

OUTRIGGER HARBOR SAILING ASSOCIATION CHARTER

On September 7, 1974 a group of sailors gathered at Outrigger Harbor with the intention of furthering the sailing activities on Lake Norman.

Hence, the Outrigger Harbor Sailing Association was founded to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To promote the opportunity to become familiar with the various elements of seamanship.
2. To further the competition and sportsmanship of racing.
3. To strengthen the common bond between sailors through social activities.
4. To provide noncompetitive sailing activities through cruising.
5. To become aware of the needs of others through community responsibility.

Therefore, we the undersigned agreed to these objectives and acknowledge this with our signatures.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Keith Alm	Bill Calhoun	Ron Mackey
Ben H. Baggott, Jr.	Cesar Cone	Phil W. Mullins
Jack M. Baumgarten	Eddie & Cam Goldman	Robert B. McClure
Earnie & Della Bordeaux	Rex Gleason	Samuel Phillis
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Edward C. Bussard	A.B. Johnson	

Note: On December 1, 1990, the Board of Trustees and Membership of O.H.S.A. voted unanimously to amend the Charter to change the name of the organization to Outrigger Yacht Club.

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB BYLAWS

CHAPTER I

CLUB OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Club will consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear Commodore.
2. The Flag Officers of the Club will be the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear Commodore, who must be Class "A" members at the time of their election.

CHAPTER II

FLEET OFFICERS

1. The Commodore may appoint Fleet Captains.

CHAPTER III

CLUB DEVICE AND SEAL

1. The Club Device will be the distinguishing mark for all publications and property of the Club. The Club Device and Club Seal will be as follows.



Club Device

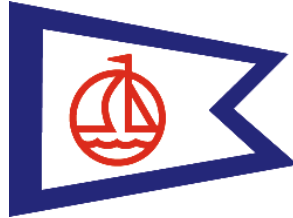


Club Seal

CHAPTER IV

CLUB BURGEE AND NIGHT SIGNAL

1. The Club Burgee will be a flag, the hoist to be two-thirds of the length. The Burgee will contain the Club Device in red with a blue border as follows:



2. The Club night signal will be a light burning at a designated location.

CHAPTER V

OFFICER FLAGS

1. Commodore: The Commodore's flag will be rectangular in shape, the hoist to be two-third of the length, the device to be a fouled anchor surrounded by five-pointed stars in white, all on a field of blue as follows.



Commodore

2. Vice-Commodore: The Vice-Commodore's flag will be the same as that of the Commodore substituting a red for the blue field as follows.



Vice Commodore

3. Rear Commodore: The Rear Commodore's flag will be the same as that of the Commodore substituting a white for the blue field, with the device in red as follows.



Rear Commodore

4. Fleet Captain: The Fleet Captains' Flags will be the same as the Rear Commodore, less the stars and with the device in blue as follows.



Fleet Captain

5. Past Commodore: The Past Commodore's flag will be the same as that of the Commodore, the device to be three vertical stars and a fouled anchor as follows.



Past Commodore

6. Race Committee: The Race Committee's official boat will fly a flag with a blue field and a fouled anchor in red and the letters "R.C." in white as follows.



Race Committee

CHAPTER VI

SIGNALS

1. Each boat owner may have a private signal.

CHAPTER VII

DUTIES OF CLUB OFFICERS

1. It will be the duty of the Commodore to preside at meetings, to enforce the laws and regulations of the Club, and to act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It will be the duty of the Commodore to have charge of the funds of the Club and the collection and disbursement of all moneys. He/she will present at the Annual Meeting a detailed account showing the financial condition of the Club.
2. It will be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties and to officiate in the Commodore's absence. The Vice Commodore will be responsible for the Racing, Seamanship, Junior Activities, Property, and Nominating Committees.

3. It will be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and the Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties, and to officiate in their absence. The Rear Commodore will be responsible for the Law, Membership, and Social/Cruising Committees.
4. The Officers will determine amongst themselves which will conduct the correspondence of the Club, issue notices of membership meetings, act as the Club Historian, keep minutes of all meetings and have the custody of all reports and documents with the proceedings of the Club, and keep a correct roll of all members and their spouses/significant others.

