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Commodore's Report – Pierre Chatelain

June was our biggest month. I would like to thank all the volunteers of the GFTG 2007. The event went great and I think we raised a good amount of money for the Club.

I also would like to thank Lynn Buchanan and all of her helpers for 2 weeks of Jr. Sailing teaching. I heard great things about the classes. Thank you Lynn! Sharing sailing with our youth is probably the most significant contribution this Club provides. I know that sailing has changed my life and it will continue to play a major role in our family's future. Jr. Sailing program participants cleaned the shed during their week of learning. Thank you! It looks beautiful.

Attached to the newsletter is the proposed bylaws recommended by the Bylaw Committee to the Board of Directors and approved by the Board on June 26th, 2007. Please review them as members will vote on them 2 months from now. Once passed the updated Bylaws will take effect on January 1, 2008.

We will distribute a list of all of our current members during our next General Meeting (July 11th 7:00pm) with names and phone numbers. If you would like a list, please come to the meeting.

July 18th is our next Beer Can race. I will be in charge of it. :-0 If you have not attended, you are missing a good laugh on the lake. The start is at 6:00pm. We sail from the Marina towards Cascade Shores and back. The more people on each boat the better. If you don't want to rig your boat or don't have one, jump on another. Skippers are desperate for legs...the rule is a minimum of 8 legs per boat. No 8 legs - no prizes...and we do give prizes away to the winners. See you July 11th.

Congratulations to Alinghi! What a final race!

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Membership / Publicity – Dave Bloch

Bylaws Revision

THE PROCESS

As most of you know, this year the Board has been working on reviewing and revising the GCYC Bylaws, for the first time since 2000. The Board appointed a committee of Commodore Pierre Chatelain, Jean Cutshall, Tish Buti and myself. The committee met several times to hash out changes and get all the details right. (Thanks to Jean and Grass Valley Group for the meeting room!) Drafts were made

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Membership / Publicity – Dave Bloch - Continued

available to the full Board for comment at various points in the process.

Finally, at the June Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to present the document to you, the members of Gold Country Yacht Club. The draft Bylaws as approved by the Board are included in this issue of *a little dinghy*. The Bylaws will be voted on at the September membership meeting, and will require a two-thirds vote of those present to pass.

HIGHLIGHTS

By far, most of the suggested changes to make the Bylaws reflect the way our Club actually operates, not the other way around. For example, the title of “Junior Sailing Director” is changed to “Education Director,” since that Board member has responsibility for all the Club’s training and educational activities. The new document also moves some sections around so they make more sense, clarifies some wording, and simplifies the job descriptions of some of the Directors so the Board has more flexibility in doing its work.

But there are a few substantive changes, and I want to detail those here (Article/Section numbers are from the draft Bylaws as included in this issue of *dinghy*):

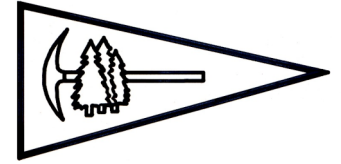
Section 5.4 Treasurer: current Bylaws require two signatures (Treasurer and either Commodore or Vice-Commodore) on all checks. New Bylaws allow the Treasurer to sign checks up to \$500.

Article VII Membership: current Bylaws membership process was complex and involved actual purchase and sale of memberships as a capital asset. New Bylaws reflect our simple process of application and payment of the membership fee.

Section 7.2 Classification of Membership: there are several changes here, including clarification of what family members receive which Club benefits, including the right to vote. “Supporting Member” is now “Subscriber,” since all they actually receive are publications.

Section 10.5 Special Meetings: the number of members’ signatures required to call a special meeting of the membership is increased to 25% or ten, whichever is greater.

Although I’ve broken out those few items, please take a few minutes to read the entire document! Our small yacht club is also a full-fledged California non-profit corporation, and this is an important duty for all of our members. If you have any questions, call or Email Commodore Pierre Chatelain; his contact information is elsewhere in this issue.



Secretary's Report – Tish Buti

Gold Country Yacht Club, Board of Directors Meeting

May 1, 2007

Called to Order: Buti Home at 6:30 P.M. by Commodore, Pierre Chatelaine.

