

MARQUETTE YACHT CLUB CHARTER & BYLAWS
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Article I Name and Objective

Section 1. The name shall be the Marquette Yacht Club

Section 2 The purposes of this association are:

Vision: *To provide a unique gateway to recreational boating in our community.*

Mission: *To encourage and support sailing and non-motorized boating by providing facilities for the recreational, educational, and social use of its members.*

Principles: *To maintain the cost of access to achieve affordable facilities for members with a predictable fee structure. 2) To host and encourage user groups to promote diverse community participation in activities with an emphasis in education, safety, and outreach.*

Section 3. This shall be a non-profit association. Any gains or remainder from dues shall not benefit any member or individual and shall be used only as stated in this charter.

Article II Membership and Dues

Section 1. Regular Members shall have all the privileges of the club including voting (one vote) and holding office (one board seat). All members shall be Regular Members unless they have been admitted to one of the classes described elsewhere in this article. The classification includes privileges for all family members including two adults in a committed relationship and their dependents as recognized in the US Tax Code.

Section 2. Joint Membership: A Joint Membership shall have all the privileges of a Regular Membership and allows two adults in a committed relationship the ability to have two votes and/or two board seats.

Section 3. Associate Members will generally have all the privileges of Regular Members except they may not vote or hold office. The Board of Directors may adopt other differences as deemed appropriate.

Section 4. Student Members shall generally have all the privileges of the Associate Member, though the Board of Directors may adopt other differences as deemed appropriate.

Section 5. Termination of Membership

A. A member in good standing may resign upon written notice to the Secretary.

B. Members who have not paid their dues by May 1, may be notified and their membership terminated on June 1 if dues remain unpaid.

Section 6. Regular Members are required to purchase one share of capital stock.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall set the dues for the coming year at the Annual Meeting. Annual dues are payable April 1. Members accepted after August 15 shall pay one half the annual dues.

Article III Meetings and Voting

Section 1. Meetings of the club general membership shall be held at least two times per year, and additionally as called by the Commodore

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be in the Fall at which time the officers and Board of Directors shall be elected.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually or as called by the Commodore to transact necessary business.

Section 4. Any Regular Member in good standing and present at a general membership meeting is eligible to vote.

Section 5. Electronic participation in meetings and voting may occur when deemed advantageous by the Board. In such cases, electronic participants voting are considered as "present" as referenced in this document.

Article IV Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. Election and Term

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and three members all in good standing. The immediate past-Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.
- B. The Officers of the club shall be elected for one-year terms at the Annual Meeting and serve until their successors are elected.
- C. Three members shall be elected to the Board of Directors to serve three-year terms, one member elected each year and serving until their successors are elected.

Section 2. The management of the club shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The officers shall act in an administrative capacity and the entire board shall act in a representative legislative capacity and exercise the powers normally appurtenant within these definitions.

- A. The Commodore shall preside at meetings of the Club and board and shall have the powers normally appurtenant to the office of Commodore in addition to those specified in this charter.
- B. The Vice-Commodore shall have the powers and duties of the Commodore in the case of the Commodore's absence or incapacity and shall succeed to the vacated office of Commodore.
- C. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and the board, notify members of meeting dates, mail out club dues notices, keep a roll of the members with addresses, shall have charge of all correspondence, function as co-historian, and help maintain a scrapbook.
- D. The Treasurer's duties include, to collect and receive all monies due the Club and receipt therefore. All monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board in the name of the Club. The books shall be made open to inspection by the board and any agency required by law.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy.

Article V Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections.

Section 1. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. The Club's official year shall be following the election at the annual meeting and continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Nominations – During the month of September, the Board shall select a slate of candidates to present at the annual meeting for officers and Board members. .

Section 3. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. Elections shall be held by secret ballot unless a motion is adopted to proceed with a voice vote, and those receiving a majority of the eligible votes present will be declared elected.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. Standing committees will be formed to care for the docks, buildings and grounds. The committees and their Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board, and members will be appointed by the Chairpersons. Other committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Commodore.

Section 2. Purpose Protection Committee

- A. There shall be a permanent committee known as the Purpose Protection Committee with three (3) members. Initial members of the Purpose Protection Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for indefinite terms and shall continue as Purpose Protection Committee members until resignation, removal as set forth in Section 2(B) below, or death. Appointments to fill vacancies on the Purpose Protection Committee shall be made by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- B. Members of the Purpose Protection Committee shall be Full Members and shall have held Full Membership in the MYC for at least ten (10) years prior to appointment to the Purpose Protection Committee. A member of the Purpose Protection Committee shall be removed from the Committee only upon the written vote of all other members of the Purpose Protection Committee.
- C. The Purpose Protection Committee shall review all proposals that the MYC land or buildings be transferred, sold, or that the essential purposes of the MYC be changed, or that the MYC be dissolved. Any such proposal must be unanimously approved by the Purpose Protection Committee prior to being submitted to a vote of the Members of the MYC.
- D. There shall not be regularly scheduled meetings of the Purpose Protection Committee. Meetings of the committee may be called on five (5) days notice by any committee member. All members of the Purpose Protection Committee shall be present before a quorum is present. At a meeting of the Purposed Protection Committee, the members shall first elect a Chairperson and Recording Secretary for said meeting, and then discuss and vote on any proposal described in sub-section (C) above. A unanimous affirmative vote of the members of the Purpose Protection Committee shall be required before any proposal described in subsection (C) above shall be submitted to a vote of the MYC Full Members.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1. With the exception of Article VI, Section 2 above, amendments to this Charter and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 percent of the Regular Members. Proposed amendments must be considered by the Board and presented with recommendations within three months from receipt.

Section 2. The proposed amendment must be advertised prior to the meeting it will be voted on. This will be done by written communication from the Secretary. Electronic communication will qualify as written communication. The Charter may be amended by two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting.

Article VIII Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of three-fourths of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any property or assets of the Club shall be given to a worthy organization that promotes boating or improvement of harbor facilities to be selected by the Board of Directors. Dissolution and transfer of club property must first be approved by the Purpose Protection Committee as specified in Article VI, Section 2, C.

Article IX Order of Business

Section 1. All meetings of the Club shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedures.

Section 2. Board meetings shall have a business meeting including reports of officers and committee chairpersons.