# By-Laws of Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc. 

## ARTICLE I <br> NAME, OBJECT, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Section 1. Name. The name of this Corporation, hereinafter called the Club, shall be Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.
Section 2. Object. The object of this Club is to promote and encourage boating and sailing on Lake Champlain, while emphasizing racing, cruising, and education, without financial gain.
Section 3. Articles of Incorporation. The name, location of the Registered Office, the Registered Agent, and the purposes and powers of the Club shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, and these ByLaws; the purposes and powers of the Club and of its Governors, Officers and Members, and all matters concerning the conduct and regulation of the business of the Club shall be subject to such provisions in regard thereto, if any, as are set forth in the Articles of Incorporation; and the Articles of Incorporation are hereby made a part of these ByLaws. All reference in these ByLaws to the Articles of Incorporation shall be construed to mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation as from time to time amended.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERS

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following definitions:
(a) "Individual Member" is any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is a Member in Good Standing
(b) "Family Member" is any legally recognized family unit or a domestic partnership as recognized by the Board of Governors, consisting of one or more persons eligible to be Individual Members and its unmarried, dependent children under the age of twenty-four (24).
(c) "Full Member" is any Individual or Family Member who has been granted Full Member status by the Board of Governors and has paid the initiation fees and annual dues as designated. Full Members have all responsibilities, rights and privileges of the club.
(d) "Senior Member" is any Individual Member or Family Member who has been granted Senior Member status by the Board of Governors. The Board may grant Senior Member status to an Individual Member or Family Member who applies after active membership in the Club for a period of fifteen years or where the Board believes the applicant
has otherwise shown the equivalent in loyal and responsible discharge of the duties of active membership. A Senior Member shall have no Mooring Rights except by return to full active membership. All other responsibilities, rights and privileges of Club membership shall remain in force. Annual dues for Senior Members shall be one-third (1/3) the amount for Full Members.
(e) "Associate Member" is any Individual or Family Member who has been granted Associate Member status by the Board of Governors. Associate membership is reserved for those between the ages of 18 and 40 and will have reduced initiation fees, as determined by the Board of Governors, and dues equal to one half the amount for Full Members. Associate Members have all responsibilities, rights and privileges of the club. At the beginning of the calendar year following the year in which the Associate Member or eldest family member becomes age 40 or have exceeded five years as an Associate member, they shall convert to Full Member and pay full dues and shall pay the prevailing initiation fee minus any initiation fees paid at the time they became an Associate Member. Full, Senior or Inactive Members shall not be granted Associate Membership. The number of Associate Memberships available shall be determined by the Board of Governors.
(f) "Honorary Member" is any individual or Family Member who has been elected an Honorary Member by a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors at any regular meeting. An Honorary Member may be conferred upon any individual who has been a Club member for a minimum of fifteen years and has held significant leadership positions in the Club or to the spouse of such individual. Any Club member may recommend to the Board of Governors that Honorary status be considered for another member who meets this criteria. The election to Honorary Member shall require a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors at any regular meeting. An Honorary Member shall have all of the rights and privileges of the Club except Mooring Rights, Dry Sailing Rights and eligibility for office. Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.
(g) "Life Member" is any Individual or Family Member holding Life Member status as of the date of adoption of these By-Laws.
(h) "Inactive Member" is any Individual or Family Member who has been granted this status by the Board of Governors. Inactive Membership may be granted to a Member in Good Standing who has moved permanently outside the club service area or has a valid reason as determined by the Board of Governors, and who wishes to retain club membership. An Inactive Member will have no membership rights or use of club facilities except by return to full membership. A nominal fee for maintaining membership status may be set by the Board of Governors. An Inactive member who has maintained a continuous membership
may return to full membership by notice to the Membership Chair and payment of current dues.
(i) "Member in Good Standing" is any Individual Member, Family Member, Senior Member, Associate Member, or Life Member who has paid an initiation fee and applicable annual dues and performed other duties as may be required of them from time to time by these By-Laws.
(j) "Approved Applicant" is any individual or family unit who has applied and been approved for membership by the Board of Governors, but who has not yet become a Member in Good Standing.