Present: Pierre Chatelain, Wayne Buti, Tish Buti, David Niedziejko, Dave Bloch, Jean Cutshall, Bruce Cutshall, Jerry Lewis, Lynn Buchanan, Scott Muir

Officer Reports:

Commodore- Pierre Chatelain:

Thanks to Butis for hosting Board meetings.

Treasurer- Jean Cutshall: Jean reported bank balance. PICYA books were distributed to officers. Not all members from last year renewed.

Secretary-Tish Buti: distributed mail that was received. Reported on application for Life Jacket Loaner Program grant from BoatUS Foundation.

Port Captain-Wayne Buti: Had a work party in the snow to launch the Dinghy Dock. Welding is all done on the barge. Special thanks especially to Charlie McKenzie and his tractor. We need to think about how to make it easier to launch and retrieve it – possibly wheels on the dock itself. Other option in to speak with Peggy and ask about leaving it afloat, tied to one of the mooring balls. Hopefully the barge will be launched on the next race day, May 6. Wayne assigned call list for next meeting.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Held the last race in the rain – 2 boats participated. It really was fun even in the rain. Bill Andrew celebrated his 78th birthday by participating. The next race will be May 6. There were 3 boats that participated at Konocti Cup – Lewis, Andrew, Hare. Some wind. Still working on finding a racing program.

Cruising Chairman - David Niedziejko: May 13th, Mother's Day, there will be a cruise to Clear Lake. It will include wine tasting. The welding on the barge is done. New member, Ken Neely, may be able to arrange cruises through Tradewinds.

Membership/Publicity Chairman- Dave Bloch: Dave was given approval to get a case for carrying/storing the members name badges. A motion was made by David Niedziejko and seconded by Wayne Buti. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Reported on the Bylaws committee work: have received some feedback on last draft and hope to have another draft ready for next board meeting.

Sailing Education – Lynn Buchanan: Lynn has 3 women signed up for the Ladies Only day, 8 for the Boy Scout session and 9 for the regular Junior Sailing session. She needs volunteers to help clean up the boats. She has ordered the necessary training books and supplies.

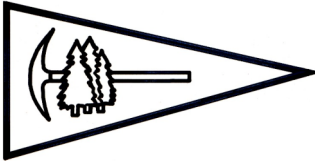
Newsletter Editor – Scott Muir: needs articles as soon as possible. At the latest by Thursday. He will include the Regatta registration form.

Commodore Report – Pierre Chatelain: Opening Day on the Lake is slated to be held this weekend. Suggestion was made to postpone until May 20. All agreed to give time for getting the message out to the public. The “who, what, where and when” was discussed and a press release was drafted. We need to have 10 boats available to give rides; track visitors that day; partner with NID; have a membership booth with brochures, membership forms; fix sign at gate – update with this year's Regatta date, Junior Sailing Program dates, Opening Day on the Lake, Summer Sailstice (June 23), monthly meetings – 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fair Booth discussion followed: Provide an information only booth at the Fair. We would provide a video, a boat on display, membership form, tables, brochures. Decorate with boat, Racing flags, string of reciprocal burgees, yachting ensign. Perhaps we can partner with NID.

Vice Commodore-Bruce Cutshall: REGATTA!

1. We currently have 4 registrations.
2. The band has been hired – their specialty is “oldies” Rock ‘n Roll.
3. ABC liquor license – Pierre will obtain
4. Theme – no specific, just sailing.
5. T-shirts: 2 designs were submitted. Need to have copy ready by the 8th. Jean Cutshall's design got the majority vote. We will hang on to the other design (submitted by Susan Murphy) to possibly use next year.



Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

6. Need to have volunteers to man a booth with membership forms, information and flyers: Saturday 10-3, Sunday 10-2:00
 7. We will notify KVMR,KNCO, email to fleets, the Union, and have handouts.
 8. Food: Wayne and Pierre will work on the supplies.
 9. Appetizers for pre-dinner party on Saturday. Club will provide chips and salsa for Friday night.
- Adjourned:** 8:45 PM Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 22nd at the Cutshalls.

General Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2007
Called to order at GCYC Clubhouse at 7:00 PM

Officer Reports:

Commodore – Pierre Chatelaine: Introduced prospective members.

Secretary – Tish Buti: Correspondence was distributed. Reciprocal privileges from Mariposa Yacht Club.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: reported bank balance.

Cruise-Chairman – David Niedziejko: The 2nd cruise will be to Clearlake, Mother's Day weekend. Saturday & Sunday and includes wine tasting. Won a couple of prizes on the Cruise to SailExpo.

Port Captain – Wayne Buti: The barge and the dinghy dock are back in the water. Many thanks to Charlie McKenzie and his tractor. Need to come up with an easier way to take care of the dinghy dock – it won't take another trip ashore like the last one.

Newsletter Editor - Scott Muir: had received a few comments about not putting the calendar in the last newsletter.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: has 3 classes close to full

Vice-Commodore – Bruce Cutshall: no report

Membership & Publicity – Dave Bloch: no report

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Racing report: The past weekend's races only consisted of ½ of one race. It was just too windy! Jeremy actually lost his mast. A report on the Trans Folsom – very windy as well. Only 6 boats finished. Jerry Grant was one of the boats that finished, taking 1st place in record making time. The report from Konocti Cup came in with Bill Andrews and his crew, Pierre, came in 3rd out of 25.

Old Business:

26th Annual Go For The Gold Regatta:

We have 10 registration all ready. May even have a class of Windmills and multihulls. The Regatta sign up sheet was passed around – please help where you can. The Notice of Race has been posted on our website. Sponsorship letters have gone out and Jean Cutshall will be contacting potential sponsors. Please patronize those that help us with prizes. We will have a live band – FADE 2 BLUE – and they are busy practicing their Jimmy Buffet songs. We would like to someone be available at the clubhouse to pass out information or answer questions.

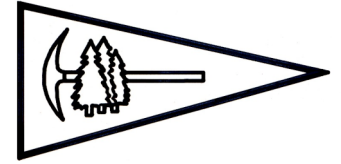
Opening Day on the Lake:

We have moved this to May 20th. We will publicize through the local media and invite the public to come for sailboat rides. Need helpers to give out information.

New Business:

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Raffle: Prize was brought by Steve Bailey and won by the Butis.



Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Gold Country Yacht Club, Board of Directors Meeting
May 22, 2007

Called to Order: Cutshall Home at 6:28 P.M. by Commodore, Pierre Chatelaine.

Present: Pierre Chatelain, Wayne Buti, Tish Buti, David Niedziejko, Dave Bloch, Jean Cutshall, Bruce Cutshall, Lynn Buchanan, Scott Muir.

Officer Reports:

Commodore- Pierre Chatelain: Thanks to Cutshalls for hosting Board meeting. Next meeting will be at Dave Bloch's home on 6/26/07. Our next regular meeting will be May 30. Focus for this meeting and the May 30th will be the Regatta. Unfortunately we did not have any turnout for the Opening Day on the Lake, but had a great time anyway. We'll try for a Membership Drive after the Regatta. Still need to have the sign at the gate updated.

Treasurer- Jean Cutshall: Jean reported bank balance. Newsletter is substantially more to produce this year. Might want to consider/try email circulation.

Membership/Publicity Chairman- Dave Bloch: Dave distributed updated draft of bylaws. Took into account the feedback received from board members.

Secretary-Tish Buti: distributed mail that was received.

Port Captain-Wayne Buti: all motors are working and barge is launched. Wayne will work with Jerry to make sure equipment is ready for Regatta. He will plan to be at the Clubhouse all day on Friday to make things ship-shape. Wayne assigned call list for next meeting.

Regatta Dinner: limit to 150 total – steak 100, chicken 50, 8 veggie, plus kids

Appetizer: provided by members. Remind at next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:45 PM Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 26, at Dave Bloch's home.

General Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2007

Called to order by Commodore Chatelaine at GCYC Clubhouse at 7:10 PM

Officer Reports:

Commodore – Pierre Chatelaine: went right through the list of duties for the Regatta and asked for volunteers to fill the needed spots.

Race Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Reported on the Whiskeytown Regatta. Registration for our Regatta is still available.

