

# Regulations Related to Bylaws

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

### Section 3 Membership Categories

The Lake Geneva Yacht Club and the Geneva Lake Sailing School are two separate organizations. Membership in either organization does not automatically imply membership in the other organization.

### Section 4 Member's Family

Parents of Junior Members do not enjoy privileges associated with club membership, unless they are members in their own right. Parents may eat at the club if they are accompanied by the Junior Member. No alcohol is allowed to be charged to a Junior Member's account.

### Section 6 Change of Membership Category

Members are able to convert to Regular Membership provided that they have shown an interest in or have historically participated in the sailing program. (See below). The membership request should be submitted through the normal membership application process.

Regular Members are able to convert to a different membership category upon submission of a request to the Membership Committee and approval of that request by the Board of Directors.

Sailing Supporter Members that no longer qualify for such membership as a result of their children aging out or ceasing to participate in LGYC races and regattas will be automatically converted to Associate Membership upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. However, in such instances Sailing Supporter Members have the option to apply to convert to Regular Membership provided that they have shown an interest in or have historically participated in the sailing program. The membership request should be submitted through the normal membership application process.

### Section 7 Membership Privileges

#### *Regular Members*

Regular members shall be limited to members who are currently participating or have historically participated in the sailing program by purchasing a sailboat, regularly crewing, or serving on the Race Committee. Regular members shall have voting privileges and shall be eligible to hold office in accordance with the Bylaws. Regular members shall have boat launching privileges, shall be eligible for a boat slip, subject to the regulations below, and to store boats on-site at storage rates set by the Board of Directors. Regular members shall be eligible for preferred car parking and dining reservations as may be provided by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may limit the number of Regular members. As of June 6, 2015, that number shall be 175.

#### *Senior Members*

Senior membership shall be available to any regular member who applies for such membership and has met the requirements as set forth in the Bylaws. Senior members have voting privileges and shall be eligible to hold office in accordance with the Bylaws. Senior members shall have boat launching privileges, shall be eligible for a boat slip, subject to the regulations below, and to store boats on-site at storage rates set by the Board of Directors. Senior members shall be eligible for preferred car parking and preferred dining reservations as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

#### *Intermediate Members*

Intermediate membership shall be subject to the age requirements as set forth in the Bylaws. Intermediate members shall have the all of the privileges of a Regular member except for eligibility for boat slips and preferred car parking.

#### *Sailing Supporter Members*

Sailing Supporter Members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be eligible to hold office in accordance with the Bylaws. They shall have boat launching privileges, subject to the regulations below, and to store boats on-site at storage rates set by the Board of Directors. They shall be eligible for preferred car parking and dining reservations as may be provided by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may limit the number of Sailing Supporter Members. As of April 26, 2025, that number shall be limited to 15.

#### *Associate Members*

Associate members shall not have voting privileges, shall not be eligible to hold office in accordance with the Bylaws nor may they act as helmsperson for an official Club race. Associate members shall not be eligible for a boat slip. Associate members may store boats on-site, subject to availability, at the storage rates set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may limit the number of Associate members. As of December 5, 2015, that number shall be limited to 50% of the voting members at the time any such Associate member may be approved. Associate members shall not be eligible for preferred car parking and dining reservations.

Associate Members shall have boat launching privileges. Associate Members who own a power boat are required to attend LGYC power boating orientation to provide instruction on how to operate a power boat around the Club and while watching races.

#### *Off-Season Dining Member*

Off-Season Dining Memberships valid between October 1 and April 30, shall be available to individuals who have expressed interest in the purposes and activities of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and complete an Off-Season Dining Membership application for approval by the Membership Committee. Off-Season Dining Members shall not have voting privileges, nor shall they be eligible to hold office. The Board of Directors may limit the number of Off-Season Dining Members. As of October 1 2018, that number shall be limited to 30% of the voting members at the time any such Off-Season Dining Member may be approved. An Off-Season Dining Member shall be liable for a membership fee set by the Board. If Off-Season Dining Members elect to convert their membership to

another membership category, they must reapply through the standard application process and will be subject to full initiation fees. The Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict and regulate this category of membership.

### ***Non-resident Members***

Non-resident members shall be subject to the residency requirements as set forth in the Bylaws. Non-resident members shall have all of the privileges of a Regular member. Non-resident members shall not be included in "Seniority" with Regular and Senior members but rather shall be included in a separate category of Nonresident members. No further applications for this category will be accepted effective May 28, 2016.

### ***Geneva Lake Sailing School Instructors***

Sailing School instructors have no special benefits regarding membership, boat storage, racing, scoring, or trophies.

