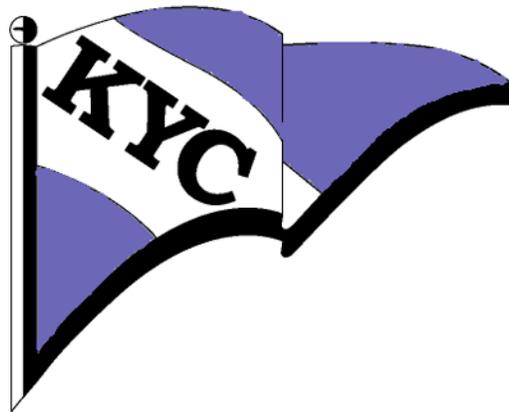


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Mission Statement

To provide an active and diverse organization whose members share and enjoy a common bond: *the love of water and its many varied activities*. The Kenosha Yacht Club pledges to utilize and promote the complete resources of the “Port of Friendship,” Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Governance

The Kenosha Yacht Club is governed by this Constitution, as well as a set of annually-adopted By-Laws.

The Constitution remains in force until it is revised in full, or in part, by the Membership. The Constitution is not ratified annually.

The By-Laws provides an annual operating structure which is determined at the beginning of each year with its adoption by the Board. Without a Membership vote, the By-Laws may be adopted by the Board if no changes from the previous year have been made. Changes recommended by the Board or individual Members must be submitted to the Membership for a vote.

Article 1 Membership

Section 1 Types of Membership

The membership of the Kenosha Yacht Club consists of these seven (7) classes:

Full; social; youth; corporate; retired; emeritus, and honorary. All memberships run from April 1 to March 31 of the succeeding year. A membership unit consists of an individual, a husband, and a wife (or significant other) residing at the same address; each unit is allowed only one membership vote. A second member may vote if he or she has paid an additional voting fee as stated in the fee structure. Members are entitled to enjoy all the benefits of membership including a ten (10) percent discount on galley services. The privileges of membership are subject to further provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kenosha Yacht Club (KYC).

Section 2 Full Membership

Any person of lawful age and good moral character is eligible for full membership. Any full membership will be allowed one vote per membership number (unless the second person has paid the yearly voting fee). Only one Flag officer per membership number is allowed the use of dock facilities.

Section 3 Social Membership

Any person of lawful age and good moral character is eligible for social membership. Any social membership will be allowed one vote per membership number and may hold one non-flag officer per membership number. A social member may not own a boat that is moored on Lake Michigan. Social Members shall not have access to the boats maintained by the Kenosha Community Sailing center (KCSC).

Section 4 Youth Membership

Any individual 22 years of age or younger and good moral character is eligible for youth membership. Youth members are allowed use of the sailing center boats. Youth membership allows no voting or office holding privileges.

Section 5 Corporate Membership

Any company is eligible for a corporate membership. A corporate membership will be allowed one voting privilege and may not hold any office. Corporate members are issued three (3) KYC membership cards and are allowed use of the summer dock facilities and use of the KYC upstairs meeting facilities, with a reservation, at no charge. The Corporate Membership application will designate one person who will retain the voting privileges.

Section 6 Retired Membership

Anyone who has been a member in good standing for five (5) years or more, and who is age sixty-five (65) or older, is eligible for the retired membership. Retired members are allowed one vote per membership unit, may hold one officer per membership unit, and use of the dock.

Section 7 Emeritus Membership

Anyone who has been a member in good standing for the last twenty (20) years, and who is age sixty-five (65) or older, is eligible for the emeritus membership. An emeritus membership may be nominated by any voting member at any membership meeting and must be approved by eighty (80) percent of the attending members. An emeritus membership includes one vote per membership unit and use of the dock. Emeritus members are exempt from paying any annual dues.

Section 8 Honorary Membership

Anyone who has been a member in good standing may be nominated by any voting member at any membership meeting for an annual or lifetime honorary membership. The membership must be approved by eighty (80) percent of the attending members.

This membership may be utilized as a surviving spouse membership if they have been member in good standing for five (5) or more years. This type of membership allows no voting or office holding privileges. Honorary members are exempt from paying any annual dues.

Section 9 Application and Election of Membership

Anyone who desires a membership in the KYC must make a written application on the form prescribed by the Board of Directors. This form must be signed by the applicant and sponsor who must also be a member in good standing. This application, together with the prescribed building fund donation, will be turned over to the Recording Secretary.

Section 10 Notice of Acceptance

Once accepted the applicant will be notified by mail and sent a statement of dues owed. Payment of dues will then be considered acceptance of membership and an agreement to be bound by the Constitution, By-Laws, and any other rules of the KYC. Failure to make payment within forty-five (45) days after the mailing of the statement will render the membership void.

Section 11 Resignation

Membership may be terminated by voluntary resignation in writing and acceptance by the Board of Directors. No resignation will be accepted unless the resigning member has paid all indebtedness to the KYC.

