered memberships in good standing.

### SECTION 4 - MOORING FEE, ANNUAL

The mooring fee for slips shall be four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per year. The fee may be paid in two (2) installments, one-half due by January 15th and the balance when members boat goes in the water or at the May general membership meeting, whichever comes first.

## **ARTICLE 8 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### SECTION 1 - PLACE, DATE AND HOUR

The place, date and hour of all membership meetings shall be sent, in writing, to each active membership as directed by the Board of Directors, and all such meetings shall be held as designated in the notice. Only adult members in good standing shall be allowed to attend such meetings.

A member in good standing who is single, widowed or divorced may, if he or she desires, have one adult significant other person accompany him or her to a meeting. The significant other person who accompanies a member to a meeting will not have voting rights and must be informed not to offer opinion during a meeting.

### SECTION 2 - ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held in January.

### SECTION 3 - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the second Saturday night of each month with the exception of the month of July when no regular membership meeting will be scheduled.

#### SECTION 4 - SPECIAL MEETING

Special meetings may be called by any twelve (12) members in good standing upon petition in writing and presented to the Commodore and/or Secretary, stating the purpose of the meeting and giving seven (7) days notice; time and place to be agreed upon by all parties. Only the purpose stated on the petition shall be transacted and all twelve (12) who signed the petition shall be present at the meeting.

#### SECTION 5 - A QUORUM

A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall consist of memberships representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the qualified voters of the entire membership; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting. Any action taken at a regular or special meeting shall require a majority vote of those qualified voters present.

#### SECTION 6 - QUALIFIED VOTER

A qualified voter shall be an adult member of active membership and shall have the right to cast one (1) vote.

#### SECTION 6A - VOTING AT MEETINGS

Voting at all membership meetings may be via voice or by show of hands, but any qualified voter may demand a secret vote whereupon such secret vote shall be taken by ballot.

#### SECTION 6b - VOTING FOR OFFICERS

Voting for elective officers of the Club shall be by secret vote and shall be taken by ballot.

#### SECTION 6c - TELLERS OF BALLOTS

Tellers of the ballot shall be appointed by the Commodore prior to the time of the ballot and shall consist of one (1) Trustee and two (2) members from the general membership who shall receive and take charge of all ballots.

#### SECTION 6d - LEGAL BALLOT PROCEDURE

Legal ballot procedure shall require: The proposal to be placed on the ballot; Each qualified voter to acknowledge receipt of the ballot; Ballots to be issued in accordance with the roster of the active membership and no extra ballots are to be issued.

## **SECTION 7 - INSPECTORS DUTIES - OF ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Three inspectors of election shall be appointed by the Commodore prior to the opening of the nomination for elective officers of the Club and shall consist of one (1) Trustee, as Chairman and two (2) members from the general membership. The inspectors shall explain, to the membership, the duties of the offices to be filled and the qualifications necessary to accept nomination. They shall screen all accepted nominations for the required qualifications and shall post the names of qualifiers for the general membership's review. They shall act as tellers of the ballot as provided in Section 6c of Article 8 of the By-Laws.

## **SECTION 7a - WHO MAY SERVE**

A nominee for elective office cannot serve on this committee.

# **ARTICLE 9 - COMMITTEES**

## **SECTION 1 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN**

The Commodore shall appoint all committee chairman for the major and minor standing committees and all other committees necessary for the advantage of the Club.

## **SECTION 2 - MAJOR COMMITTEES**

The major standing committees shall be the;

### **SECTION 2.1 - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Membership Committee which shall consist of three (3) or more members. They shall screen all applications for membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to the merits of each application. They shall conduct membership drives when the Membership Charter is open. They shall welcome visitors and new members, presenting new members to the general membership and keep a roll call ledger of all members present at the membership meetings. They shall keep an up-to-date roster of all active memberships.

### **SECTION 2.2 - ENTERTAINMENT**

Entertainment Committee which shall plan and organize social activities for all ages.

### SECTION 2.3 - WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and Means Committee which shall plan and organize ways and means of raising funds for the Club.

### SECTION 2.4 - CRUISE COMMITTEE

Cruise Committee which shall plan and organize cruises of interest to the Club membership.

### SECTION 2.5 - PROPERTY IMPROVMENT

Property Improvement Committee which shall consist of five (5) or more members, including a General Chairman who will be eligible for major committee privileges and the following chairman; Building External Maintenance, Building Internal Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, and Dock Maintenance. They shall plan and supervise the property improvement and maintenance. They shall prepare the meeting place for the regular and special membership meetings.

### SECTION 2.6 - PROPERTY PLANNING

Property Planning Committee which shall consist of five (5) members and shall include the most recent four (4) past Commodores and the current Property Improvement Committee General Chairman. The chairman of this committee shall be the immediate Past-Commodore. They shall formulate the long-range plans concerning the Club property and submit them to the General membership for approval. This committee shall strive to preserve the continuity of property improvement projects from year to year.

### SECTION 2.7 - ICE BOOM

Ice Boom Committee which shall consist of three members to include a chairman. Responsibilities of this committee are to oversee the installation and removal of Ice Boom and Floating Docks and to assure proper maintenance of same. The chairman may call on members as needed.