Section 2. Number of Members. The total number of members of the Club, and the number of those memberships granted Mooring Rights (as defined in Article V, below), shall be set by the Board of Governors.
Section 3. Applications for Membership. Persons at least eighteen (18) years of age may be accepted to membership in the Club without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender. Any individual or family unit desiring membership in the Club shall present a completed Application, consisting of a Club application form, letters of recommendation from three Members in Good Standing, and the application fee prescribed by the Board of Governors. The Membership Chair shall present all Applications to the Board of Governors for consideration at the next regular meeting following receipt of the completed Application.
In the event of the legal dissolution of a family unit constituting a Family Member, each person comprising the former Family Member who is eligible to become an Individual Member shall, in the year of such dissolution, provide written notice to the Membership Chair of his or her desire to become a Member in Good Standing. Such notice shall be effective to make the requesting person a Member in Good Standing without need for paying an additional initiation fee, or additional dues for the year in which such Family Member is converted to one or more Individual Members or Family Members.

## Section 4. Election of Members.

(a) Full and Associate Members. Candidates for consideration as a Full or Associate Member shall be elected by a vote at any meeting of the Board of Governors, provided not more than one vote is cast against him or her. Each candidate shall be notified of the decision of the Board by the Membership Chair. If elected prior to January 1 of a given year, the normal Club rules pertaining to dues will apply. If elected after January 1, each new member will have thirty (30) days in which to pay the dues in full.
(b) Honorary Members. An individual or family unit may be elected as an Honorary Member by a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors
at any regular meeting.
(c) Senior Members. Any Member in Good Standing desiring election as a Senior Member shall submit a written request to the Membership Chair containing such request and explaining why the member is entitled to Senior Member designation. The Membership Chair shall present the request to the Board of Governors at its next regular meeting. The request may be approved upon majority vote of the Board of Governors. The requesting Member shall be notified of the decision of the Board by the Membership Chair.
Section 5. Partnerships. If a member purchases, or otherwise joins in ownership of a yacht, with one or more non-members, each partner in such a yacht is encouraged to apply for membership in the Club. Any non-member partner(s) shall not have any use of the Club grounds, facilities, docks, launch service, or the yacht while moored at the Club unless accompanied by a Club member.

Section 6. Initiation Fee. Each Approved Applicant who elects to become a Member in Good Standing shall pay within 30 days a non-refundable initiation fee as set by the Board of Governors and the current dues before being entitled to the privileges of the Club. The Board of Governors shall have the authority to establish a payment plan of up to three (3) years for the payment of the initiation fee. The entire initiation fee will be used for the capital fund. If an Approved Applicant fails to become a Member in Good Standing or pay the mooring wait list fee within thirty (30) days of notification of acceptance, their status as an Approved Applicant is terminated unless the Board of Governors established a different timeframe for the Applicant at the time of such approval.

Section 7. Dues. The Board of Governors shall determine the annual dues of the Club. Any increase in annual dues must be approved by the membership. Up to $95 \%$ of the annual dues will be used for the operating budget. No less than five percent (5\%) of the annual dues will be used for the capital fund.
Any member failing to pay dues by January 1 shall be considered in arrears and be notified by the Secretary to that effect. Members in arrears after January 1 will be assessed a late penalty fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If said dues and late fee are not paid by February 1, the membership is terminated. If at a later date the member reapplies to the Club, the Board will determine acceptance and applicable fees.

## Section 8. Meetings.

(a) Scheduled Meetings. The membership of the Club shall meet annually. The meeting shall normally be held during October and shall be called the "Annual Meeting." The time and place of the "Annual Meeting" shall be announced to the membership at least 10 days before
the meeting.
(b) Annual Meeting. At the "Annual Meeting" the Commodore, Treasurer, Auditors and new members of the Board of Governors shall be elected, and other business placed before the membership shall be acted upon.
(c) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Commodore or by majority vote of the Board of Governors, or on petition to the Secretary signed by at least ten (10) Members in Good Standing, delivered at least thirty (30) days previous to said meeting.
Section 9. Quorum; Voting. Forty (40) Members in Good Standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Club and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election or to carry a motion. Each Individual or Family Membership, as defined herein, shall have one vote.
Section 10. Member Conduct; Sanctions; Expulsion. All members shall conduct themselves consistent with the stated object of the Club and are individually responsible to share their time and energy on all scheduled workdays and/or cooperative activities for the good of the Club. Any member unable to attend a workday shall contribute an equivalent service to the Club, unless such member's failure to attend workday shall have been excused by the Board of Governors.
Any member violating the rules or regulations of the Club, or exhibiting conduct unbecoming a member, or injurious to the Club, may, after appearing before the Board of Governors at a regularly scheduled meeting, be admonished, suspended, or deprived of any privileges of the Club for a stated time, by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present.
Any member may be expelled from the Club for cause by a unanimous vote of the Board of Governors at any regular Board Meeting.