Section 12 Expulsion

When a complaint against a KYC Member is filed with the Board of Directors, the Board may require that he or she appear before the Board to answer the complaint. The complaint must specify any behavior or act that is injurious to the order, peace, interest(s) or welfare of the Club, or which is at variance with its objects, Constitution and By-Laws, or other rules. Any such complaint must be in writing and signed by the complaining Member or by the House Committee Chairperson. The Recording Secretary, at the direction of the Board, will notify, in writing, the Member so cited of the complaint against them and give them thirty (30) days notice to appear before the Board of Directors. An investigation of the complaint will be conducted by the Board of Directors. If the Member is found guilty, the Board may censure, suspend, expel, or ask for a resignation of the Member. The Board of Directors using the Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of the KYC will be the sole judge of what constitutes conduct injurious to the order, peace, interests or welfare of the Club.

Section 13 Suspension

The Commodore may suspend a Member if he or she is believed guilty of conduct injurious to the order, peace, interest or welfare of the Club, at variance with its objects, Constitution, By-Laws, and rules, or is in arrears of fees. The Commodore will give the Board of Directors a written statement of the suspension. The Board of Directors will consider the suspension at the next meeting. A Member, while under the suspension, will not be permitted to participate in any Club events, introduce guests, incur any debt to the Club, or exercise any other privileges of being a Member including the galley discount.

Section 14 Property Rights

Termination of Membership by resignation, death, expulsion, or otherwise, will release all rights, titles, and interest in the property and assets of the Club. No Member of the KYC will, as an individual, have any interest in or title to the assets of the Club. The assets of the KYC are devoted exclusively to the purposes of the Club. In the event of dissolution and voluntary surrender or revocation of the Kenosha Yacht Club Charter; all assets belonging to the Club will be assigned to an institution that qualifies for tax exemption (under IRS code of 1954, section 501 (c)(3) or any amendments to that code). This institution will be selected by the Board of Directors or other comparable body.

Section 15 Auxiliary Organizations

The KYC may have under its authority, a Sail Racing Committee and other such organizations, that have activities related to the Club but are governed by their own administration and By-Laws. If any of these organizations dissolves, their funds and property will be turned over to the KYC. All auxiliary organizations must submit a financial statement annually at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 16 Partner Organizations

Sea Scout Ship – The KYC sponsors this Ship by paying its annual dues, providing meeting space and providing assistance as required. In return, the Sea Scout ship agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.

Kenosha Community Sailing Center (KCSC) – The KYC and the KCSC have agreed to have joint ventures.

Mission Statement: The Kenosha Community Sailing Center (KCSC) is a collaborative effort between the Kenosha Yacht Sailing Center, local organizations, and schools. Its goal is to educate Kenosha youth in the sport of sailing while integrating academic, leadership, and life skills. The KCSC also promotes awareness of, and access to, the Kenosha Harbor and Lake Michigan’s resources and environment for people of all ages through the sport of sailing.

Article II Privileges

Section 1 Extension of Privileges

The Board of Directors may extend privileges of the KYC to the following persons who are:

- Civic or politically active in the City of Kenosha, State of Wisconsin, or the United States
- Members of the Armed Forces of the United States
- Members of the United States Coast Guard or its Auxiliary
- Members of the Press
- Visiting members of other recognized yacht clubs
- Yacht owners mooring in Kenosha Harbor who are Members of the Club
- Other Yacht Club Commodores.

Section 2 Duration of Privileges

The privileges extended to any person who is not a member of the Club will continue for a period of time as specified by the Board of Directors. This period will begin at the time the extension is initiated but will not extend beyond the current term of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Delegating Power to Extend Privileges

The Board of Directors may delegate to the Commodore or a committee created for this purpose, the power to extend the privileges of the Club under Section I Article II of the By-Laws.

Section 4 Status

Any person extended privileges will not be eligible to vote or hold any Club office.

Article III Donations, Transfers, Fees and Dues

Section 1 Building Fund

Any person submitting for Membership under Article I of the KYC Constitution will donate to the Club's building fund the sum set in the By-Laws.

Section 2 Dues

Starting with the first day in April, all Members will pay dues in accordance with the By-Laws fee schedule. Any Membership beginning other than the first day of April will pay pro-rated dues based on the By-Laws fee schedule.

Section 3 Delinquency of Dues

Any Member who is delinquent in the payment of their dues by thirty (30) days after the commencement of the Membership year of the Club will not be allowed any privileges of Membership until the dues are paid. If still delinquent ninety (90) days after the commencement of the year, Membership will automatically be forfeited unless the Board of Directors extends the time of payment. Members who are more than thirty (30) days delinquent will pay a late charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Members who are more than sixty (60) days delinquent will pay a late charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 4 Indebtedness to the Club

Any other indebtedness, other than dues and or the building fund donation that is incurred by a Member will be due and payable on the first of the next month following the debt incursion. The Member may be subject to Board suspension or expulsion if the debt is not paid with-in sixty (60) days, unless more time is extended by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Demits

Any Member, who is in good standing, may apply to the Board of Directors prior to May 31st any year for a demit. The Board of Directors at their discretion may grant or reject the application. Upon approval of the application for demit by the Board of Directors, the application will be submitted to the membership for its approval or rejection. Any Member holding an approved demit may apply for reinstatement upon payment of a fee amounting to fifty

(50) percent of the current building fund donation amount, along with pro-rated dues for the current year.