Membership & Publicity – Dave Bloch: introduced new member, Rick Weaver.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: reported bank balance.

Secretary – Tish Buti: please check the list and correct email addresses. Friendship Club Day will be Sunday June 24. Please sign up if you can help us out. Regatta registration forms are available tonight. Please remember to sign up if you plan on joining us for dinner and the live entertainment.

Cruise-Chairman – David Niedziejko: There will be another cruise to Clearlake, August 25 & 26th. June 13 there will be a day sail at Folsom; June 30 there will be a sail on the Bay and a trip to the Giants Game. July 20th will be a Tahoe Cruise. Wayne reported on the first Wednesday night cruise. It will be a reverse-pursuit race and should be a lot of fun.

Port Captain – Wayne Buti: Hopefully all our equipment is ready for the regatta.

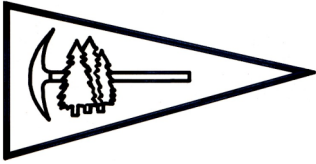
Newsletter Editor- Scott Muir: had the newsletter file to be published by Friday. Tish emailed the newsletter to all members. If you didn't receive it, please check the list.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: no report

Vice-Commodore – Bruce Cutshall: no report

Old Business:

Regatta.



Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

New Business:

None to report

Business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Raffle: Prize was brought by the Butis and won by Pierre Chatelaine.

Beer Can / Wine Bottle Racing – Wayne Buti

I think we can label this event a success! We had 5 boats and 20 people. The "RACE" started at 6:00 pm under clear skies warm weather and 2 to 4 knot wind's. "Trouble" with Wayne, Tish, Lynn, and Gordon Fellows on board hit the start line with her Genoa still lashed to the deck. Our first order of business was to pour David Niedziejko and Susan a glass of wine underway. They had their dog on board for their guest. Both skippers skillfully handled their respective boats as to not spill a drop. Chris Buti was over early (about 20 min early) but only sailed a Genoa so we did not protest him. Besides when he turned at Cascade shores we all headed back. Remember it was a reverse pursuit "RACE". It was close right to the finish with Ken, Janis and crew on their Ericson edging out the rest of the fleet by just seconds. After the "RACE" a great time was had by all at the clubhouse. The strawberries and pinot were great! Try to make it next time for some fun. Well done to all those who attended. Hope to see you again. We have decided to do this every other week. Stay tuned for the dates or call Wayne at 273-7819.

Newsletter – Scott Muir

Lots of meeting minutes this month – but oddly enough I found them interesting, even if I was at most of those meetings...

As Jean Cutshall has pointed out to the Board of Directors, the costs for newsletter distribution are going up. The USPS has raised their rates recently, so we feel this is a good time to make a push for electronic distribution. Oddly enough, this month everyone will get a printed newsletter as the new bylaws are included, and it is required that they be mailed to all members. Starting next month, however, those of you who indicated a willingness to receive the newsletter electronically will not get a printed copy in the mail. Instead you'll receive an e-mail with a link on where to download the newsletter. The newsletter will also be posted on the website.

Along those lines, I'd again like to encourage folks to sign up for the GCYC electronic mailing list (or more formally, Yahoo! Group). It's easy to do, the traffic on the list is low, specific to our club, and there has been no spam. The list is "closed", meaning that only members can post or read messages, and the list membership is not available for public access. You can contact myself or Dave Bloch for help in signing up. The electronic mailing list is a great way to keep up to date with other club members. You do not need to be part of the Yahoo! Group to be notified of the newsletter availability.

I got a chance to see Lynn Buchanan and the Junior Sailing program members on the water, and I was very impressed by the skills of the new sailors after less than a week of classes. Everybody looked to be having a good time in spite of (or perhaps because of) shifty and gusty winds. Thanks to Lynn, Dale, and the other volunteers that made this a success for the participants.

You will find a copy of the proposed bylaws in this newsletter. Dave Bloch outlines the changes that are proposed and the process for approval. Be sure to join us at the September general meeting to vote on the changes.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GOLD COUNTRY YACHT CLUB
Passed by Board of Directors June 2007

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Gold Country Yacht Club.

