

# ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB

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## Notes from the Commodore

For a great number of years the Canoe Club has had a policy of only accepting for membership those applicants who owned either a Sunfish or Thistle or who crewed on a Thistle. The philosophy and primary purpose of the Club has been to promote and offer good one-design racing competition. Although this has been the policy of the Club, it has never been clarified in writing. In order to accomplish this end and to strengthen the two fleet system, the Board of Governors adopted the following resolution:

1. For now and for the foreseeable future, the two fleets at RCC shall be Thistles and Sunfish. These particular fleets actually compliment rather than compete with each other.

2. We shall continue to consider as new members: Thistle owners, Sunfish owners and crew provided they intend to actively participate in the racing program.

3. We shall continue to discourage members from using RCC facilities for sailing boats other than Thistles or Sunfish. The following rules should accomplish this:

a) No member shall launch another boat at the same time when either Thistles or Sunfish are using the launching area for their normal series racing or during such races.

b) Only Thistles and Sunfish may be parked or stored at RCC.

c) Since these rules are in effect from this day forward, those members who already own other types of boats are exempt from rules a and b under a grandfather clause. *was passed*

d) Any member launching any boat at RCC must pay the appropriate full yearly boat fee.

This resolution may appear to some to be rather harsh; however, I am sure everyone will agree that the strength of the Canoe Club lies in its racing program and the restrictions that have been placed on membership. If you examine the other yacht clubs in the Rochester area, you will quickly conclude that they all lack consistent one-design racing. This result has come about primarily because the clubs have accepted social members and have allowed multiple fleets. In many of these clubs, competition has been severely weakened due to the fact that the boat that is in this year is out next year and, in addition, the facilities of the club are taxed due to the vast number of fleets. Multiple fleets lead to mediocre competition. It is our hope that the above resolution is responsive to the thinking of our membership and that such a policy will continue to strengthen our two fleet system.

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