Section 6 Club Participation Program

In order to assure an active Club Membership, each Membership number will be expected to participate in eight (8) hours of Club activities annually. Time spent participating in a Club event or service will be accounted for by the honor system. Each Membership should record their hours as they are incurred and communicate these to the Board as directed in the By-Laws. This can be accomplished by placing a note in the office mail-slot, calling or emailing the club or notifying a board member. Hours may be applied, but not limited to some of the following:

- Attending Club parties or events (1 hour)
- Total time spent working at a Club function
- Attending monthly KYC meetings (1 hour)
- Bringing in a new member (2 hours)
- Serving on the Board of Director or on a committee
- Selling tickets or assisting with Club activities
- Stuffing envelopes, writing articles, helping assemble the Club newsletter
- Any worth-while effort to improve our Club

(Time required by the Dock & Derrick Committee does not apply unless you do not utilize the dock for winter storage).

Any unfulfilled hours will be invoiced at the close of the membership year as per the attached fee schedule.

Article IV Assessments

Section 1 Resolution to Assess

When the Board of Directors determines that the financial condition of the KYC requires that an assessment needs to be levied upon the Members of the Club, they will adopt a resolution which specifies the amount of the assessment to be levied upon each Membership and the time and manner in which it will be paid.

Section 2 Adoption of the Assessment

After adoption by the Board of Directors the Resolution will be submitted to the Membership at the next meeting. The resolution will then be printed in the next Club newsletter with a statement that a vote will be taken at the next Club meeting. No assessment will be levied against the Membership of the KYC until it has been approved by the majority of the voting Members present and those voting by proxy. Any financial charge levied upon the Membership other than that pursuant to Article III Section 2, will be considered a Special Assessment. An assessment of \$50.00 or less may be levied by the Board of Directors without Membership approval.

Section 3 Payment of the Assessment

After an assessment is levied, the recording secretary will mail a notice of the assessment to the Membership specifying the amount, time, and manner in which the assessment is to be paid.

Section 4 Default of Assessment Payment

No Member will be considered in good standing when they are in default for more than thirty (30) days in the payment of any assessment or installment thereof.

Article V Election of Officers

Section 1 Officers to be Elected by the Membership

The officers to be elected by the Membership of the KYC are Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Recording Secretary, Treasure, Chairperson of the House Committee and three other Trustees. The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore must be boat owners and Full Members.

Section 2 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors must be voting Members and will be composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, House Committee Chairperson, three (3) Trustees and the Immediate Past Commodore.

Section 3 Officers Elected by the Board of Directors

Delegates to represent the Club at meetings of external organizations (for example; the Lake Michigan Yachting Association) shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 Officers Appointed by the Commodore

The following officers may be appointed by the Commodore subject to Board approval; Judge Advocate, Librarian, and Flag Lieutenant. All these officers may hold office at the pleasure of the Commodore, but not exceed the term of office of the Commodore.

Article VI Duties of the Officers

Section 1 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will have the duty to manage the affairs of the Kenosha Yacht Club including personnel and any emergency that arises. They can make all contracts and purchases, except any expenditure in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) which must have the approval of Membership. They will administer the affairs of the Club in such a manner as may be necessary to carry out its objectives and purposes as set forth in its articles of incorporation, the Constitution and the Bylaws. All the Board members will participate on a standing committee or in auxiliary organization.

The power to order any Member or guest of a Member to leave the premises for the duration of any day's business hours when said Member or guest is creating a disturbance or is in any other way interfering with the orderly operation of the Club.

Section 2 Audits

It is the duty of the Board of Directors to have the books of the Club audited once each year. At the May meeting the Ways & Means Committee will be directed to make an audit of the Club's books and report to the Board of Directors and the Membership at the September meeting. The Treasurer may be called upon for advice. The audit report will include a yearly record of cash received and disbursed, a profit-and loss-statement, and a balance sheet.

Section 3 Commodore

The Commodore will be the chief executive officer of the Club. It is the Commodore's responsibility to lead, guide, and direct the Club in accomplishing its Mission Statement. He or she is to provide the Board and the Membership a goals-and-objectives plan for the term of office. The Commodore will be accountable to the Board of Directors and the general Membership. The Commodore is obligated to apply the By-Laws to the general welfare and operations of the club. As Commodore he or she may represent KYC at governmental meetings, affiliated yacht club events, and other such affairs. The voice and vote of the Commodore at such functions will be as approved or directed by the Membership or Board. The Commodore will preside and chair all Board of Directors and Membership meetings. It is his or her duty to provide an agenda for those meetings. He or she will not vote at any meeting, unless in order to break a tie vote.