CHAPTER VIII

SIGNAL OFFICER

1. A Signal Officer may be appointed by the Commodore and will have charge of making and returning colors and making and returning salutes and signals from a designated flag staff.

CHAPTER IX

TRUSTEES

1. There will be a Board of Trustees consisting of the current year's Club Officers, the immediate Past Commodore, and one (1) member at large, serving a one (1) year term.

CHAPTER X

DUTIES AND POWERS OF TRUSTEES

1. Subject in all respects to special attention by the Club, the Trustees will have entire authority in the management of the affairs and the finances of the Club, and will have general control of its property.
2. The Board of Trustees may levy an assessment on all classes of members.
3. All appropriations of the funds of the Club will be approved by the Board of Trustees.
4. They will have power to appoint such committees as from time-to-time be deemed necessary and will prescribe the duties of such committees.
5. They will have general authority over all standing committees and will appoint the members and chairpersons thereof.
6. They will make appropriations of funds for use by the standing committees.

7. The Board of Trustees may, by majority vote of the members present, whenever they deem it to be in the best interest of the Club, not readmit to membership any former member of the Club.
8. They will hold as many meetings as needed to conduct Club business in a timely manner and five (5) will constitute a quorum.
9. The Commodore, or in the case of his or her absence or inability to act, the Senior Acting Flag Officer, may call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees. Notice of such a meeting will be given to each member of the Board at least five days in advance of said meeting.
10. They will fill vacancies occurring during the year on their Board or among the Club Officers, and any Trustee or Officer so elected to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or removal of a Trustee or Officer, will hold office only for the unexpired term of the Trustee or Officer whose place he or she is elected to fill.
11. The Board of Trustees may by unanimous vote of the unaffected members, remove any member of the Board of Trustees or any Officer who is not performing his specific duties as set forth by the Bylaws. The affected member will be notified, in writing, of the pending action two (2) weeks prior to a special Board Meeting to be convened to consider the matter.
12. The Board of Trustees may, by majority vote of the members present, reject any application for membership.

CHAPTER XI

RACING COMMITTEE (REPORTS TO THE VICE COMMODORE)

1. There will be a Racing Committee, to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine. It will have the direction and control of all races under the auspices of the Club.
2. The Racing Committee will notify the owners of the winning boats and will have full charge of all matters pertaining to the procuring and awarding of prizes.
3. It will be the duty of the Racing Committee to measure boats and/or sails as required by the Racing Rules.
4. The Racing Committee will have financial responsibility to the Vice Commodore and Board of Trustees for all collections and disbursements for each Club racing function.

CHAPTER XII

PROPERTY COMMITTEE (REPORTS TO THE VICE COMMODORE)

1. There may be a Property Committee to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine that will have responsibility for management of the Club property.

CHAPTER XIII

LAW COMMITTEE (REPORTS TO THE REAR COMMODORE)

1. There may be a Law Committee to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine that will act as counsel for the Club

CHAPTER XIV

COMMITTEE ON BASIC SEAMANSHIP (REPORTS TO THE VICE COMMODORE)

1. There may be a Committee on Basic Seamanship to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine.

CHAPTER XV

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (REPORTS TO THE REAR COMMODORE)

1. There will be a Membership Committee to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine that will consider all applications for membership in the Club. Applications will be forwarded to the Trustees with the Membership Committee's recommendations.
2. The Rear Commodore will keep a correct list of candidates for membership and the disposition made of each application.
3. An approved Application for Membership will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final action. The Rear Commodore will notify each prospective member of this election, and will make available to each new member, Club information as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER XVI

SOCIAL/CRUISING COMMITTEE (REPORTS TO THE REAR COMMODORE)

1. There will be a Social/Cruising Committee to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine. It will have the responsibility of organizing and controlling all social activities and Club cruises.
2. The Social/Cruising Committee will have financial responsibility to the Rear Commodore and the Board of Trustees for all collections and disbursements for each Club social function.