## ARTICLE III BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. Management. The management of the Club and its affairs shall be by a Board of Governors, consisting of nine(9) to fourteen (14) Members including the Commodore and Treasurer. The Board of Governors shall have the control and management of all business affairs for the Club; shall have authority to execute all contracts, instruments and conveyances necessary to carry out the purposes of the Club, shall determine and set annual dues; shall prepare and approve a budget by March 1 for the financial management of the Club; shall have charge of the election, suspension or expulsion of members; and shall be responsible for the making of rules for the use of the Club facilities.
Section 2. Nomination and Election of Members of the Board of Governors, Commodore, and Treasurer. Prior to the "Annual Meeting" a
nominating committee consisting of all available past Commodores shall nominate Members in Good Standing to fill expiring and vacant terms of the members of the Board of Governors, Commodore and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee will submit its list of nominations to the membership at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting in the notice of the Annual Meeting.

At the "Annual Meeting" Members in Good Standing shall be nominated and elected to fill expiring positions on the Board of Governors and the position of Treasurer for a term of three (3) years and that of Commodore for a term of two (2) years. Following their election, the Commodore, Treasurer, members of the Board of Governors, and other officers shall assume the duties and responsibilities of their offices at the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January or, at the discretion of the Board, a Change of Watch in January. The Board of Governors shall annually schedule a ceremonial Change of Watch to recognize the transition of the Club's officers. The replacements for positions on the Board of Governors and for Treasurer who are unable to serve a full term shall also be nominated and elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting to serve the balance of the unexpired term. All interim vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Commodore to hold office until the next the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January following the Annual Meeting or, as applicable, the next Change of Watch.

Section 3. Meetings; Quorum; Voting. The Board of Governors shall meet immediately following the Annual Meeting or at any other time upon the call of the Commodore, or on petition of three members of the Board to the Secretary. Notice of the call of the meeting must be transmitted one week in advance to members of the Board. This warning may be dispensed with when a quorum of the Board waives such notice. A majority of the members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the Board of Governors shall be necessary for an election or to carry a motion.
Section 4. Committees. The Board of Governors shall establish a standing Finance Committee which includes the current Commodore, and may establish the following standing committees and others deemed necessary:
a) House g) Junior Sailing Programs
b) Grounds
h) Membership/Log
c) Harbor
i) Communications
d) Docks
j) Boats
e) Regatta
k) Stewards
f) Social
I) Cruising/Boating Programs

The Board of Governors shall consent by majority vote on the appointment of all standing committee chairpersons by the Commodore. The duties and responsibilities of the standing committees shall be as directed by the Board of Governors.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND OTHER POSITIONS

Section 1. Officers. The operating officers of the Club shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Harbormaster, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Offices of Honorary Commodore and Honorary Vice Commodore may be filled by distinguished present or past members who have shown loyalty and devotion to the Club.