The Commodore will appoint with Board approval the standing committee chairpersons, officer replacements, and such other specific positions as the Board requests. Appointment of other committee chairs may be made without Board approval. He or she will be a non-voting member of all committees of the KYC and may provide direction or input as requested. The Commodore and another Flag officer along with the Recording Secretary will have official signature capacity on behalf of the Club. They may sign all contracts, obligations, and legal directives that have received Board approval.

Section 4 Vice-Commodore

The Vice-Commodore will perform such duties as the Board of Directors prescribes. In the absence of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore will perform the duties of that office. The Vice-Commodore will oversee the Derrick & Dock and Membership committees.

Section 5 Rear Commodore

The Rear-Commodore will perform such duties as the Board of Directors prescribes. In the absence of the Commodore and the Vice-Commodore, the Rear-Commodore will perform the duties of those offices. The Rear-Commodore will oversee the Activities Committee.

Section 6 Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary will keep the minutes of all meetings. He or she will notify applicants of their election to membership, issue notices of meetings, keep a roll of the members and officers which shall be displayed in a prominent place within the Club. The Recording Secretary will, with the Commodore and another Flag officer, sign any contracts and obligations which have been approved by the Membership. The Recording Secretary will perform such duties as the Board of Directors prescribes.

Section 7 Treasurer

The Treasurer will have charge of the accounting and financial records of the Club and charged with the duty of preparing all governmental applications for licenses and reports that may be required. The Treasurer will receive and hold all monies and securities belonging to or receivable by the Club and pay them in the manner designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will perform such additional duties as the Board of Directors prescribes

Section 8 House Chairman

The Chairperson of the House committee will be head of the house committee, overseeing its organization and work as described in Article VIII, Section 2, and perform such additional duties as the Board of Directors prescribes.

Section 9 Trustees

The Trustees will serve as Members of the Board of Directors, and perform such additional duties as the Board of Directors prescribes.

Section 10 Judge Advocate

The Judge Advocate will act as the Club's legal advisor.

Section 11 Librarian

The Librarian will keep and care for any charts, books, pictures and other related items owned by the Club. He or she will also care for the Club's trophies. The Librarian will establish and enforce reasonable rules for safeguarding these possessions. He or she will collect and preserve, in a book provided by the Club, such references to the Club and its' events as articles from newspapers and other publications of interest to the Club.

Section 12 Flag Lieutenant

The Flag Lieutenant will see that the Club has at all times a United States flag. He or she will see that a flag is properly flown and in good condition. The flag Lieutenant will make arrangements

to acquire a new flag if the current flag is in poor condition. The Flag Lieutenant will also make sure there are Club Burgees available for Members.

Section 13 Cruising Coordinator

The Cruising Coordinator will work as chairperson for the Cruising Committee to organize and plan Club activities on the water and work with the Sail Race Committee on joint activities. It is the Cruising Coordinator's responsibility to organize boats for Club functions, such as Blessing of the Fleet.

Section 14 Officers and Directors Liability

Officers and Directors of the Kenosha Yacht Club shall not be personally liable for any and all claims, loss, suits, damages, costs and expenses including attorney's fees arising out of acts undertaken in their capacity as Officers and Directors of the Kenosha Yacht Club.

Article VII Elections

Section 1 Election of Officers

The election of officers will be held at the annual membership meeting in October.

- On or about the first of August, the Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee of five (5) members consisting of four voting members with five years tenure and a chairperson, being an active past Commodore.
- This committee will nominate a member of the Club for each office including that of the Trustees to be filled at the annual election. These nominations should be certified to the Recording Secretary of the Club in writing on or before August 20th.
- It is the duty of the committee or any group nominating a candidate to provide a written acceptance and to serve as an officer for the Club. The acceptance must be filed by August 20th.
- Once the nominating committee has chosen a candidate for Commodore, they may seek the candidate's advice on the nominations.
- The Recording Secretary will then post the nominations, known as the "Nominating Committee's Slate," in the next Club newsletter or in a special mailing to members.
- If no other nominations are made, as provided in Article VII, Section 2, the Recording Secretary will cast one ballot at the annual election for the group nominated. These will then become the duly elected officers and Trustees of the Club for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly elected.

Section 2 Other Nominations

At the September membership meeting any member qualified to vote can nominate another member for an office, if he or she agrees to being put on the slate, for election at the annual meeting in October. Any nomination must be seconded and the member being nominated must be present to accept. The Recording Secretary will post the nominations in the next Club newsletter or in a special mailing to members.