CHAPTER XVII

COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (REPORTS TO THE VICE COMMODORE)

1. There may be a Committee on Junior Activities to consist of such number of members as the Trustees may determine that will be responsible for management of the junior activities of the Club.
2. The Junior Activities Committee will have financial responsibility to the Vice Commodore and the Board of Trustees for all collections and disbursements for each Club junior function.

CHAPTER XVIII

BOARD OF HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE

1. There may be a Board of Handicappers Committee that will establish ratings as prescribed by the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING) Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Committee.
2. This Board will consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, and three (3) at large members, serving staggered three year terms, to be appointed by the Commodore.
3. It will be the responsibility of this Board to establish PHRF ratings for all boats at the beginning of each year. The Committee will have the option of reviewing ratings for possible changes at midyear.
4. The Board of Handicappers may receive appeals from the members regarding their ratings only in writing and are limited to action by the above reviews.

CHAPTER XIX

STANDING COMMITTEE

1. All Standing Committees will submit estimates of the appropriations required for the current year, and those appropriations will not be exceeded without the consent of the Trustees.
2. They will present a full report, in writing, at the Annual Meeting, and will send a brief written report addressed to the Commodore at such times as the Trustees may request.
3. They will have the power to add and fill vacancies in their number and to appoint subcommittees, which may be composed wholly or in part of members of the Club.

CHAPTER XX

MEETINGS

1. There will be an Annual Meeting of the members of the Club to be held near the end of each fiscal year.
2. Special membership meetings may be called by the Commodore or the Board of Trustees.
3. The fiscal year will run from 1 January through 31 December each year.

CHAPTER XXI

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

1. Club Officers will be elected at each Annual Meeting and will hold office until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected. The office of Commodore is an exception to this.
2. The office of Commodore will be filled by the previous year's Vice Commodore.
3. If any Officer or Trustee declines further service or is removed from office, the next senior Officer will fill the vacancy, or the Board of Trustees may by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present appoint a replacement to serve until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting.
4. A Nominating Committee will serve at the direction of the Board of Trustees to present to the membership a slate of Officers and Trustees to be voted upon. The Nominating Committee will consist of the Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore and the at large Trustee, and will begin convening no later than the month of August of each year.

5. Any member may make nominations other than those made by the Nominating Committee. Such nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, but must have prior approval of the person being nominated.
6. Elections will be by voice if to affirm a slate of Officers and Trustees or by ballot, and a majority of votes cast will be necessary for election.

CHAPTER XXII

QUORUM

1. At any membership meeting, the members present will constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER XXIII

VOTING

1. Members in good standing of Class “A” and their spouses/significant others will be entitled to vote in person at all regular and special meetings of the members.
2. No membership will be entitled to more than two (2) votes.

CHAPTER XXIV

NOTICES

1. Notice of regular and special membership meetings will be sent to every member of the Club at least ten days in advance.

CHAPTER XXV

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The order of business at the regular meetings after Call to Order will be:

First	Reading of the Minutes
Second	Report of the Treasurer
Third	Report of Club Officers according to Rank
Fourth	Communications to the Club
Fifth	Reports of Standing Committees
Sixth	Reports of Special Committees
Seventh	Elections
Eighth	Unfinished Business
Ninth	New Business
Tenth	Miscellaneous Business
Eleventh	Adjournment

