

# Standing Rules Committee Report (part 2 of 2)

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## Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

**General:** propose to re-sequence all Standing Rules, without altering their meaning. This is to ensure that every clause is uniquely identified.

**Rationale:** included with each proposed change but, in general, the intent was to:

- Simplify, reorganize, and remove redundant text
  - Clarify existing rules, reinforcing the apparent intent where necessary
  - Remove rules which, historically, have been ignored by most members (make rules match reality)
  - Make rules friendlier
  - Reflect new City Lease
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#### II.GENERAL

Rationale: redundant or duplicated elsewhere.

(A) This is a private not-for-profit sailing club open to anyone sincerely interested in the sport of sailing. ~~IT IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THE STORAGE OF INACTIVE SAILBOATS. Under the Squadron's lease with the City of Sarasota, a boat must be used regularly to be kept on the SSS property. Any boat that is not used a minimum of six (6) times per year (one time per month) will be declared DEAD STORAGE and the owner/member charged per month until removed from the premises. See appropriate fee schedule.~~

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Rationale: clarify volunteer requirement.

(E) ~~Work days are held once a month and ALL members are expected to come out and help. Members are required to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per year, or opt-out by paying an additional fee, set by the Board. The manager shall maintain a record of volunteer hours by member.~~

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Rationale: make rule match reality.

(G) ~~All property~~Members' hulls, trailers, and lockers located at the Squadron ~~(other than sails, rudders, centerboards, booms, etc.)~~ must be labeled with a Squadron decal that can be obtained from the club manager. If the decal becomes damaged, it must be replaced.

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Rationale: make rule match reality, provide a catch-all for parking problems, and reduce dependence on signs.

(I) ~~Motor vehicles must be parked in the designated parking areas only. Never park in front of a trailer in such a way that the trailer cannot be moved or THE VEHICLE WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING AND THE CHARGES. Parked motor vehicles must not cause an obstruction to movement of any other vehicle, trailer, or boat – and must not hinder access to~~

any Squadron facility. Vehicles failing to observe this rule WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING, and the responsible member will be charged for all related costs.

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Rationale: make rule match reality, more pet friendly. Propose to change rule as shown, and remove all "NO DOGS" signs, and "NO SMOKING POT" signs.

(M) NO-DOGS ALLOWED are permitted when unless going to or from a member's boat, on a leashed or carried. Owners must clean up after their dogs.

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Rationale: require member to complete the existing registration card.

### VI. DOCK USE EVERDAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(b) 3/5 MARKET AREAS This designation is for boats to dock for the first 3 nights at No Charge, the second 5 nights are available for dockage at the nominal rate which is published in the current SSS rate schedule, and thereafter at Market Rates per foot, per day as published in the current SSS rate schedule. No boat shall remain in this area beyond a maximum stay of 30 days. Each member leaving a boat in these areas shall register at the office PRIOR TO THE FIRST OVERNIGHT. Color shall be YELLOW.

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Rationale: make violation consequence more severe.

(c) ONE HOUR MAXIMUM AREAS. These areas are primarily for short term (less than one hour) loading, launching, passenger pickup/drop-off, etc. and should in no case be occupied by any vessel in excess of 1 hour. Any vessel whose duration of stay exceeds 1 hour shall be charged at the daily Market Rate until removal of the vessel, with a minimum charge of 1 day.

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### VII. DOCK USE REGATTA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rationale: make title clearer, make violation consequence more severe.

(c) ONE HOUR MAXIMUM AREAS. These areas are for usage by boats who are participants in a designated Regatta event. Any vessel whose duration of stay exceeds 1 hour shall be charged at the daily Market Rate until removal of the vessel, with a minimum charge of 1 day.