The Recording Secretary will then notify the Board of Directors of all nominations. At the annual election, the members qualified to vote will vote for one person for each office from the nominations, and upon the ballots distributed by tellers appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting. The candidates receiving the majority of votes cast for all candidates for each office shall be the duly elected officers and Trustees of the Club for the ensuing year, beginning on the first Tuesday of November. In the event no candidate receives a majority of votes cast for any one office, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall have a run-off between them until one receives a majority of votes cast.

Section 3 Qualified Voters

Only members whose indebtedness to the Club is paid up to within one month of any membership meeting shall be entitled to vote at the annual elections meeting. A member who is qualified to vote may vote in person or by written proxy.

Article VIII Standing Committees

Section 1 Powers and Duties

The Standing Committees will have such powers and duties as are delegated to them by the Constitution and as delegated by the Board of Directors. All action taken by a committee shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 House Committee

The House Committee will consist of three (3) members in good standing. The House Committee will work closely with the Club Manager. The Club Manager has signed a contract with the KYC to operate the galley and bar. The Club Manager will have control over the menu and their staff.

2.1 Duties and powers: The House Committee, through the Club Manager, will have complete control over the operation of the Club including but not limited to the following:

2.2 Maintenance of the KYC Clubhouse and equipment used in the operation of the Clubhouse including the authority to make expenditures for equipment of maintenance which do not exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) without membership approval.

2.3 Control over any and all signs and notices posted in the Clubhouse other than those required by the Constitution.

2.4 The right to restrict all accesses to the Club premises when it is closed.

Section 3 Membership Committee

The membership Committee will have charge of all matters relating to obtaining new members and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning applications for membership, transfer, or privileges. With the approval of the board of directors, the committee will be responsible for planning and executing any membership drives or activities.

Section 4 Activities Committee

The Activities Committee, in cooperation with the House Committee, will arrange for and manage such dinners, dances and other social functions as in its judgment will be conducive to the welfare of the Club and the pleasure of its members.

Section 5 Sail Race Committee

The Sail Race Committee will arrange, manage, and have complete control of all said boat races handled under the auspices of the Club. It will keep a record of all expenses, race results, and protests, and their decision on any protests will be final.

Section 6 Building Committee

The Building Committee will have control of all matters pertaining to the outside of the buildings and any necessary additions, the conditions of the grounds adjacent to the building, and including the parking lot. It will meet regularly and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of any needed improvements. All actions of this committee are subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 7 Dock & Derrick Committee

The Dock & Derrick Committee will have control of matters pertaining to docks, derrick, winter storage, summer dry sailing, repairs, and maintenance of the dock, equipment, and mooring facilities. It will make arrangements for recording and assigning mooring and storage and be responsible for dock master and related duties. It will meet regularly to discuss and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of needed improvements in the Club's property. All actions of this committee are subject to the control and approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 8 Delegates to LMYA

It will be the duty of the Delegates of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association to represent the Club to the best of their ability and to work for the accomplishment of the purposes of LMYA so far as the same are consistent with the interests of the Club. They will be subject at all times to instructions of the Board of Directors and, if instructed to do so, must cast a ballot in accordance with those instructions.

Section 9 Cruising Committee

The Cruising Committee will organize and plan Club activities on the water and work with the Sail Race Committee on joint activities. It may plan group cruises to other ports, power boat

races, or other such activities. It will also be responsible for organizing boats for club functions such as the “Blessing of the Fleet.”

Article IX Meetings

Section 1 Annual Meetings of Members

At the first meeting of the Membership year, the Board of Directors will announce the time and date of the annual meeting. At least five (5) days written notice via email and/or regular post of the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, will be sent by the Recording Secretary to members who are qualified to vote.

The regular annual meetings of the membership of the Club will be held on the first Tuesday of October annually. At least five (5) days written notice of the meeting or any adjournment, thereof, will be mailed by the Recording Secretary to the members that are qualified to vote.

Section 2 General Meeting of Members

Regular meetings of the membership will be held monthly and the scheduled dates posted quarterly in the monthly newsletter and on the KYC web site.

Section 3 Special Meetings of Members

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Commodore or by a majority of the Board of Directors at any time. Ten (10) or more day’s written notice will be given to Club members who are qualified to vote. Written notice of any objections to such a meeting will be given within five (5) days of the meeting. No business other than that stated in the call will transacted at a special meeting.

Section 4 Quorums at Meetings of the Member

A quorum is considered reached if either there are ten (10) qualified voting members present or if eight (6) members of the Board of Directors are present.

Section 5 Special Meetings – Board of Directors

Special meetings of the Board of Directors many be called at any time by the Commodore or upon the written request of two (2) or more Directors addressed to the Recording Secretary of the Club.

Section 6 Notice of Meetings – Board of Directors

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held monthly and the scheduled dates posted quarterly in the monthly newsletter and on the KYC web site.

Section 7 Quorums at Meetings – Board of Directors

Five (5) members of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum.