Section 2. Appointment of Officers. The Commodore shall, at the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January following the "Annual Meeting", appoint from the Board a Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Harbormaster and Secretary. All appointed officers shall hold office for one (1) year commencing with the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January or the "Change of Watch" ceremony. An Honorary Commodore and an Honorary Vice Commodore may be elected by the Board of Governors to hold office at the discretion of the Board. All interim vacancies occurring in the officers of the Club shall be filled by appointment by the Commodore to hold until the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January or the "Change of Watch".
Section 3. Election of Auditors. Prior to the "Annual Meeting" a Nominating Committee consisting of all available past Commodores shall nominate Members in Good Standing to fill expiring and vacant terms of Auditors. The Nominating Committee will submit its list of nominations to the membership at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting in the notice of the Annual Meeting.
At the "Annual Meeting" persons from the membership in Good Standing shall be nominated and elected by the membership to fill expiring three (3) year staggered terms and vacant unexpired terms of Auditors commencing with the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January or the Change of Watch next following their election. All interim vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Commodore to hold office until the first meeting of the Board of Governors in January or the next "Change of Watch".
Section 4. Duties.
(a) Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors and the membership; to appoint, with
the advise and consent of the Board of Governors, all standing committee chairpersons; to act as ex officio member of all standing committees; to act as chief executive officer of the Club; and to perform all additional duties as directed by the Board of Governors. A Rendezvous Fleet Captain, Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Chaplain and Public Relations-Historian and other positions may be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Commodore.
(b) Vice Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and to officiate in his/her absence.
(c) Rear Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties and to officiate in their absence.
(d) Harbormaster. It shall be the duty of the Harbormaster to serve as chair of the Harbor Committee and carry out the Harbor Rules as adopted from time to time by the Board of Governors. The Harbormaster is authorized to assign Mooring Rights to eligible Members in Good Standing as shall be in the best interests of the Club and other members; provided, however, that the Harbormaster may not revoke an assignment of Harbor Rights unless the Member in Good Standing voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, ceases to use such mooring for a period of two years, or ceases to be a Member in Good Standing for any reason whatsoever.
(e) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Club and Board of Governors, maintain a roster of members, bill and collect all dues from the members, notify members who are in arrears in dues payment and perform other duties as assigned by the Board. The Secretary shall also perform the duties of Membership Chair.
(f) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling receipts and expenditures of the Club, and for keeping suitable financial records and making all required reports. The Treasurer shall maintain accounts in financial institutions as approved by the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall pay all bills approved by the appropriate committee chairman in accordance with the approved budget. At least ten (10) days prior to the spring workday, the Treasurer shall mail or transmit electronically to each member a full written report of the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer cannot serve as a Committee Chair or in any other Board position that would result in a conflict of interest to the Treasurer's responsibilities.
(g) Auditors. The three Auditors shall comprise the Auditing Committee of the Club. The auditors may review the Club's financial records and
procedures periodically and shall conduct an annual audit. Annually, prior to May 1, the Auditors shall mail or transmit electronically to each member a written report of the annual audit. The Audit Committee may advise the Board of Governors regarding performance and operations. The Audit Committee is charged by the membership with the responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of the Club's financial reporting process; system of internal financial controls; audit process; the Club's process for monitoring and compliance with laws and regulations; and processes for maintaining the assets, good name and good will of the club. The Auditors, with the knowledge of the Board, may enlist the services of a public accounting firm to assist them in auditing the financial records of the Club.
(h) Other Positions. The Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain, Chaplain and Historian shall perform appropriate duties as directed by the Commodore.
The Public Relations/Neighborhood Liaison officer shall assist the Commodore and Communications Committee in promoting positive relationships with the community and LCYC's neighbors.

## ARTICLE V USE OF CLUB FACILITIES

Section 1. Rights and Privileges of Members. All Members in Good Standing and Honorary Members shall have the non-exclusive right to use the Club grounds, Club house, Club boats, launch service and the right to temporarily keep a boat on the Club docks, but such right shall not include Mooring Rights unless such rights have specifically been assigned by the Club Harbormaster. All such uses and activities shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Governors from time to time.
Any person ceasing to be a Member in Good Standing of this Club shall have no rights or privileges in or to said Club or its property by reason of former membership.
Section 2. Mooring Rights. Mooring Rights entitle an eligible Member in Good Standing to moor a boat at a mooring assigned by the Harbormaster. This mooring includes an anchor and the appropriate swinging circle as defined by the LCYC Mooring Standards. The concrete anchor blocks and the screw anchor/ flexible rode systems, as well as all chain and associated hardware, up to but not including the mooring ball, pennants, and pick up buoy, shall be the property of, and will be maintained by the Club. An annual fee, as determined by the Board, will be assessed of all members who are assigned a mooring to pay for periodic replacement of chain and associated hardware. The mooring ball, pennants, top stainless swivel, and pick up buoy shall be provided
by the member assigned that mooring, and shall be maintained by the member in a seamanlike condition and in accordance with LCYC Mooring Standards. The Harbormaster shall have the absolute right to move or reassign the mooring position of a member's boat in the best interests of the Club and the safety of the harbor. An assignment of Mooring Rights may not be revoked unless the Member in Good Standing voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, ceases to use such mooring for a period of two years, or ceases to be a Member in Good Standing for any reason whatsoever. Members assigned a mooring shall ensure they comply with the Harbor Rules as adopted by the Board of Governors from time to time.
THE CLUB'S MOORING BLOCK, CHAIN AND HARDWARE WILL MEET CLUB MOORING STANDARDS, BUT IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT STANDARD IS ADEQUATE FOR THEIR SPECIFIC BOAT. IF A MEMBER DETERMINES THAT A HEAVIER MOORING BLOCK OR CHAIN IS NECESSARY, THAT MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUCH UPGRADES AT THEIR EXPENSE.