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Rationale: remove redundant words

EXEMPTIONS: A boat owner may request an exemption to these rules, regulations and fees, only in the case of emergency, by making a request to the Squadron Manager, ~~who shall determine whether to waive same at his or her discretion.~~

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Rationale: (a) reorganize existing text, (b) reinforce prohibition of sublet, (c) provide transparency for waiting lists

### III BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE (including Permanent Slips)

#### (i) GENERAL

(A) Boat and trailer storage may only be rented by members who are principal owners of the occupying boat, and shall not be sublet. Principal owner is defined as the natural person with the largest (or equally largest) financial interest in the boat.

(B) When necessary, waiting lists shall be maintained by the Manager showing the dates the member was added and/or removed and shall be readily accessible by all members. Members not in good standing shall be removed from the list(s).

(C) Members not in good standing for more than 30 days must remove the boat and/or trailer. Failure to do so may result in the Squadron removing at the owner's risk and expense.

#### (ii) TRAILER BOAT PARKING

(A) The area around your boat must be clean and free of lifter.

(B) Trailers must be in operable condition at all times. A trailer not in operable condition for a period of 60 days will be declared DEAD STORAGE and the owner charged accordingly. See appropriate fee schedule.

(C) Boat storage area is at the discretion of the manager, who may move the boat for the benefit of the Squadron. Any boat moored or tied alongside any dock, wave fence, or other area (except the use of allocated slips by the tenants thereof) for more than 24 hours without the permission of the manager may be moved or anchored or brought elsewhere for the convenience of the Squadron and at the risk of the owner.

#### IV-(iii) RACK BOAT PARKING

(A) Keep the boat in the rack assigned to you. Do not move it elsewhere unless permission is obtained in advance.

(B) Club dollies are for temporary use only.

#### VII-(iv) PERMANENT SLIP SPACES

~~Due to the shortage of permanent slips, there is a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list sees the Club Manager. Only those individuals who are in good standing shall be placed on the list. IF A MEMBER IS MORE THAN 30 DAYS DELINQUENT IN DOCK FEES OR ANY OTHER FEES, THE BOAT MUST VACATE THE SLIP. IF THE OWNER FAILS TO PAY OR REMOVE THE BOAT, THE SQUADRON MAY DO SO AND ALL COSTS FOR REMOVAL SHALL BE AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. Slips shall be available on a first come first served basis.~~ Boats docked in permanent slips must be used on a regular basis (must be sailed in 8 different months of the year) Boats not so utilized will be considered DEAD BOATS and the policy for DEAD BOAT STORAGE will take effect.

~~Yachts docked in permanent slips must be used on a regular basis (must be sailed in 8 different months). Boats not so utilized will be considered DEAD BOATS and the policy for DEAD BOAT STORAGE will take effect.~~

~~A member may not sublet a rental space. That includes a dock slip and a trailer space.~~

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Rationale: make rule match reality.

X. BOATS ON MOORINGS

~~—(D) Dinghies must be stored in the dinghy rack, not left in the water or on the beach.~~

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IX. HOIST LAUNCHING AREA

Rationale: simplification.

(A) No one is to use the hoist unless they have ~~paid hoist fees or have previously~~ made arrangements with the manager to be billed ~~for its use, unless per use, or annually arrangements have been made to bill on an annual basis.~~

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Rationale: make rule match reality.

~~(B) Do not park vehicles or trailers on the jetty (wave fence).~~

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Rationale: unclear if we still have a scale, and who would know how to operate it.

(G) Follow all rules posted on the hoist and outlined below:

Hoist capacity is 6,000 lbs. The 6,000 lbs includes boat, slings, harness, sails, etc.

Boat weight ~~is will be~~ determined by the manager scale weight at the hoist and recorded in the office. ~~If your boat weighs 5,700 lbs or greater, by Squadron scale, it must be weighed each time it is lifted.~~

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X. FEES

Rationale: allow choice of notification method at 30 days. Word 'certified' removed by Board on 04/12/2011. Allow for billing of late charges.