Section 8 Adjournments

No business will be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of members or Board of Directors is present.

Section 9 Rules of Order

All meetings are to be run on a non-formal consensus basis. Actions to be taken, and changes in general day-to-day operations, can be acted upon with majority approval of members present after limited discussion of the topic of issue. At the discretion of the Recording Secretary, Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure be invoked and followed if necessary.

Section 10 Board Approval

"In specific, items called for in the Constitution and/or By-Laws requiring Board approval: a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Membership present at a monthly or specially-called meeting shall be deemed approval."

Article X Fiscal and Membership Year

Section 1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year will commence on the first day of October of each year.

Section 2 Membership Year

The membership year will commence on the first day of April of each year.

Article XI Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1 Amendments and Acceptance

The Constitution may be repealed, modified, altered, or amended by a recommendation by the Board of Directors. The recommended change(s) must be announced at a membership meeting and published in two (2) consecutive editions of the Club newsletter. They must also be emailed to all possible members and posted at the club for those members without email. After the second reading and/or publication, a vote may be taken. If the proposed change(s) are approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the proxy and member votes present, the Constitution and/or By-Laws will be amended immediately.

Section 2 Proposed Changes by the Membership

Any ten (10) members may certify in writing to the Recording Secretary a proposed Constitution and/or By-Law change. Once accepted by the Board of Directors, the proposed change will be brought for a vote before the membership as outlined in Article X1 Section 1.

Section 3 By-Laws Review

The Constitution and By-Laws should be reviewed every five (5) years by either the Board or a Board-appointed committee. Proposed changes must be submitted to the Membership for a vote.

By-Laws

At the beginning of each membership year, the Board of Directors shall adopt a set of By-Laws for the forthcoming year. These constitute the day-to-day rules the Board feels are required for the club as well as the various fee schedules of the club. They must be adopted by a majority of the Board and may be amended by the Membership as per Section 1 above.

Fee Schedule

Building Fund

All new members must make a donation of \$100.00 to Club Building Fund upon acceptance of their application. Youth Members are not required to pay the Building Fund.

Dues

As of April 1997, all dues will be paid based on a Membership year (April 1st to March 31st).

Full Membership.....	\$200.00 per year plus tax
Social Membership.....	\$120.00 per year plus tax
Youth Membership.....	\$100.00 per year plus tax
Retired Membership.....	\$90.00 per year plus tax
Corporate Membership.....	\$400.00 per year plus tax

Club Participation Programs

Based on the program outlined in Article III, Section 6, unfulfilled hours will be billed at \$15.00 per hour at the end of the membership year. KCSC equipment usage is subject to KCSC policy.

Derrick & Dock Fees

Winter Storage, Mast up.....	\$15.00 per foot plus tax (haul-out & launch)
Mast Removal/Installation.....	\$100 to be paid in during prior to haul-out
Summer Lift Out:	
Full Membership.....	\$2.00 per foot
Non-Member.....	\$8.00 per foot
Summer Dry Sailing Fee.....	\$100.00 fee for boats up to 18

ft

Summer Dry Sailing Fee.....\$150.00 for boats over 18 ft and up to 24 ft

Summer Storage*.....\$15.00 per day

*This fee is for winter storage boats not off the dock by June 15th. If the boat owner is not a member in good standing (Refer – Article III Section 3) the cost will be twice the member storage cost. To be considered for exception, a letter outlining the situation must be submitted to the board by June 1st.The board reserves the right to make the final decision for any fees due.

Dock Clean-up Day

If a boat owner, or his/her proxy, is not present on dock clean-up day, he/she will be charged a fee of \$75.00.

Derrick & Dock Rules

1. Boat owners must be members in good standing to store on the dock and to maintain seniority.
2. Boat owners must store on the dock consecutively in order to retain dock seniority.
3. Requests for dock storage must be submitted to the dockmaster in writing. (Applicants will be considered on the basis of membership standing and date of application.)
4. Boat owners who wish to store their boats at the KYC dock, and wish lift in/lift out, must sign up in advance and specify the desired date.
5. Only delegated derrick operators can operate the derrick unless permission is received from the derrick and dock chairperson or the Commodore in an emergency.
6. Cradles must be in good condition and safe to move. Cradles must be clearly marked with the name of the boat.
7. Position of the boat on the dock is determined by the derrick operator. Consideration is given to time in, time out and work to be done.
8. Boat owners - or a representative - must participate in the work force on the date of their lift in/lift out. Boat owners are to supply crew to assist in moving any boat that needs to be re-arranged for storage or launch.
9. Boat owners - or their representative - must participate 3 (three) full days during lift-out and 3 (three) full days during launch.
10. Boat owners are responsible for blocking, leveling, and winterizing all equipment related to their boat, including masts and rigging.
11. All storage fees must be paid prior to lift out
12. The **third week in April** will be the start of the **Spring launch**. Arrangements are to be made with the derrick operator.
13. During Spring fitting-out, consideration and courtesy is to be given surrounding boats (cleaning, sanding, scraping and painting).