Section 3. Request for Mooring Rights. Any eligible Member in Good Standing or an Approved Applicant who has paid the Mooring Wait List Fee, who intends to moor a boat in the Club's officially designated harbor area shall request assignment of Mooring Rights by the Harbormaster. If there are more requests for Mooring Rights than there are moorings at any given time, the name of the requesting eligible Member in Good Standing or Approved Applicant shall be placed on a Mooring Wait List maintained by the Harbormaster in the order in which they became a Member in Good Standing or Approved Applicant. If the Approved Applicant does not accept an offered mooring within two seasons of the original offer, they will be removed from the Mooring Wait List and will no longer be an accepted applicant.

The Harbormaster shall assign moorings in accordance with the Harbor Rules adopted by the Board of Governors from time to time. The maximum size of the Mooring Wait List shall be determined by the Board of Governors.

No Member in Good Standing may be assigned the right to use more than one mooring.

Section 4. Commercial Use of the Club. Members' yachts may not be chartered or let for hire from Club facilities. Club facilities may not be used for commercial brokerage of boats without the express written permission of the Board of Governors.
Section 5. Guest Privileges.
(a) Guest Moorings. The Board of Governors may establish rules, time
limits, and fees for the use of guest moorings by visiting non-member yachts. Such rules, limits and fees shall apply to all such guests, whether using membership or club-owned moorings. All fees shall accrue to the Club only, and not to any Member, and the Board of Governors shall have full authority over their use.
(b) Use of Club by Member Invitees. Members in Good Standing may allow invited non-member guests to use Club facilities or the member's boat without fee, provided the guest is accompanied by the Member in Good Standing. Non-member use of Club facilities or the member's boat without the Member in Good Standing present is prohibited except with the expressed approval of the Board of Governors. If such use is approved, the Board of Governors may require a guest fee to be paid to the Club by the member or the invited guest.

## Section 6. The Mooring Wait List.

Member in Good Standing. Any Member in Good Standing placed upon the Mooring Wait List shall not be required to pay a "Mooring Wait List Fee".

Approved Applicant. Any Approved Applicant placed upon the Mooring Wait List shall pay the Treasurer a one time non-refundable amount ("Mooring Wait List Fee") determined by the Board of Governors.
Senior Member. Any Senior Member requesting to be placed upon the Mooring Wait List and transition to a Full Member, shall not be required to pay a "Mooring Wait List Fee".
Inactive Member. Any Inactive Member requesting to be placed upon the Mooring Wait List and transition to a Full Member, shall pay the Treasurer a one time non-refundable amount ("Mooring Wait List Fee") determined by the Board of Governors.

## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented to the Club for action on recommendation of the Board of Governors, or on petition by ten (10) Members in Good Standing presented to the Secretary in writing, and shall be submitted for action by the Club at any meeting after notice of such proposed amendments shall have been mailed or transmitted electronically to each member of the Club at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. A majority vote of members present shall be necessary for the adoption of such amendments.
The By-Laws were revised and adopted by affirmative vote of the Members of Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc. on October 12th, 2019.

## Club Policies and Guidelines

LCYC is a member-operated club, relying on members to volunteer in the management, operation and maintenance of the Club's grounds, facilities, property and programs. Members are required to serve in such capacity by contributing a minimum of eight hours of their time to club needs over the course of each year. This is mandatory to membership with the exception of Inactive, Lifetime and Honorary memberships, or with the approval of the member's committee chairperson. It is further the responsibility of each member to track their hours and register their hours on the website. If a member has difficulty, hours may be registered through the Commodore or the Secretary. Failing to meet the eighthour minimum requirement may result in the loss of the Member's Good Standing, per Article III, section 10 of the LCYC Bylaws and associated Rights and Privileges.