### ***Non-members***

Non-members may purchase club items.

### ***Boat Launching Privileges***

Members using boat-launching privileges must follow the guidelines outlined to all members. The Board of Directors may limit the number of and/or frequency of member boat launching as well as trailer parking and storage. Members must be cognizant of the sailing schedule (i.e. no launching during pre-race rigging, etc.). Launching and docking priority shall be given first to racing sailboats, then pleasure sailboats, and then motorboats. Power yachts shall use only the windward side of the piers and shall not restrict the sailing yachts in any way. Members should obtain and observe the power boating guidelines available through the Club Manager.

## **ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 3 Meetings of Directors**

Board meetings are open to the general membership. Meeting dates are posted on the LGYC website. Members are welcome to attend.

### **Section 4 Election of Directors and Terms of Service**

Board meeting minutes should reflect attendance as outlined by the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X - COMPETITION IN CLUB RACES**

### **Section 1 Eligibility**

Members may petition the Board of Directors to form new fleets. The Rear Commodore may propose dissolution of a fleet when the fleet fails to participate in scheduled races or the number of registered boats in that fleet is less than three.

### **Section 4 Trophies, Prizes and Awards**

Polished perpetual trophies, prizes and awards shall be returned to the Club Office by June 15th following the year they were awarded.

Winners of the following perpetual trophies, prizes, and award will continue to have their names engraved on the trophies and may have their pictures taken with the trophy at the club; however, the trophies are not to leave the club due to their historical significance, condition, and importance of the trophies. Jointly, the Trophy Committee and History and Archives Committee shall bring to the Board of Directors for approval any additions or deletions of any perpetual trophies, prizes, and awards to this list.

Sheridan Prize (Class A); Charles H. Wacker Trophy (Class A); Dr. Otto L. Schmidt (Class A); H.H. Porter (calligraphy book) (Class A); I-4 Model (Class A); Folly Prize (Class E); The Expert Challenge Cup (Class E); A.F. Gartz Jr.

Memorial Trophy (Class E); Dirigo Trophy (Class E), L.Z. Leiter Trophy (Class C); Whitewing Trophy (Class C); Shadyside Cannon (Sonar)

## **ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

All Dues and Fees are determined by the Board of Directors in connection with the approval of the annual budget. Regular, Senior, Associate, Sailing Supporter, and Intermediate members are also subject to a minimum annual restaurant charge. Once members have paid their minimum annual restaurant charge, they will not be required to commit to any additional restaurant charges that year. For the purpose of membership classification, effective May 28, 2016, ages shall be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

Effective January 1, 2016, members shall be billed monthly for 1/12 of the annual dues. New member dues shall be billed and payable following approval of application for membership. Wisconsin sales tax shall be added to all dues and fees.

An Initiation Fee is to accompany Application for Membership for all applicants over age 32. Applicants who were previously members will pay the difference between the current Initiation Fee of the Membership Category for which they are joining and the Initiation Fee(s) previously paid. Members in good standing moving from intermediate to regular membership are not required to pay an additional Initiation Fee. For those under age 32 there is no Initiation Fee. Initiation Fee is waived for surviving spouse following death and for divorced spouse if joining the year following the divorce.

Membership Dues shall be determined and billed as directed by the Board of Directors as noted above. The following guidelines are currently in effect.

**Senior Member:** Dues are approximately 2/3 of the Regular Member dues.

**Intermediate Member:** Dues shall be as determined by the Board.

**Nonresident Member:** Dues are approximately 1/2 of the Regular Member dues.

**Junior Member:** Dues are approximately 1/5 of Regular Member dues. Payment shall be included with the Application for Membership. Dues are billed in full in January.

### **Boat Storage**

Storage Fees shall be determined and billed as directed by the Board of Directors.

The following guidelines are currently in effect:

#### **Summer and Winter Dry Land Storage**

##### **Summer Season (May 1-November 1)**

Fees for racing classes shall be based on boat length. Cruise/non-racing boats have a separate fee. If a yacht has multiple owners, all owners must be members. Responsibility for dry land storage charges for a multiple-owner yacht is determined by her owners; i.e., bill one or bill all equally.

For those storing multiple racing boats, the most expensive is charged at full rate, the next most expensive is given a 10% discount, and all others are given a 15% discount.

##### **Partial Season Boat Storage**

Mooring charge billed monthly is 50% of Full Season; charges billed weekly are 30% of the monthly charge.

##### **Indoor Summer Boat Storage**

Fees are determined as noted above for powerboats with in/out privileges, for non-use storage, for summer trailer storage, and for iceboat storage.