14. Day-sailors may use the dock as soon as possible in May and must be off the dock by the first weekend in October. Boats must be registered with the Club and all fees paid in full before storing the boat on the dock.
15. The **First week in October** will be the start of the **fall haul out**. Arrangements are to be made with the derrick operator.
16. All Winter storage participants must be **off the dock by June 15th** or they will be charged \$15.00 per day Summer storage.
17. All summer storage participants must be **off the dock by October 1st** or they will be charged \$15.00 per day for winter storage.
18. All fees for Winter storage, dry sailing, and emergency lift-in/lift-out from the KYC dock will be set by the Board of Directors and posted. All storage fees must be paid prior to lift out. The KYC Board maintains discretion to review special circumstances.
19. During the Summer months, ***with board approval***, KYC members may use docking facilities for a 24-hour period free of charge, after which a \$20.00 a day fee must be paid. When Club activities are scheduled, the members are requested not to tie up the dock area if they have a slip in a Kenosha harbor.
20. If your boat is lifted out for any reason during the summer the fee is as follows:

Member.....	\$2.00 per foot
Non-member.....	\$8.00 per foot
21. All Winter storage participants will be notified of dock clean-up day. ***This is part of your responsibility for storing on the KYC dock and is beneficial to the Club and your fellow members.*** A penalty of \$75.00 per boat will be charged if you, or your representative, are not present on clean-up day. Clean-up will occur prior to the Blessing of the Fleet. Your cooperation is needed, and counted on, so that we may be officially ready for Summer. *Exceptions/allowances or alternative arrangements must be made with the Dock and Derrick Committee Chairperson.*

The request of any boat owner for the services of the derrick will be constituted as an agreement and, as such, the boat owner is bound by the foregoing rules and regulations.

Please contact the Derrick & Dock Committee for any questions.

Kenosha Yacht Club Past Commodores

Alex Werner *	.....	1940 - 1944
Nels Nelson *	.....	1944 - 1945
Chris Wandalwyck *	.....	1945 - 1946
Lloyd Barth*	.....	1946 -1948
Al Berg*	.....	1948 - 1950
Joseph Werner*	.....	1950 - 1951
Harry Anderson*	.....	1952 - 1953
Anthony Biernat*	.....	1952 - 1953
Edward Grota*	.....	1953 - 1954
William Earl*	.....	1954 - 1955
Stewart Voight*	.....	1955 - 1956
Bryon Beaupre*	.....	1956 -1957
John Reis*	.....	1957- 1958
Lloyd Barth*	.....	1958 -1959
Fred Pfenning*	.....	1959 - 1960
Harold Herman*	.....	1960 - 1961
Roger Bundies*	.....	1961 - 1962
Alger Ryshkus*	.....	1962 – 1963
Neal Isermann*	.....	1963 -1964
D. Cleve Ward*	.....	1964 - 1965
Richard Grasser*	.....	1965 - 1966
Norman Jacobsen	.....	1966 - 1967
F. Richard Kishline	.....	1967 - 1968
G. Tom Walker*	.....	1968 - 1969
Goodwin Johnston*	.....	1969 -1970
Herman Long*	.....	1970 - 1971
Edward C. Werner	.....	1971 - 1972
John J. Grno*	.....	1972 - 1973
Robert L. Smith	.....	1973 - 1974
Ford Charlton*	.....	1974 - 1975

Larry M. Borland	.....	1975 - 1976
Frank J. Sezemsky*	.....	1976 - 1977
Dean E. Hansen*	.....	1977 - 1978
John C. Larsen*	.....	1978 - 1979
Robert L. Dupin	.....	1979 - 1980
Charles Joregensen	.....	1980 – 1981
Harold Bud Brandt*	.....	1981- 1982
Richard Richter	.....	1982 – 1983
John Cyzak	.....	1983-1984
Douglas Vaccarello	.....	1984 -1986
Charles Malinsky* Jr.	.....	1986 -1987
Richard Babino	.....	1987 - 1988
Jack Swartz	.....	1988 - 1989
Tom Hartley	.....	1989 - 1990
Al Giovanelli	.....	1990 -1991
Robert Justus	.....	1991 - 1992
Carol J. Stanley	.....	1992 - 1993
Jacob Berger	.....	1993 - 1994
Joe Orlowitz*	.....	1994 - 1995
Dave Chatmon	.....	1995 - 1996
George West	.....	1996 - 1997
Dennis O’Braitis	.....	1997 – 1998
Tim Traut	.....	1998 – 1999
Frank Delfield	.....	1999 – 2000
Virginia Hartley	.....	2000 – 2001
Lisa Curtain	.....	2001 – 2003
Dan Mattson	.....	2003 – 2003
Mike Marquardt	.....	2005 – 2007
Larry LaPoint	.....	2007 – 2009
Jim Buck	.....	2009 – 2011
Paul Lendved	.....	2011 – 2013

*- Deceased

Kenosha Yacht Club History

The **Kenosha Yacht Club** is one of the oldest organizations in Kenosha and was originally chartered in 1912. According to the best records that can be found, the first commodore was Buck Ferry.