ARTICLE II -- BURGEE

The burgee shall be the conventional triangular flag with three green pine trees superimposed upon a gold miner's pick against a blue background.

ARTICLE III -- PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to encourage yachting as a sport and recreation; to promote the betterment of boating and facilities; to promote interest in seamanship, safety, training and navigation; and to encourage fellowship.

ARTICLE IV -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1: COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Club's Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Commodore; Vice-Commodore; Secretary; Treasurer; Training Director, Port Captain; News Editor; Membership/Publicity Director; Race Director; Cruise Director; and the immediate past Commodore.

Section 4.2: DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.2.1 General Powers: The Board shall prepare and control the budget, business and property of the Club and shall have power to make such rules for the government of the Club as it deems expedient, and generally shall do all things which may be necessary for the proper business management of Club affairs.

4.2.2 Required Meetings: The Board shall meet at least five times per calendar year, at any time that may be set by the Commodore or any three other Directors. The first meeting each year shall be in January for organizational purposes. The Commodore shall be the Chairperson of the Board.

4.2.3 Notice of Meetings: Each Director shall be given notice of each Board meeting not less than forty-eight hours prior to the time of the meeting. Six directors shall constitute a quorum.

4.2.4 Vacancy: Should a vacancy occur on the Board, the remaining directors shall have the power to appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

4.2.5 Financial Powers: The Board shall have the duty and power to recommend changes from time to time in budgeted expenditures, dues, assessments, and reinstatement fees; but such action must be approved by a two-thirds majority of Regular Members present and voting at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, or at a regular meeting provided that notice of this action has been provided in the same manner as for a Special Meeting.

4.2.6 Disciplinary Powers: The Board shall have the power to suspend for sixty days any member violating the Club rules, or guilty of improper conduct on the Club premises, but before reporting action to the Club, the Board must allow the suspended member to appear before the Board at a hearing, or in the absence of such a hearing, if the suspended member refuses or fails to appear before the Board, the Board shall recommend appropriate action to the Club at any regularly scheduled meeting. Expulsion from the Club shall require a majority vote of the Regular Members present and voting at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.

4.2.7 Debt: The Board shall have no power to make the Club liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which is in the treasury at any given time or due to the Club and not required for the discharge of prior debts and liabilities.

4.2.8 Advisory Responsibility: The Board shall advise the Commodore on all questions as to Club business and Club operations arising between regular Club meetings.

Section 4.3: CHECK OF DUTIES AND POWERS

The action of the Board in exercising any of the powers herein provided may be reversed by a vote of two-thirds of the Regular Members present at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at a regular meeting provided that notice of this action has been provided in the same manner as for a Special Meeting. Any Club member requesting permission to see the minutes of any meeting of the Board may do so upon reasonable notice to the Commodore.

Section 4.4: REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall have the power and duty to replace any director who has been absent from three consecutive Board meetings without having shown cause satisfactory to the Board. Any director of the Club may be removed from office for

cause shown by a vote of two-thirds of the Regular Members present at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at a regular meeting provided that notice of this action has been provided in the same manner as for a Special Meeting.

Section 4.5: TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all Directors shall be one calendar year.

ARTICLE V -- DIRECTORS

Section 5.1: COMMODORE

The Commodore shall have the following duties and powers:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the Club.
- b) Enforce all rules and regulations as the chief executive officer of the Club.
- c) Have the power to make and sign contracts and agreements in the name of and on behalf of the Club, with the approval of the Board of Directors and the counter-signature of the Secretary.
- d) Generally do and perform all acts incident to the office of the president of a California corporation which are authorized or required by law.
- e) Appoint all committee chairpersons and shall be ex-officio a member of every committee.

Section 5.2: VICE-COMMODORE

The Vice-Commodore shall have the following duties and powers:

- a) Assist the Commodore in the performance of all duties, and, in the absence of the Commodore, shall preside over meetings.
- b) In the event the Commodore is unable to fulfill his/her duties, carry on the duties of the Commodore until a successor shall be elected.