## HARBOR RULES

## MOORINGS

1. The Harbormaster is charged with the responsibility of managing the LCYC anchorage area and interpretation of these rules. A mooring is defined as all equipment required to moor a yacht, from and including the anchoring device up to the end of the pennant where it attaches to the vessel.
2. The approved mooring system is outlined in mooring standards as adopted by the Board of Governors, consisting of either a club-owned concrete block or screw anchor, chain and fittings. Members assigned a mooring shall provide their own stainless steel swivel, mooring ball, pennants, and pick up buoy. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that their mooring system is adequate for their specific boat. If a member determines that a heavier mooring block or chain is necessary, they are responsible for providing such upgrades.
3. Hazelett systems in place at the end of the 2012 season may be continued, but no new Hazeletts are allowed. They must have a 7 " float attached within 2' of the top of the Hazelett between spring work day to fall work day, and be maintained such that they float a minimum of 6 " above the water.
4. Total scope shall not exceed $2 / 1$. This may require shortening scope as the season progresses.
5. Boats longer than 45 ' may not use LCYC moorings. Any member as of 2014 with a boat longer than 45 ' is grandfathered, but if they purchase a new boat it must be no longer than 45 '.
6. It is the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat is not too large for the club-provided mooring block ( $4,800 \mathrm{lb}$ dry weight) or screw, or chain and associated hardware. The club is not responsible for installing any new or additional blocks or screw anchors to provide additional holding capacity for boats that are larger than the club moorings can handle. If a boat drags, the owner is responsible to correct the situation immediately. If a boat continues to drag, or if the Harbormaster deems a mooring inadequate, the boat owner may be asked to remove the boat from the anchorage until other arrangements are made.
7. The owner of any boat which drags or breaks away from its moorings must immediately file a report to the Harbormaster, including any damages incurred, and subsequently report all corrective measures taken to the Harbormaster. Ultimate responsibility for any damage lies with the boat owner.
8. All mooring floats must be marked with the mooring number.
9. Boat owners are expected to maintain pennants in a safe condition at all times in order to keep mooring privileges.
10. Moorings shall be commissioned in the spring, inspected in the summer and winterized in the fall by the club diver. All members assigned a mooring shall be assessed an annual fee for this service as determined by the Board of Governors.
11. Members with mooring assignments must clear any changes in boat length, draft, or type with the Harbormaster before placing a new boat on their existing mooring.

## LOCATION OF MOORINGS

11. Mooring placement and assignments are at the discretion of the Harbormaster who will assign moorings based on water depth and boat size. The Harbormaster may also adjust or relocate moorings to make more efficient use of space.
12. If a member has a problem with another Club member's mooring, they should make every effort to resolve the problem among themselves. If necessary, they can contact the Harbormaster with full understanding the Harbormaster's solution will be based on the best available compromise for all parties.
13. Most new mooring assignments shall be made during the winter of each year by the Harbormaster, but may also be assigned if a mooring is vacated at other times of the year.
14. A fairway for access to the docking area will be maintained, from the main dock east to the limit of the mooring area. Boats are not to be anchored or moored in such a way as to interfere with this area.

## GENERAL

15. Guest moorings may be available for up to 3 nights, if available, for members of clubs offering reciprocal privileges and for registered racers who have traveled to LCYC for a regatta. No fee shall be charged for such use of guest moorings. Requests shall be approved by the Harbormaster, who shall assign a mooring, and advise the Stewards of the assignment. Guests must sign the Guest Mooring Agreement and Release Form prior to use of the mooring. Guest moorings are assigned on a first come first served basis. Club members may use a guest mooring in emergency situations, but not for prolonged use.
16. Speed of craft in the harbor must not exceed 5 MPH , in accordance with state law. Boats may not pull water tubes, floats, or water skiers, within the harbor limits. All mariners, particularly those operating vessels over $45^{\prime}$, shall exercise extreme caution with respect to hazards of navigation and risks to private property within the confines of the LCYC anchorage.
17. Power craft will give way to sailing craft and all rules of the road will be observed.
18. All members and their guests are expected to strictly observe antipollution laws and practices in the harbor as well as throughout Lake Champlain. Such practices as discharging or dumping sewage, garbage or trash, and pumping of oily bilges are not only illegal but also extremely offensive to anyone using the lake or its shores.
19. Members removing their boats from the mooring field may retain their mooring assignment for two years if intending to reoccupy. During that period, the harbormaster may temporarily assign the vacant mooring to a waitlisted member, or provide that it be used as a guest mooring. After that time the mooring will be reassigned. Members may not lend, sublet, or borrow moorings to other club members without the approval of the Harbormaster.
20. Members are not permitted to operate, store or launch motorized personal watercraft such as jet-ski or air driven type boats at the club.
21. Members are requested to call for steward launch service on channel 12 , rather than using air horns, as a courtesy to our neighbors.

## HOUSE

1. Member responsibilities. It is the member's responsibility to assist in keeping the Clubhouse clean and neat. Food and other perishable items are not to be left in the kitchen area.
2. Dressing rooms. Personal articles are not to be left overnight in the dressing rooms. Please try to keep the floors dry while using showers
and dressing rooms.
3. Private gatherings. All members' use of club house and/or grounds for private gatherings involving more than 10 guests require BOG and/ or House Chair approval. Current fees apply.
4. Smoking. Smoking is not allowed in or around the clubhouse. This includes the picnic area and docks.
5. Furniture. Clubhouse and porch furniture should not be used outside or off of the porch, and should be left in appropriate arrangements that are welcoming to subsequent users.
6. Grills must be stored beneath the clubhouse canopy but may not be used there.

