

SAILING CLUB AT UWM, LTD.

CONSTITUTION

Amended August 27, 2016
Amended August 24, 2008
Amended August 15, 1999
Amended January 16, 1992

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Sailing Club at UWM, Ltd.
(hereinafter and in other official documents referred to as the Sailing Club).

Section 2: The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee is hereinafter and in other official documents referred to as UWM.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of the Sailing Club shall be:

- a) To instruct members of the UWM community in sailing by providing safe equipment and competent instructors necessary for training individuals in recreational and competitive sailing.
- b) To provide instruction on a variety of small boats under an organized instructional program to teach beginning, intermediate, and advanced recreational sailing and intercollegiate racing competition.
- c) To enable the enjoyment of sailing to reach all segments of the UWM community through a teaching program which would include an instructional program in sailing techniques, maintenance and repair of sailing vessels and equipment, water safety, navigation, and other topics related to recreational and competitive sailing.
- d) To encourage intra- and intercollegiate sailing through its instructional program.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any UWM student, faculty, staff, Alumni, or member of the Milwaukee community, is eligible and may become a Sailing Club member upon payment of dues, agreement to volunteer hours, and proper application.

- a) UWM Student: one who is enrolled for, in the case of an undergraduate student, at least six credits toward a degree, and in the case of a graduate student, at least three credit towards a degree and one for doctoral. Includes "on-line" students.
- b) A. UWM Student enrolled for at least one credit hour may be a member in a UWM student organization.

- c) UWM Explorer Student or UWM Social Member: one who meets criteria of UWM Student above (a), but is not a paid member. This member is not eligible for sailing lessons, but may go on recreational sails with other paid Sailing Club members and attend club social events.
- d) UWM faculty, staff or Alumni: one who is employed by UWM or has graduated from UWM with a degree.
- e) Other Student: a student at a school other than UWM with same credit enrollment requirements as described in "a)" for UWM students.
- f) General Community Member: a citizen who lives, works or volunteers in Milwaukee but is not an accredited student.
- g) Social Member: similar to a UWM Explorer, one who is not eligible for sailing instruction, but is welcome to attend club social events and be a social guest on a club boat.

Section 2: A membership limit based on available teaching personnel and equipment may be set by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The Executive Board shall be the executive and legislative body of the Sailing Club. All Executive Board members shall have voting privileges in Executive Board decisions, but the Commodore may vote only to break a tie vote among all other members.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members:

Commodore
 Vice-Commodore
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Instruction Chairperson
 Fleet Captain
 Membership Chairperson
 Volunteer Chairperson
 Member-at-Large
 Faculty Advisor
 Student(s)-at-Large (see Article IV Section 4(d))

Section 3: Qualifications of the Executive Board

- a) All members of the Executive Board must be members in good standing (dues paid in full and in compliance with all By Laws) of the Sailing Club throughout their terms, except for the Faculty Advisor.

- b) At least four members of the Executive Board must be students at UWM who are enrolled for, in the case of an undergraduate student, at least six credits toward a degree; and in the case and in the case of a graduate student, at least three credit towards a degree; and in the case of a doctoral student, at least one credit towards a degree. They must be attending classes on-campus.
- c) The Faculty Advisor shall be a full-time faculty member at UWM.
- d) The Commodore must be a student enrolled at UWM as noted above.

Section 4: Selection of the Executive Board

- a) All Executive Board members except the Faculty Advisor shall be elected by the general membership. The Commodore and Vice-Commodore may run as a team. All other members shall run individually. Note: Only UWM students are eligible to vote.
- b) Terms of elected Executive Board members shall extend for one year beginning May 1st. Election take place between April 1 and May 1. New officers assume duties for one year beginning May 2.
- c) Nominations
 - 1) Nominations from the floor shall be permitted at the General Membership Meetings prior to ballot distribution or by email to a board member prior to the meeting.
 - 2) Resumes and campaign statements shall be emailed to all club members upon request of the nominees.
- d) Elections
 - 1) Elections shall be held at the April general membership meeting preceding the new term of office.
 - 2) Secret ballots shall be used.
 - 3) No proxy or absentee ballots shall be allowed.
 - 4) Ballots shall be collected and tallied and results shall be announced at the close of the General Membership Meeting. Results shall also be recorded in the club Minutes.
 - 5) The term of the Faculty Advisor shall coincide with that of the other Executive Board members, except that the Faculty Advisor appointed by a previous Executive Board shall remain in office until the new Executive Board appoints a Faculty Advisor.

ARTICLE V - REPLACEMENT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1: In the event of a vacancy of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore shall take the vacant office of the Commodore. The new Commodore shall then appoint a new Vice-Commodore subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, exclusive of the office of the Commodore, the Commodore shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term of the vacating officer. The appointment is subject to Executive Board approval.

Section 3: Any Executive Board member may take a leave of absence. In this event, a substitute officer shall be chosen as prescribed in Section 1 and Section 2 until the original officer returns, and shall have all responsibilities and privileges of the Executive Board member on leave for the duration of the substitute term.

ARTICLE VI - RECALL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1: Any Executive Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote UWM student members of the Sailing Club present at a General Membership Meeting with prior notice given. The Executive Board member whose recall is being voted upon may not vote on his or her own removal.

Section 2: Any Executive Board member other than the Commodore may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board. The Executive Board member whose recall is being voted upon may not vote on his or her own removal. Due process will be observed.

ARTICLE VII - REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1: A member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership, Such vote to be taken at a meeting for which proper notice has been given, due process has been observed and the removal is included on the agenda.

ARTICLE VIII - OPTION FOR MEMBERS TO CALL A MEETING

Section 1: The membership may call a special meeting if two-thirds of members are in agreement that a meeting is required and officers have failed to call a meeting.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member of the Executive Board or by petition of ten members of the Sailing Club. Such amendments shall take effect when approved by a two-thirds majority of Sailing Club members Only UWM students are eligible to vote of UWM student members of the Sailing Club present at a General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS

Section 1: By-laws may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of UWM Student members of the Sailing Club present at a General Membership Meeting.

Section 2: A By-law change may be proposed by any member of the Sailing Club at any General Membership Meeting, or at any Board meeting, which are open to all members and to the public.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Upon dissolution of the Sailing Club, all assets of the organization shall be dedicated and donated to UWM.

*approved for UWM Student Involvement
Thomas Dake 9/20/16*