##### **Winter Season (November 1-May 1)**

Fees are based on the length of the boat. Outside winter storage is 1/2 the inside storage rate. Boats owned by non-members are charged double the member rate. Winter shore station storage charges for non-members are twice the member rate.

### **Regulations Relating to Club Boat Slips**

The objective of having slips rented at the LGYC is to provide its members with affordable access to Lake Geneva and foster our core objective of competitive sailing. Boat slips will be made available to regular or senior members only, at a fee determined by the Board of Directors on a seasonal basis. The Vice Commodore will initially maintain current slips assignment to regular or senior members in good standing who have rented a slip during the previous season. Members renting slips from the previous year will be invoiced in April of each year. All slip fees must be paid, and a signed copy of these regulations must be received within 30 days of the invoice date, or the slip rental may be forfeited.

If a current slip renter surrenders their slip, they have a one-time option to pay \$500 to be placed on the top of the wait list and remain on the wait list until the next slip becomes available to them. If there is already a member who has surrendered a slip, the second person surrendering will be number two on the list and so forth. If the opportunity to rent the slip is declined, the member may have their name removed from the wait list or pay \$500 to exercise a one-time option to remain on the wait list, in present queue until the next slip becomes available to them. The space will be offered to the next qualified member on the list.

The waiting list will be maintained by the Vice Commodore and the Executive Secretary and will be open only to regular and senior members in good standing. Good Standing: For purposes of this regulation, good standing shall mean the member's account shall not be more than 30 days past due. Members not in good standing may be removed from the wait list and may forfeit their assigned slip.

The maximum boat size is 28 feet and 11,000 pounds. Members are encouraged to put their boats on lifts. Boats weighing over 5,500 pounds and all powerboats are required to use lifts. All costs associated with lift and platform, procurement, installation, removal, utilities, maintenance and storage are the slip renter's responsibility. Boats not on a lift are required to be properly moored with dock lines, snubbers and spring lines to help minimize damage to the piers. All damages incurred due to inadequate mooring will be billed to the member. No canopies are allowed.

The slip rented by a LGYC member at the LGYC pier is non-transferable. The LGYC slip and the LGYC pier may be used only by the slip-renting member and by said member's guests. If at any time the slip or pier is used for financial gain, it shall result in immediate termination of the use of the LGYC slip by that member. Except for unusual circumstances that are approved in advance by the Vice Commodore, no slip may be occupied by a boat that is not registered in the member's name. Temporary slip mooring arrangements may be permitted by the Vice Commodore for unique circumstances such as regattas and boat shows, etc. Failure to meet the requirements set forth above will result in a written notification to the member. Compliance shall be required within 10 days, or the member will be required to forfeit the rented slip and any paid fees. If a member's boat is removed for non-compliance, it will be removed at the owner's expense. Approved by Board of Directors on February 1, 2014

### **Reciprocity**

LGYC extends reciprocal privileges to Yacht Club members of clubs that allow the same privileges to our members.

Reciprocal Members must present either their current Club membership card or a letter of introduction from their Club. Once reciprocity is verified, Reciprocal Members may use the facilities 5 times during the season of Memorial Day to Labor Day. Reciprocal Members may charge restaurant, bar, and clothing and shall pay at the time of purchase by credit card. LGYC does not bill back to the reciprocal member's home Club. LGYC reserves the right to restrict and to regulate this privilege.

Membership at the LGYC includes the privilege of visiting other clubs that recognize LGYC as a Reciprocal Club. It is advisable that the LGYC Member contact any club they plan to visit in advance. LGYC Members may charge at Reciprocal Clubs and shall pay at the time of purchase.

### **Special Member Services**

Trophy engraving, US Sailing membership, etc., will be billed to members with no additional surcharges.

### **Credit Card Payments**

Credit cards shall be charged at the time of billing.

*Intermediate, Non-Resident, Sailing Supporter, Junior and Associate Members are required to have a credit card on file with the Club Office. Credit cards will be charged for any amounts which are 30 days past due.*

### **Accounts Receivable**

**Terms: Net 30 days:** Billing monthly; a late fee of \$25 will be charged each month on any account with a balance over 60 days past due.

**After 60 days:** Any member whose account is past due 60 days will not be scored in LGYC racing until said account is brought current by payment in full and said member so advises the Treasurer or accountant, who, in turn, shall promptly so advise the scorer. Resumption of scoring is not retroactive.

**After 90 days:** All "charge" privileges are removed, and member will be put on a COD basis and posted as a past due account.