## GROUNDS

1. Members' dogs must not be left unattended by owner while on the Club premises. All dogs must be on leash at all times on club property, including the docks. Dog owner must clean up after dog and dispose of mess in dumpster. Dogs of guests are not permitted.
2. Members are free to use the picnic area at any time and must leave picnic area grills clean and extinguished and all picnic tables clean with no mess left behind.
3. Members are responsible for their children on Club property, and must not leave young children unattended.
4. No boats or trailers shall be stored on LCYC grounds without prior written consent from the Harbormaster. Exceptions to this rule:
(a) Dinghies may be stored on racks provided by the club, on the bank next to the ramp or on the beach. Dinghies stored on the bank next to the ramp must remain clear of the ramp. For dinghies stored on the beach, it is the owner's responsibility to securely fasten their boat to prevent storm loss or damage. All dinghies must be clearly marked with the owner's name or mooring number.
(b) Only sailboats less than $23^{\prime}$ in length may be parked on trailers in the far South row of the South parking area in designated dry sailing storage (DSS) spaces assigned by the Harbormaster. All boats and trailers must belong to a full or associate member and be clearly labeled with the member's name. An annual fee of $\$ 100$ will be assessed for each assigned DSS space. The Harbormaster will designate each space. Spaces will be annually assigned in the following order of priority:
i. For 2021 DSS space assignments only, requests for a sailboat owned by a member who occupied a DSS space during the 2020 boating season.
ii. Requests for a sailboat owned by a member who does not currently have a mooring assigned to them and who was assigned a dry sailing storage spot in the prior year.
iii. Requests for a one design sportboat (either a Viper 640 or a J/70) owned by a member who does not currently have a mooring assigned to them.
iv. Requests for a sailboat owned by a member who does not currently have a mooring assigned to them.
v. Requests for one design sportboats (either a Viper 640 or a J/70) owned by a member who does also have a mooring assigned to them.
vi. Requests for other sailboats owned by a member who does also have a mooring assigned.
Seniority: In the event that two members meet all criteria equally, priority will be given to the member who has the longer tenure as LCYC member.
No more than annually, any of the following status changes shall cause the Harbormaster to reassign DSS spaces using the aforementioned order of priority: A grant of a mooring, a change of membership status, a different boat, or other related event.

DSS spaces shall not be used for storage - the Harbormaster may require that unused boats, trailers, or other equipment be removed, and LCYC reserves the right to remove them if necessary, at the owner's expense.
(c) Empty trailers may not be stored on Club premises longer than three
(3) consecutive days.
(d) Full and Associate members may keep one design boats on dollies (boats suitable for launching by hand, not towed by a vehicle) only on the lawn on the South Side of the boat ramp, on the beach, or on the lawn between the retaining walls North of the boat ramp. All boats and dollies must be marked with the members names and phone numbers.
5. Parking of cars is to be confined to the parking lot. The lawn area is to be used as an overflow area only. Cars parking on the lawn will receive a reminder notice under their wiper. Those who receive repeated notices will be notified and need to explain their reasons for noncompliance to the Board. Members who anticipate being away from the Club for one or more days and found it necessary to park on the lawn during overflow periods should notify the Steward of such fact.
6. Storage in the Sharpie building and Shed is intended for club equipment. Members must not store personal equipment in either facility.

## DOCKS \& DINGHIES

The LCYC dock system is our gateway to Lake Champlain. As an essential club resource, members should be considerate of the diverse activities that occur on and around the docks. Each member is responsible for respectful and courteous use of the docks in a manner that encourages shared access by everyone.