In February of 1918, a Mr. Peterson deeded all the land south of the Coast Guard headquarters and east to the lakeshore to the KYC. A building formerly used by the Jackson Lumber co. was sold to the KYC and moved to the site to serve as headquarters. However, in April of 1921 the land was returned to Mr. Peterson who lost it to the City of Kenosha in November of that year.

Little is known of the KYC from 1921 until 1932 when it was incorporated under Commodore Alex Werner. He remained commodore for that year and then was re-elected for the years 1940 through 1943, the year the Club was re-chartered.

From 1932 through 1946 the Club met in the old Morgan Boat House. This building was erected in the early 1900s to serve as the Lake Michigan Base for M.P. Morgan's steam yachts. But suddenly, in 1946 the Club was evicted from the boathouse and the building was to be torn down to make room for additional coal docks. After getting an extension of time, a Club committee negotiated with the city for the site where the Club stands today. They received a 20 year lease from the city and planned to move the boathouse to the site. However, before this could be accomplished, the boathouse burned down.

This was not such a bad thing since the insurance company paid the Club \$1800.00 for the boathouse. The KYC was given until April of 1947 to tear down and remove the old building. Throughout the winter of '46 the members managed to dismantle and save a large amount of lumber from the old boathouse. This lumber was moved to the new site in preparation for the new clubhouse.

In May of 1947 the footings for the new clubhouse were poured and reconstruction began. With the help of the insurance money, walls, a roof, and a few permanent doors were added. A contractor erected the concrete blocks, but Club members did much of the work themselves. It was a long process since it was necessary to complete the building piecemeal. As a few dollars were gathered, special meetings were called to determine what improvements deserved first consideration. The taproom, of course, came first as it would help bring in much needed money. The Club did not keep a record of the members who put forth so much effort to create one of the finest clubs on Lake Michigan, but much of the credit goes to Nels Nelson and Earl Nehls. They were the carpenter contractors who supervised and worked on the project.

In 1952 the Club purchased a stiff leg derrick which allowed the storing of boats on the Club grounds. Membership grew, as did the fleet.

During 1965, under the leadership of Commodore Cleve Ward, major changes were made at the Club. The changes included a new entrance and foyer, a completely new galley, a remodeled dining room (with air conditioning!), and relocation of the heads. All this was made possible by negotiating a long term lease extension from the city. Members were assessed \$25.00 and dues

were raised to \$50.00 per year. New members were required to donate \$75.00 to the building fund. Many members took an active part in this reconstruction, and to them we owe our thanks.

Many other changes have occurred since then. The flagpole and plaque were installed during 1971-1972 under the leadership of Commodore Ed Werner. The bar, previously in the shape of a boat's flaring bow and located in the middle of the clubhouse was replaced in 1972-1973 with the bar that exists today. The folding partitions replaced a permanent wall in 1975-1976 and the dance floor was installed. Thanks to member's donations, a new roof and lighting were installed in 1977-1978. In 1984 a gable roof was installed, replacing the flat roof that had caused much trouble.

Many thanks should be given to the Ladies Auxiliary, past Commodores and board members, and to the many Club members who made this Club great. Also thanks to the sailing fleet that brought us the trophies that appear in the case today.

As we can see from our history, the Kenosha Yacht Club exists today thanks to the dedication of its members.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary began in the mid forties, sometime after the Club moved to its present location. Since women were not allowed to be members at that time, it was something like having their own club within the Club. The women would accompany their husbands when they came for membership meetings, but then would have their own meetings upstairs. In those days, the ladies even needed their husbands' permission to join the Auxiliary. At its peak, the Auxiliary had around 50 members and, truth be told, these women were the backbone of the Club.

They organized parties for all occasions and events. Christmas parties for the children of Club members complete with Santa arriving by a U.S. Coast Guard boat. They held fundraisers that raised money for everything from curtains for the clubhouse to donations to charities. They fed their men dinner after each membership meeting. They organized monthly bowling events during the winter and Kentucky Derby parties complete with mint juleps in the spring. They had their own softball team, the KYC Admirals (very appropriate). They were sailors and they were power boaters. But mostly, they had fun! Within their meetings they planned many activities, but they also enjoyed themselves. Playing games, (not sure what's going on with all those shoes) and just having time to spend with other women who also enjoyed boating.

As with most clubs however, the segregation of the sexes came to an end. In the late nineteen eighties, one of the women proclaimed that she too was a member and wanted to attend regular membership meetings. That moment marked the beginning of the end for the Ladies Auxiliary, but it also signaled a new beginning for the Club.