**After 120 days:** Member will be referred to the Board of Directors for appropriate action. The Board may enter into a payment plan and may require posting of a credit card for all future account charges. The Board may expel the member, pursuant to the Bylaws. Following expulsion, the Board may proceed to collection activities through a collection agency or attorney, as it deems appropriate. Action may be posted. An account shall not be turned over to a collection agency until a member has been expelled.

### **LGYC charges to regattas**

The Club as a whole should not subsidize specific regattas, which should be self-supporting. A daily rate for the use of the Flagship will be determined by the Board of Directors based on driver's salary, gas, and maintenance costs. For GLSS regattas, the daily rate is based only on salary and gas. Utility and maintenance charges for the Clubhouse are determined by the Board of Directors.

### **Authority to Enter Into Various Agreements**

When entering into various agreements in connection with the operation of its facilities and related activities, including but not limited to service and maintenance agreements, entertainment, catering, insurance contract and agreements and agreements related to the purchase or improvement of capital assets, the Club Manager, Treasurer, or Commodore are authorized to sign such contracts and agreements to the extent included in the approved annual budget, subject to the following limitations:

The Club Manager is authorized to enter into such contracts and agreements for service and maintenance, catering and entertainment, not to exceed \$5,000 subject to prior approval by the Treasurer. The Treasurer is authorized to enter into any such agreement, not to exceed \$20,000. The Commodore is also so authorized in the absence of the Treasurer. The Commodore and Treasurer are authorized to jointly enter into any contract in excess of \$20,000 but not to exceed \$50,000. Any contract in excess of \$50,000 must be approved by the Board of Directors whether or not it is included in the approved annual budget.

## **POLICIES RELATED TO HOUSE, GROUNDS, and WATERFRONT RULES**

### **Building Rule - Alcoholic Beverages**

All alcoholic beverages will be distributed according to Wisconsin State Statutes.

### **Grounds Rule 7 - Alcoholic Beverages**

No alcoholic beverages will be given away on the last day of a regatta.

### **Maple Hills Association (property to the east of LGYC)**

LGYC and GLSS boats are requested to stay clear of the mooring area at Maple Hills. LGYC may not use Maple Hills pier or buoys for mooring boats. There will be no eating, playing, swimming, etc. by LGYC members or their guests at the Maple Hills pier or elsewhere. Effective September 2016, Maple Hills members may not use the LGYC launch ramp.

## **OTHER POLICIES**

### **Boat Driver**

Boat 2 driver may go out on the water alone.

### **Guest Sailing Policy (Provisional Racing Guidelines)**

Guests must be invited to participate in the "Provisional Racing" by an existing LGYC member who is currently in good standing with the membership. Guests may participate in no more than three races per season. Guests must have a discussion with the Fleet Captain prior to their first race to ensure the guest is aware of the "fleet history/status" and to prevent any potential problems of interfering with race series results. Guests will sail with full rights outlined in the LGYC Sailing Instructions (SI) but must "duck out" prior to the finish to avoid any confusion to the LGYC members. Guests shall not be considered in determining minimum fleet size for race

scoring as prescribed in SI 17.1. Guests will not be scored for the time he/she is not a member and shall not be scored retroactively should they join LGYC at a later date.

### **Sail Number Allocation Procedure**

Only members of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club will be assigned "I" (ILYA lake designation) numbers for classes A, E, C, and X (and any other fleets that the ILYA may include in this program.)

Each member may be assigned one number to be used in all fleets. The member must own or charter a boat in one of the designated fleets. If a member owns more than one boat in any fleet, additional numbers may be assigned for that fleet only.

Numbers may be loaned on an annual basis if the member loaning the number agrees in writing to the Secretary (on the LGYC Board of Directors) or the Executive Secretary. The LGYC office will maintain a record of number assignments and waiting list for number assignments.

If the member does not own and race a boat in any of the designated fleets for a period of five years, with the exception of a past Commodore, the number automatically will be released or assigned to the next person on the waiting list.

If a member has been inducted into the US Sailing Hall of Fame, the member may ask that their number be held for use by their direct descendants or retired from use.

If the membership is discontinued for any reason, the number that it held will become available first to any active membership that is a direct descendant of the discontinued membership, then to other memberships on the basis of the waiting list. This policy is retroactive for four years, i.e., if a yacht has not raced during the past four years, she may race in the fifth year to retain her number.

### **HOUSE RULES**

House Rules enable members of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club (LGYC) and Geneva Lake Sailing School (GLSS) to fully enjoy our facilities with minimum inconvenience to themselves, other members, and our neighbors. Please bring these rules to the attention of your family and guests. The conduct of family members and guests is the responsibility of the member. Everyone's cooperation is expected and appreciated.

