



SAN LUIS YACHT CLUB BY-LAWS

Chapter I. Membership

Section I. Classes of memberships shall be: Honorary Life Membership, Flag Membership, Associate Membership, and Active Military Service Membership.

Section II. Honorary Life Membership is a members who has been awarded for outstanding service by the Board of Directors, with at least an 80% vote of the Board of Directors present. Each Honorary Life Member shall have the right to vote and hold office.

Section III. Flag Membership shall consist of a member and/or spouse including minor children. Each Flag Membership is considered a "Member in Good Standing" provided s/he abides by the Constitution and By-Laws, follows the Rules Governing Use of the San Luis Yacht Club, pays annual dues and provides service to the Club. The service requirements are posted on the SLYC website and included in the yearly dues statement. A member who is unable to complete his or her service requirement for health or personal reasons may be excused. Each Flag and/or Honorary Life Membership shall have one vote on general membership issues. Each adult in the Flag or Honorary Life membership shall have the right to hold office and vote on Board issues according to their office responsibilities. In the event of a divorce, the parties shall provide the Board of Directors a copy of their written agreement or court order as to which party is awarded the Club membership. The party not awarded the membership can then apply, if he or she wishes, for a separate membership, which will be granted on a priority basis when a flag membership becomes available.

Section IV. Associate Members are those who have been members for three or more years. They are granted Associate status by at least an 80% vote of the Board of Directors present if they are unable to continue active Club participation because of distance or other interfering circumstances. Associate members shall be entitled to join in club activities whenever regular club functions are being held. They shall be on the mailing list for the Foghorn. Associate members shall be issued "Associate" Member cards (which may be used for reciprocal rights at the discretion of the club being visited). Associate members do not have the benefit of a passkey, club nor boat reservation privileges, they are not required to participate in club activities, and they may not vote nor hold elective office.

Section V. Active Military Members shall be any Flag Member on active military service. This membership shall be entitled to join in club activities whenever regular club functions are being held. They shall be on the mailing list for the Foghorn.

Active Military Members shall be issued "Active Military" member cards (which may be used for reciprocal rights at the discretion of the club being visited). Active Military members do not have the benefit of passkey, club nor reservation privileges, they are not required to participate in club activities, and they may not vote nor hold elective office.

Section VI. The Flag Membership shall not exceed 200, except when an Associate Member or an Active Military Member wishes to become a Flag Member once again, or the minor child of a Flag Member attains the age of 21. To be eligible for this provision such minor child must notify the Board of Directors in writing after his/her 21st birthday and before his/her 31st birthday to apply for membership. If he/she wants to postpone actually becoming a member, he/she must state his/her reasonable causes and project a reasonable date when he/she would want to appear before the Board to apply for full membership. He/she may be accepted for Flag Membership upon at least an 80% vote of the Board of Directors present.

Section VII. Applications for membership shall be in writing in accordance with procedure(s) established by the Board of Directors.

Section VIII. San Luis Yacht Club will not discriminate in any manner against any person or persons on account of sex, race, marital status, religious creed, color, ancestry, national origin, age, or physical handicap in the granting of memberships, or use of the facilities, privileges, advantages or inclusion in club activities, or the granting of goods or services.

Chapter II Membership Requirements: Dues and Service

Section I. Flag Membership initiation fees shall be \$500.00

Section II. Changes in Dues may be considered at the time the club's annual budget is approved. Dues will be based upon the need determined by the Board. The Board may implement increases as approved by the Board beginning the calendar year for which the budget specifies. Any special assessment or increase in the annual dues great than 20% of the prior year's dues shall be brought to the membership for a vote at the Annual Membership Meeting or a special meeting.

The annual dues of this Club shall be as follows:

- Flag Membership.....\$245.00
- Associate Membership.....\$55.00
- Military Membership.....dues waived
- Honorary Life Membership.....dues waived

Note: All dues include Federal Tax.

Section III. Annual dues shall be payable annually in advance. Members are requested to sign-up for their service at the time they pay their dues.

Section IV. Any member who fails to pay dues or other indebtedness to the Club within thirty days after notification of such indebtedness shall again be notified by the Treasurer, and will be subject to a late fee, which shall be determined by the Board. All notices shall be by First Class Mail. After a further period of thirty days the delinquent member may be dropped from the rolls at the option of the Board of Directors; upon which action the delinquent member shall lose all property rights and privileges pertaining to his or her former class membership. Any member thus dropped shall not again be eligible for membership until the delinquent member shall have paid the arrears in full, and whatever indebtedness would have been incurred up to the time of his or her new proposal for membership. Notice of action of the Board of Directors shall be sent to the delinquent member at his or her last known address.

Chapter III. Discipline

Section I A member may be expelled or suspended by the Board of Directors for conduct injurious to the Club. Upon written complaint of one or more members, the Board shall investigate the circumstances connected with such alleged misconduct, and if in their opinion the charges are sustained, they may expel or suspend the member complained of, provided that such member shall be notified to appear before the Board to defend himself before any punishment shall be valid.