1. The end of the main dock is reserved for picking up and discharging passengers and supplies. It should be occupied only briefly and as necessary to accomplish these tasks.
2. The main finger docks are for the convenience of all members and should only be occupied as long as necessary. Members should be prepared to relocate to their mooring as soon as possible during periods of high demand. When possible, extended use should be deferred to lower activity periods.
3. Docks are used for race preparations on Wednesday evenings and on some Saturday and Sunday mornings. This is a period of high usage and extended stays on the docks should be avoided by both racers and non-racers.
4. The primary use of the finger docks is for repairs, washing, picking up crew, race preparations, or the use of electricity for power tools and battery charging. The dock electrical system is not designed for sustained loads. The use of air conditioning, electric hot water heaters or any other large load systems is prohibited. Please use 30 amp twist lock connector for Shore Power to your boat. Please use the 20 amp household style plug for all other uses. Do not use any adapters in the 30 amp twist lock plug.
5. Boats should be attended while on the docks. However, for periods of no more than an hour and when there are no imminent unfavorable winds or weather, a member may leave a securely moored boat unattended on the dock to move a car, obtain parts, or for a similar urgent need. When possible, a steward should be notified or an explanatory notice should be left visible on the boat.
6. Approval should be sought from the Dock Chairperson, Commodore, or Vice Commodore if extenuating circumstances require leaving a boat unattended for more than an hour.
7. The docks may be used for social purposes. Use of grills, barbecues, or any open flames on the docks is prohibited. Those members staying on the docks for extended periods of time should monitor general dock activity. If all the finger docks become occupied, members should be prepared to move off the docks if another member desires access.
8. Members should not stay on the docks for extended periods of time when high winds, high waves, or storm conditions are present or imminent.
9. For the general safety of all members, running is not permitted on the docks. The main dock should be kept free of all obstacles.
10. Trash, furniture, dinghies, moorings, or other gear should be promptly removed from the docks. Please place trash from boats in the dumpster located in the south parking lot. Please return carts to the north side of the clubhouse.
11. Fishing from the main dock is permitted only if the dock is not being otherwise used. Casting is not permitted.
12. Swimming is not permitted from the main dock or in the fairway. Swimming in the mooring area is permitted in the immediate vicinity of a boat from which the swimmer has originated. Swimming from boat to boat should be exercised with caution.
13. Young and/or non-swimming children must be accompanied by an adult while on the waterfront. Use of life jackets is strongly recommended.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the Dock Chairperson to enforce the Club policies regarding dock usage. It shall be the responsibility of the members to voice their concerns to the Commodore, Vice Commodore and/or the Dock Chairperson when they feel their access to the docks has been restricted. The stewards shall not be responsible for enforcing club policy; the stewards should notify the Dock Chairperson, Vice Commodore and/or Commodore regarding inappropriate, irresponsible, or discourteous use of the docks.

## MEMBERS' DINGHY USE AND STORAGE

1. All members' dinghies must be marked with the owner's mooring number and/or the owner's name.
2. Dinghy tie-up space on the dock is restricted to boats no more than 12 feet in length and no more than 15 hp used as yacht tenders.
3. Dinghies meeting the Club's length and motor size standards will be assigned a dinghy slot by the Dock's Chairperson. Dinghy slot allocation is based on seniority and preference. Roughly every 5 years, or as needed, club members will be asked their preferences and then assigned a slot based on their seniority. Dinghy slots are posted on the Bulletin Board at the Club. Dinghies on the ends of the docks are asked to have stern anchors as indicated on the posting. See the Dock Chairperson if you missed the slot assignment and need a dinghy slot, if you have special needs or if you develop special needs once the season is underway.
4. Dinghies used infrequently should be stored ashore on the south side of the boat ramp.

## USE OF LCYC DINGHIES

LCYC Club dinghies are for member use to and from moorings only and are not to be taken from the harbor area for any reason. Club dinghies may not be left on a members mooring but must be immediately returned to the dock for others to use.

## RULES FOR USE OF LCYC BOATS

LCYC boats, intended use, and authorized operators are listed below.

| BOAT | USE | OPERATORS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Milo, Bern <br> and Nautilus <br> Boston Whaler | Launch Service | Stewards and/or those desig- <br> nated by the Boat Committee <br> Sailing Program |
| Rigid Inflatable | Sailing Program <br> Race Support and designated <br> by the Boat Committee <br> Stewards, Sailing Instructor, <br> Race Support and designated <br> by the Boat Committee |  |
| J. Dinse | RC Boat | Race Committee Officers and <br> Boat Committee |
| Club Dinghies | Harbor Only | Members at Large |
| Mooring Puller | Hauling and <br> Placing Moorings | Diver and Members at Large |
| Sailing Fleet | Sailing Program, <br> General Use | Members at Large, Sailing <br> Instructor and Students with <br> proper instruction by Sailing or <br> Boat Committee |

All users of the Boston Whaler, Rigid Inflatable and Sailing Fleet must wear PFD's at all times. Members using club boats are expected to leave them clean, ship-shape, and properly secured when finished.
Unsafe conditions, missing or malfunctioning equipment should be reported to the Stewards or Boat Committee immediately.