1. Club hours will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
2. The LGYC and the GLSS will not be held responsible or liable for loss or damage to any private property that may be brought to the clubhouse, grounds and premises. Boats are stored at owner's risk.
3. Amendments and changes to House Rules will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
4. While participating in GLSS events and classes, children will be under the supervision of the GLSS. At all other times, children should be under the supervision of their parents or other adults selected by their parents. LGYC assumes no responsibility for the safety of our young people.
5. No pets are allowed in the clubhouse or on the grounds at any time.
6. Members may reserve LGYC facilities for private entertainment. All such reservations should be made with the Operations Manager and are subject to approval of the Executive Committee.
7. Comments and suggestions should be made to the Operations Manager or to any member of the House, Grounds, and Waterfront Committee.

### **Building**

1. The clubhouse is a smoke-free environment.
2. The LGYC telephone is to be used for Yacht Club and Sailing School business only.
3. The office is private and to be used only by Yacht Club and Sailing School officials and Race Committee personnel.
4. Bathing suits may not be worn in the clubhouse. Men shall wear shirts in the clubhouse. Bare feet are not allowed. Hats should not be worn during dinner service in the dining room (carpeted area).
5. No one under the age of 21 will be served alcoholic beverages.
6. No one under the age of 21 without adequate supervision shall be allowed in the bar area while alcoholic beverages are being served.
7. No flammable or toxic liquids may be stored in the clubhouse or other buildings by members or guests.

### **Grounds**

1. All federal, state, county and village ordinances, rules and regulations applying to the use, operation, ownership and safety of boats and equipment shall apply to the waterfront and piers of LGYC.
2. Space available for parking is limited. Please cooperate.
3. Trailers shall be parked in assigned spaces only.
4. Unlicensed motor vehicles are not permitted on LGYC property.
5. Only persons holding a valid driver's license may operate a motor vehicle on the premises.
6. No picnicking shall be allowed on LGYC grounds while the kitchen is open.
7. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed anywhere on LGYC grounds but the restaurant and bar area during posted hours except for regattas and special social functions.
8. It is in violation of our liquor license for members or guests to bring on the premises or consume on the premises any liquor not purchased from LGYC.

9. All flammable or hazardous materials by necessity present on boats in assigned dry storage spaces must be in proper containers in compliance with all state and federal regulations. This includes fuel lubricants and batteries. No other flammable, corrosive, or hazardous substances shall be stored on the premises by members or guests.
10. All vessels and equipment shall be removed from the LGYC storage lot and waterfront by November 1 and may not be returned until after April 30, unless arrangements have been made for inside or outside storage with the Operations Manager. To accommodate regattas, members may also be asked to relocate vessels on the property or temporarily completely remove them from the property. Any yacht not so moved may be moved by the LGYC or its agents at the owner's expense and risk incurring storage charges.
11. LGYC is not responsible for members' yachts, equipment, or personal gear of any kind, nor is it responsible for their personal safety.

### **Property Use Grounds Guidelines**

With the increase in membership in the last few years, we have seen an increase in activity around the property. To provide a safe environment for both people and their boats, we are implementing regulations.

- All buildings will be locked utilizing a keypad entry system. All members with boats/trailers will have access to the code to enter buildings.
- Anyone under the age of 16 will require adult permission/supervision to enter buildings 1, 2 and 3.
- Building 4, under the supervision of GLSS, will restrict access but allow Junior and Senior Sailors whose boats are dry stored there to gain access when they intend to sail.
- During off sailing hours when it's dark, all access to the property South of the Club will be off limits to those under the age of 16.
- Those under the age of 16 require permission/supervision to access grounds South of the Club except while passing on the driveway

### **Waterfront**

1. Members shall not block access to the hoists at any time unless they are waiting to launch or come out. Please have crew members on hand to hoist quickly and return vehicle and trailer to their assigned space without delay.
2. After launching, members should move their boats down the pier to make room for others.
3. All skippers are requested to rig their boats and leave the pier area as quickly as possible after launching. When returning, skippers are requested to limit their mooring to the time necessary to de-rig and hoist their boats from the water.
4. No boats may use neighboring piers at any time without special permission from the neighbors.
5. Hoists should be "tied down" when not in use.
6. Power yachts shall use only the windward side of the piers and shall not restrict the sailing yachts in any way.
7. Sails must not be hung on the flagpole. Sails should be attended if spread on the grass.
8. Launching and docking priority shall be given first to racing sailboats, then pleasure sailboats, and then motorboats.
9. Please be aware there is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.

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