Section 5.3: SECRETARY

The Secretary shall have the following duties and powers:

- a) Keep minutes and a true record of the proceedings of the Club.
- b) Properly file and be responsible for all documents, records, reports, and correspondence connected with the Club membership.
- c) Keep a correct roll of the names and addresses of all members of the Club.
- d) Provide for notification to new members and to furnish them with a copy of the Club Constitution and Bylaws.
- e) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws which pertain to the office of Secretary and are not otherwise provided for, but which the Board of Directors may prescribe from time to time.

Section 5.4: TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the following duties and powers:

- a) Collect, receive, and promptly deposit all money due the Club.
- b) Pay all bills which have been properly authorized and contracted by the Club. An additional signature of the Commodore or Vice-Commodore or Immediate Past Commodore shall be required on any check in excess of \$500.00.
- c) Prepare and preserve a true and accurate record of all financial transactions of the Club in accordance with sound accounting practice and State and Federal laws and regulations.
- d) Prepare and file all State and Federal tax returns as required.
- e) Require specific authorization of the Board of Directors prior to payment of any bill, invoice or reimbursement request which, in the opinion of the Treasurer, has not been properly authorized or approved.
- f) Present financial reports to the Board of Directors at regular intervals as determined by the Board, or within thirty (30) days after a special request of the Board or of the membership.

Section 5.5: EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The Education Director shall administer all training and educational programs of the Club for youth and adults.

Section 5.6: PORT CAPTAIN

The Port Captain shall be responsible for the Club equipment, a current inventory, and the proper utilization of the equipment for all Club yachting events.

Section 5.7: NEWS EDITOR

The News Editor shall publish the Club's regular newsletter and shall assist other directors with all publications regarding the various Club activities.

Section 5.8: MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

The Membership/Publicity Director shall oversee the processing of new and renewing memberships, and ensure that member benefits are communicated and made equitably available to all members. The Membership/Publicity Director shall also coordinate publicity campaigns for membership and other Club activities.

Section 5.9: RACE DIRECTOR

The Race Director shall be in charge of the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall have the responsibility for all races. It shall receive entries for all races, act as judge thereof, appoint substitutes or assistants if necessary, and have the control and direction of all races.

Section 5.10: CRUISE DIRECTOR

The Cruise Director shall oversee a yearly program of cruise-related and social activities for the Club and cooperate with other yacht clubs in arranging collaborative activities.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.1: NOMINATIONS

a) A Nominating Committee appointed by the Board shall present at the October regular meeting a slate of directors to be nominated for election at the November regular meeting to serve for the following year. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor at the October regular meeting if so desired. The names of such other candidates and the office for which they are running must be posted in the Club's newsletter before the November regular meeting. Nominations must be for a specific office and acceptance of the candidate must be obtained before nomination or posting.

b) Directors shall be selected and nominated from the regular members and hold office for the next calendar year or until their successors are elected.

Section 6.2: VOTING

a) At the November regular meeting each director shall be elected by a majority vote of the Regular Members present. In the case of a tie vote, or the lack of a majority, successive ballots shall be cast until a majority is obtained. A secret written ballot shall be taken at the request of any Regular Member.

b) Only in the event that there are no nominees for directors other than those named by the Nominating Committee, then the Regular Members present may call for and vote on a motion to elect all of the nominees by acclamation. This action shall replace the process detailed in paragraph (a) of this Section.

Section 6.3: TAKING OFFICE

The directors elected at the November regular meeting shall be installed at the December regular meeting or a special meeting for that purpose and shall assume the full powers and duties of office on January 1 of the new year.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

Section 7.1: APPLICATIONS

Any person eighteen years of age or older may apply for Club membership by completing a standard application form, including certification that s/he has read and agrees to the Club Constitution and Bylaws, and paying the current initiation fee and dues.

Section 7.2: CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership classification shall be Regular Member, Auxiliary Member, Honorary Member and Subscriber.