CHAPTER XXVI

MEMBERS

1. Membership in the Club will be divided into the following classes:
 - A. Members Class “A”, Full Membership - A Full Membership may be held by a person a minimum of 18 years old who is willing to participate actively in the objectives of the Club. The Full Member and spouse/significant other are each entitled to all privileges of the Club, including holding elective office and voting. They may hold membership in other yacht clubs as long as there is no conflict of interest in the handling of Club matters as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees.
 - B. Members Class “B”, Associate Membership - An Associate Membership may be held by a person a minimum of 18 years old who is willing to participate actively in the objectives of the Club. The Associate Member and spouse/significant other are entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except that they may not enter a boat in Club racing events, hold elective office, serve as committee chair, or vote. At any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, a Class “B” Member in good standing, having demonstrated extraordinary commitment and dedication to the goals of the Club may, by unanimous vote of the members present, be reclassified to a Class “A” member.
 - C. Members Class “C”, Honorary Membership - An Honorary Member will be any person considered worthy of the honor by unanimous vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. He or she will be entitled to all privileges of the Club except holding an elective office and voting.
 - D. Members Class “D”, Junior Membership - A Junior Member will be an individual age 12 to 21 who is the child by birth, adoption or step parentage of a Class “A” or Class “B” Member or the member’s spouse/significant other and is a full-time student. A Junior Member may not hold elective office or vote.
2. The Board of Trustees may establish membership Class ceilings at any levels which they deem necessary for proper and efficient operation of the Club.

CHAPTER XXVII

APPLICATION TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Proposals for all classes of membership (except Honorary Membership) will be submitted in writing on the Club’s standard application form and will be accompanied by payment of appropriate fees, which are refundable if the proposed member is not accepted.

CHAPTER XXVIII

ANNUAL DUES

1. Annual dues of all classes of members will be set by a unanimous vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The amount may be changed from time to time to meet the current needs of the Club. These dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year or at appropriate intervals as determined by the Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER XXIX

INDEBTEDNESS

1. If a member's annual dues are not paid by February 1, he or she relinquishes the right to attend Club functions and will be dropped from the membership roster for that year. He or she may subsequently apply for reinstatement after payment of all applicable assessments.
2. A Club Officer or Trustee whose current annual dues are unpaid or who is otherwise indebted to the Club may not serve in his or her elected capacity until such time as all debts are paid.

CHAPTER XXX

DISCIPLINE

1. Upon written complaint of one or more members, the Trustees will investigate the circumstances connected with the alleged misconduct of any member. Notice of such complaint, together with a statement of the charges to be preferred against the member complained of, will be sent to him or her at least one week prior to the meeting at which such complaint will be considered by the Board of Trustees, and an opportunity to be heard will be given to him or her at such meeting. A member may be suspended or expelled for conduct injurious to the character or welfare of the Club by a vote of the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting at which such complaint will be considered, except that no member will be expelled or suspended unless five (5) members of the Board vote in favor of such suspension or expulsion.

CHAPTER XXXI

RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations of the Officers of the Club and Trustees must be in writing and delivered to the Commodore.

2. The resignation of an Officer or Trustee against whom charges are pending, whose current annual dues are unpaid, or who is otherwise indebted to the Club will not be effectual unless accepted by the Board of Trustees.
3. An Officer's or Trustee's letter of resignation, properly presented to the Commodore, may be accepted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER XXXII

CLUB PRIVILEGES

1. The Flag Officers may extend the privileges of the Club to distinguished visitors and may renew such invitations at their discretion.
2. Three or more Trustees, when in agreement, may grant the privileges of the Club to experts in nautical matters.
3. Members are encouraged to invite guests to Club functions on a one-visit basis. Guests who wish to attend frequently should be encouraged to join the membership.

CHAPTER XXXIII

REGISTRATION OF BOATS

1. Every Member buying or selling a boat, or altering the hull or rig of his or her boat, or changing his or her signal will notify the Racing Committee and the Board of Handicappers immediately.

CHAPTER XXXIV

MEASURING

1. The Racing Committee may charge a fee for their services and expenses. The fee for measuring a yacht will be paid by the owner directly to the Vice-Commodore and proceeds are credited to the Racing Committee.

CHAPTER XXXV

SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

1. Any of these Bylaws may be temporarily suspended at any regular meeting of the Class "A" membership by a unanimous vote of the members present.

CHAPTER XXXVI

AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Class “A” membership by a vote of two-thirds ($2/3$) of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in the notice of the meeting.
2. These Bylaws supercede any and all versions past and present and may only be amended as outlined herein.

Adopted by the Membership at the Annual Meeting on November 19, 2011.