### SECTION 2.8 - DOCK MASTER

To consist of a Dock Master appointed by the Commodore and up to two assistants appointed by the Dock Master. The Dock Master and his committee shall be responsible for the reporting to the Financial Secretary on a monthly basis all boats and the names of the owners who have left there boat unattended for more than four hour's in any twenty-four hour period.

The Dock master and or a committee member shall have authority over transient slips and may make decisions for the convenience and welfare of the club. The Dock Master shall have the sole responsibility of the rental of unused assigned slips with the prior approval of the assignee as defined in the dock rules. Should a rental slip become available it shall be the responsibility of the Dock Master to offer that slip to members on the priority list by order of rank. The Dock Master and/or his committee shall carry out any other such duties as may be assigned by the commodore.

### SECTION 3 - VACANCIES, MAJOR COMMITTEES

Vacancies of any committee chairman of major standing committee shall be filled by the Commodore. The successor so chosen shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor and shall receive, after serving four (4) months, full credit for that office and shall be eligible for nomination to the office of Commodore and/or Vice Commodore.

### SECTION 4 - MINOR COMMITTEES

The Minor Standing Committees shall be the:

#### SECTION 4.1 - SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sports and Recreation Committee which shall plan and organize recreational activities for all ages.

#### SECTION 4.2 - PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations Committee which shall strive to: promote goodwill in the name of the Club throughout the Niagara Frontier; obtain publicity through local newspapers; and to keep the Outboard Boating Club of America informed of Club activities and achievements.

#### SECTION 4.3 - REFRESHMENT

Refreshment Committee which shall plan and serve refreshments at general membership meetings.

#### SECTION 4.4 - SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Safety and Education Committee which shall maintain a list of safety rules for Club properties and boating activities. They shall establish and maintain a first-aid kit on the Club property and other safety equipment ordered by the Board of Directors. They shall keep the general membership informed on all boating regulations and pending legislation, both state and local.

## SECTION 4.5 - CLUB ACTIVITY DATES

Dates of Club activities shall be coordinated with the Commodore.

## SECTION 5 - VACANCIES, MINOR COMMITTEES

Vacancies of any committee chairman of a minor standing committee shall be filled by the Commodore and the successor so chosen shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor and shall receive, after serving four (4) months, full credit for that office.

## **ARTICLE 10 - BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

### SECTION 1 - AMEND BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the qualified voters present, provided a thirty (30) day notice of such proposed amendment and/or amendments have been mailed to each active membership with a notice of the meeting at which the proposed amendment and/or amendments are to be considered.

## **ARTICLE 11 - RECREATION PACKAGE**

### SECTION 1 - FEE - REC. PACKAGE

Each membership shall be charged a seventy five dollar (\$75.00) recreation package fee, which shall entitle them to fifteen (15) five dollar (\$5.00) certificates redeemable at face value at any scheduled social event sponsored by the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, including but not limited to the Cruise Dance, Commodore's Ball, and Family Picnic. These certificates shall be valid only in the calendar year issued and shall be nontransferable. This fee shall be billed with the yearly dues statement and payable by the February general membership meeting.

## **AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

AMENDED AND ACCEPTED - JUNE 1979 - NO RECORD EXISTS OF SPECIFICS.

UPDATED 1981 - NO RECORD EXISTS OF SPECIFICS

ARTICLES 1,2,3,4,5,6

Updated as of September 9, 2006— passed as printed.

## **ARTICLE 7 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Section 1 - Dues - Changed to read, one half due by February general membership meeting and balance in full due by May general membership meeting. Changed from one half due February 1 and balance due by May 1. Passed Nov. 12, 1989.

Section 2 - Initiation Fee - Changed to \$100.00 from \$50.00. Passed December 14, 1985.

Section 3 - Dues and/or Assessments - Changed to consider dues delinquent if half not paid by February general membership meeting and balance by May general membership meeting. Changed from February 1 and May 1. Passed November 12, 1989.

Section 4 - Mooring Fee - Added mooring fee of \$450.00 to be paid in two installments. Passed March 7, 1992. Mooring fee previously cover only in Dock Rules.

## **ARTICLE 8 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Section 1 - A Member in Good Standing - Added authority for a member in good standing to bring a significant other to a general membership meeting. Passed December 1993.

## **ARTICLE 9 - COMMITTEES**

Section 2.7 - ICE BOOM COMMITTEE - Added this section. Passed December 13, 1997.

Section 2.8 – Dock Master Committee - Added this section. Passed February 8, 2003.

## **ARTICLE 10 - RECREATION PACKAGE**

Section 1 - Added recreation package. Passed December 14, 1985.

Section 1 - Changed to read - Recreation package is payable by February general membership meeting. Passed May 13, 1989.

## **ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

Restructured to eliminate honorary members and allow children and mariner memberships. Also Article 11 to raise Recreation package fee. Passed Sept 6, 2006

## **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND NAME**

### **Section 1 – Purpose**

Eliminated the statutory requirement to affiliate with the Yacht Club of America. Passed August 2009