Section II. In the event a Flag Membership fails to complete the service requirement (see Chapter 1, Section III) the Flag Membership may be subject to discipline by the Board and in cases of repeated failure to serve, the Board may suspend or expel the member, provided that such member shall be notified to appear before the Board before any punishment shall be valid.

Chapter IV. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be as stated in Article 8, Section 1, of the Constitution.

Chapter V. Notices

Section I. Regular meetings. The Board shall attempt to notify every Club member of any Board date change with at least five days notice.

Section II. Special meetings. The Board shall attempt to notify every Club member of any Special Board meeting date and agenda items with at least five days notice.

Chapter VI. Order of Business

The Commodore shall set the agenda for the Board meetings. The business discussed at the meetings shall include the Reading of the Minutes, Reservations, Officer and Director reports, Committee reports, Communications to the Club, and New, Old, and Miscellaneous Business.

Chapter VII. Club Privileges

Section I. Family Privileges. Flag Privileges of the Club, which are limited for Associate Members and Active Military Members, shall be extended to the families of all other Club members. Such privileges shall apply only to family members who are under 21 years of age, who must be accompanied by an adult Flag or Honorary Life Member. Such privileges are subject to all of the rules governing the use of the San Luis Yacht Club as detailed in the General Rules Section. The right to vote on Club matters is restricted to Flag Members and Honorary Life Members.

Section II. Guest Privileges. The Flag Officers may extend the privileges of the Club to distinguished visitors, and may renew such invitations at their discretion.

Chapter VIII. Signals

Flag members' yachts away from San Luis Bay shall fly the Club Burgee.

Chapter IX. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at the General Membership Meeting and the notice of the proposed amendment must be stated in the notice for the meeting.

Chapter X. Committees

Committees of the Club shall be:

- Nominating Committee
- Steering Committee (to be composed of all past Commodores)
- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Social Committee
- Any other committees deemed necessary by the Board.

Issued: Nov. 1970.

Revised: Nov. 1990. Increased initiation fees and dues.

Revised: Nov. 1992. Amended Chapter I to include Youth Associate membership.

Revised: Nov. 1994. Amended Chapter I Section IX, added Section X.

Revised: Nov. 1995. Increased dues.

Revised: Nov. 1999. Amended Chapter X to include Youth Committee.

Revised: Nov. 2000 Amended Chapter I Section VIII allowing Dist. Assoc. retreat rights.

Revised: Nov. 2003 Amended Chapter I Section IV regarding Associate Memberships and Chapter II Section IV-dues payment. Chapter I Section II, IV and VIII replacing "unanimous" with "more than 80% vote" on membership issues.

Revised: Nov. 2004 Added more restrictive language to Chapter VII Club privileges.

Revised: Nov. 2004 Chapter I. Section III changed voting privileges to one vote per membership.

Revised: Nov. 2004 Eliminated Section V of Chapter I. Membership regarding Youth Associate Flag Membership and all other references to it.

Revised: Nov. 2004. Chapter II, Section III Raised Flag Membership Annual Dues to \$185..

Revised: Nov. 2005. Amended Chapter I Sections V & VII.

Revised: Nov. 2005. Amended Chapter V Sections I & II regarding notices.

Revised: Nov. 2005. Amended Chapter VI regarding Order of Business.

Revised: Nov. 2005. Amended Chapter X regarding Committees.

Revised: Nov, 2006. Non-substantive changes for clarity, readability and grammar.

Revised: Nov. 2007. Added Social Committee (in lieu of Social Captain)

Revised: Nov 2008. Deleted Junior Flag Membership; Revise Active Military Member privileges to be same as Associate Member.

Revised: Nov 2009. Amended Ch.1 Sect's II, IV, VI; changed "more than" to "At least 80%"; Sect III: Added wording regarding divorced couples; Section VII: Deleted 'first come basis'. Ch. II Sect's I & III; Incr. Initiation fee to \$500; Incr. Flag dues to \$245 & Assoc. dues to \$55.

Revised: Nov. 2014. Amended Ch.1 Sect III: added "Member in Good Standing"; Ch II Sect IV: late fee; Ch.III Sect I & II: service requirement discipline.

Revised: Nov. 2017. Made minor changes for clarity, punctuation, and grammar. Chapter 1, Section IV: added no "boat reservation privileges" for Associate Members; Chapter I, Sect V: added no "boat reservation privileges for members designated solely as Active Military; Chapter I, Section VI: extended deadline to 31 years for child of a Flag Member's eligibility for becoming a Member; Chapter II: Changed Heading to "Membership Requirements: Dues and Service"; Chapter II, Section II: Added new Language and Board rules for "Changes in Dues"; Chapter II, Section III: Added that Members are encouraged to sign-up for service at time they pay their dues; Chapter IX: Amended that the By-Laws are to be amended at the General Membership Meeting. The members will be noticed prior to the Meeting.