Section 7.3: RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

a) Regular Member – Regular Membership includes spouse or cohabitant. Each person may vote in Club affairs, may hold office, and has an equal right to Club property, privileges and discount rates. Each person shall be issued a current membership card. No person who is under the age of eighteen shall be eligible for a Regular Membership.

b) Auxiliary member -- Auxiliary members shall be limited to the unmarried children of Regular Members. They may use the Club premises and have Club privileges but shall have no vote in Club affairs. Auxiliary Members aged eighteen and over with student status shall be issued a membership card.

c) Honorary member -- Honorary Members shall be recommended by a unanimous vote of the Board and be elected by a two-thirds majority of those present at a regular meeting. The Honorary Member and his/her spouse or cohabitant shall have all rights and privileges of a Regular Member and shall not pay dues. Honorary membership shall be for the life of the Honorary Member.

d) Subscriber -- Subscribers shall receive the Club's regular newsletter and other appropriate Club publications and shall pay a subscription fee. The Subscriber will not be issued a membership card, may not vote in Club affairs, may not hold office, and has no right to Club property, privileges, or discount rates.

ARTICLE VIII -- DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

a) All Regular Members shall be subject to annual dues payable on the first day of each year. Any member who is more than 90 days in arrears shall be considered delinquent and lose all rights of membership including voting privileges.

b) A Regular Member may be reinstated within the same calendar year as their expiration upon payment of the current renewal dues. Beginning with the following year, payment of full initial (new member) dues will be required for reinstatement.

ARTICLE IX: VISITORS

Section 9.1: ADMISSION TO ACTIVITIES

Visitors may be admitted to Club activities as guests of Regular Members who shall be present during their stay and who shall be responsible for their conduct and for any bill or expense that they may incur.

Section 9.2: CONDUCT AND PRIVILEGES

Visiting clubs shall be responsible for the good conduct of their members. The privileges of visitors or guests may be withdrawn at any time by a majority of Club directors present.

The Board may grant reciprocal Club privileges to other yacht clubs as may be appropriate.

ARTICLE X – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 10.1: CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Roberts' Rules of Order shall be followed in the conduct of all meetings.

Section 10.2: MAJORITY VOTE

Whenever the approval of the Regular Members is required for any purpose, this shall mean a majority of the members present at a any regular or special meeting, unless otherwise designated.

Section 10.3: QUORUM

A quorum for all regular and special meetings shall be twenty-five percent of the Club's Regular Membership or ten Regular Members, whichever number is less.

Section 10.4: REGULAR MEETINGS

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings shall be on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM. Written notice of regular meetings shall be given, of which printing the date, time and location of the meeting in the Club Newsletter preceding the meeting shall be sufficient.

Section 10.5: SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) Notice of special meetings shall be provided by the Secretary to each Regular Member not less than three nor more than ten days in advance of such meeting. Special meetings may transact only that business for which the special meeting was called.

(b) A special meeting may be called by any member requesting such a meeting by serving on the Commodore a request for such a meeting stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. The request must be signed by twenty-five percent of the Club's Regular Membership or ten Regular Members, whichever number is greater, in support of such special meeting.

ARTICLE XI: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AFTER DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution and winding up of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section.

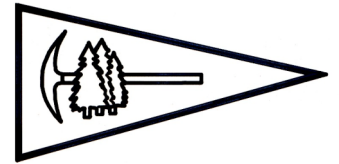
ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be repealed or amended at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds majority of all regular voting members in attendance, provided that the notice and proposed action or actions shall have been mailed to Regular Members of the Club at least thirty days before said meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution and Bylaws was voted into effect at a meeting of the Regular Members of the Club on

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Upcoming Events

July

- 14 –15 – High Sierra Regatta – Keel – Huntington Lake
- *11 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *21 - Summer Race #2-SFL
- *22–28 – Junior Sailing Program- Scotts Flat Lake
- 31 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

August

- *5- Summer Race #3-SFL
- *8 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *18 - Summer Race #4-SFL
- 28 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

September

- *12 - General Meeting-Scotts Flat Lake Clubhouse
- *16 - Summer Race #5-SFL
- *29 - Summer Race #6-SFL
- 25 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

October

- 6-7 Catalina 22 Region 10 Regatta - Berkeley
- 10 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 30 - GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

November

- 10 – Turkey Shoot – Lake Washington
- 14 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 27- GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

December

- 1 – Christmas / Annual Awards Party



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