(C) If storage charges due are not paid within 30 days after billing, ~~a 30 day past due notice will be sent to the last address listed with the Squadron~~ the member shall be notified by any known means of contact. If storage charges remain unpaid after an additional 30 days, a 60 day notice will be sent by ~~certified~~ mail to the last address listed with the Squadron, and late charge and/or interest may be charged according to a schedule set by the Board.

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Rationale: codify the current installment payment practice.

(D) Any established member may apply to pay storage fees by monthly installment plan. This plan is only available to members that joined prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and cannot be used for payment of membership fees which must be paid in full when due. Payments must be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and the monthly amount which shall be

set by the Manager must be at least the original balance divided by the remaining months of the current year. Additionally, each amount shall include interest and/or fees set and published by the Board from time to time. A member who has paid their monthly installments by the plan's due dates shall be considered in good standing.

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### XV. REGATTA GUIDELINES

Rationale: Corinthian Fund donation now part of budget process.

(D) All monies such as registration fees, ~~Corinthian Funds~~, sponsorship money, T-shirt sales, etc. will be collected by the Squadron. All expenses (including sales tax) will be paid from these proceeds. ALL FUNDS COLLECTED ARE TO BE REMITTED TO THE SQUADRON MANAGER.

~~—(E) A charge of \$1.00 per boat shall be collected at all regattas for the Corinthian Scholarship Fund.~~

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Rationale: Already covered by XV.(C).

~~—(F) The Squadron does not expect a large profit on each regatta, but each Regatta Director understands that there are many expenses. Many of the expenses are hidden ones that need to be planned for and covered. Whenever a regatta is run at a loss, it is money out of the members' pockets. To insure that the Squadron does not incur a loss on a regatta the registration fee should be set high enough to at least cover expenses.~~

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### XVII. NON SAILING SOCIAL FUNCTION

Rationale: remove sponsorship requirement, as dictated by new City Lease.

#### (A) TYPES

~~—1. Non-member party. A party for non-members must be sponsored by a member. The member will be responsible for the guests and payment of any bills. See appropriate fee schedule.~~

~~—2. Member party. A party given by a member for personal friends or immediate family. Examples include a wedding, a reception, birthday party, etc. See appropriate fee schedule.~~

3. Office party. A party given by a member or nonmember ~~(with sponsorship)~~ for persons from his business. See appropriate fee schedule.

~~—(B) All events must be sponsored by a Squadron member who is in good standing and who must attend the function. In addition, the Squadron member shall be responsible for the payment of all fees, charges, the behavior of the guests, and any damage that may occur to the property as a consequence of the event.~~

~~—(D) Guests are allowed to use only the part of the Squadron assigned to the event, such as the clubhouse, pavilion, BBQ grille, Stonehouse and surrounding lawn areas. ALL OTHER AREAS ARE OFF LIMITS.~~

(G) Set-up and clean-up is the responsibility of the sponsor/organizer. The member-organizer shall be responsible for removing all decorations, clean up and restoring the premises to the condition existing prior to the

event. All garbage must be put in the dumpster by the entrance road. No glitter. Clean up shall be performed by ~~11:00 a.m.~~8am the following day. Failure to comply shall result in a cleanup charge being assessed.

(H) At the time of reserving the facilities, the ~~member~~organizer shall meet with the Club Manager, sign the required release form and pay a 50% deposit. The form shall spell out all specific charges (also the amount of a clean up fee if it becomes necessary). The deposit is fully refundable if the event does not occur, less any expenses the Squadron has incurred in anticipation of the event.

(I) The ~~sponsor~~organizer is required to have liability insurance naming the Squadron and the City of Sarasota as an insured for the event for fundraisers or large events.

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### XX CAMPING ON PROPERTY

Rationale: stop overnight sleeping in clubhouse.

D. No person shall sleep overnight within the Clubhouse.

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## Recommendations that are not Rule Changes

\$1M Contractor Liability insurance requirement is not defined in any Standing Rule or Bylaw. Recommend that the Board decides if this is necessary and, if so, encode it as a Standing Rule.