

Constitution and By-Laws

Article 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Jacomo Yacht Club.

Article 2 - OBJECT

The purpose of the Jacomo Yacht Club shall be to promote fellowship through a mutual interest and enjoyment in sailing, to encourage good sportsmanship, teamwork among members, proficiency and knowledge in the art and traditions of sailing, on and off the water.

Article 3 – Club Burgee

The club Burgee shall be a pointed flag, the hoist to be two-thirds of the length. The design shall consist of the same colors as the International Code flag "J" upon which will be superimposed a compass rose with the red letter "J".

Article 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all those interested in the traditions and the camaraderie of sailing at Lake Jacomo consistent with the purposes stated in Article 2. A member in good standing is one who has made full payment of alldues to the Jacomo Yacht Club. All members are required to know and observe sailing safety and fleet/County requirements to the best of their individual ability.

Membership conveys Club privileges to the primary and spouse, or significant other, and dependent family members and conveys voting privileges, totaling 2 votes; one each for the primary member and spouse or significant other.

Guests are welcome at all fleet functions but have no official club status or vote. Guests attending fleet meetings will pay any required guest fee, the amount of which will be set by the Executive Committee.

Termination of Membership:

a. Resignations – Resignations, in writing, will be presented to the Secretary.

b. For Other Causes – A Membership may be terminated, for cause, upon unanimous vote by the Executive

Committee.

Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be conferred on an individual whose services to this fleet over a period of years warrant this honor. This election to Honorary Membership is merely a gesture and the recipient is

afforded none of the privileges of a regular member unless he or she is a regular member at the time. With each election to Honorary Membership, there shall be a citation perpetuated into the records of this fleet. Nominations for this honor will be made at the annual December meeting, or at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. Approval requires a simple majority vote by attending members.

Article 5 - MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual/December meeting will be the forum for establishing dues. The Treasurer will prepare a budget and submit it to the Executive Committee no later than the end of November. Any increase in membership dues requires approval by simple majority of attending membership. Dues for renewing members must be paid by the April meeting each year, there will be no reduced or prorated dues at any time. Annual dues are established and collected for the benefit of the membership and are expected to be expended during that dues period. Only the funds necessary to maintain the bank account and minimum club business operations may be carried over to the next year. Excess funds will be expended in support of the annual December meeting/party.

Article 6 - OFFICERS

The officers of this fleet shall consist of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer and each must be a member in good standing.

Terms: Officers of this organization shall serve for a period of one year, from January 1 to December 31.

Election of Officers: The officers of this organization shall be elected by nomination and ballot and shall take office at the beginning of the year.

Nominations: Nominations will be taken at the September, October, and November monthly meetings. Those wishing to run for an office must be present to be nominated. To be nominated, a member will make a nomination from the floor, which must be followed by a second from another member. The nominee must then accept, or refuse, the nomination.

Election: Voting for officers will take place at the December/annual meeting. Absertee ballots must be turned in to the Secretary and must be received no later than December 1. Voting for officers will be conducted by a show of hands, in the absence of nominees. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of attending members/absentee ballots.

Vacancies: Vacancies among the officers shall be filled as determined by the Executive Committee. In the event the Executive Committee determines an election is necessary the process identified in Section 3 "Election of Officers" above shall be followed and notification shall be sent to the membership of the time and place of the special election.

Removal of Officers: Under a circumstance in which an officer is no longer fulfilling his or her stated duties, they may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the membership. Absentee ballots may be cast, provided they are signed and provided the Club Secretary in advance of the election.

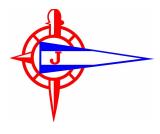
Article 7 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

All Club Officers: Recruit new members; provide oversight and leadership; assist in organizing, promoting, and executing club activities; make a report to the membership at each scheduled/special meeting; and ensure that club activities and proceedings are in compliance with these bylaws.

Commodore: The Commodore shall preside at all regular, annual and special meetings of the Club. The Commodore may appoint the chairperson of all committees not specifically covered by the bylaws, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The Commodore shall serve as the official delegate/parliamentarian to the Jackson County Parks and Recreation, the Jacomo Sailing Club, and to other officially recognized organizations.

Vice Commodore: In the absence of the Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall perform the duties of Commodore. The Vice Commodore is responsible for planning the activities of the fleet and will provide oversight and leadership for all educational activities for the club, and such other responsibilities from time-to-time delegated by the Commodore or Executive Committee.

Rear Commodore: In the absence of the Commodore and Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore shall perform the duties of the Commodore, and in the absence of the Vice Commodore, shall perform the duties of the Vice Commodore. The Rear Commodore is responsible for planning all races and other on-lake activities, and such other responsibilities as delegated from time-to-time by the Commodore or Executive



Committee.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for posting and distributing all meeting minutes, all club correspondence, maintaining the fleet roster, issuing membership cards and information packages to the membership.

The Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the management of the Club's finances throughout the year, producing a budget and recommending a dues structure for the next fiscal year. The budget/dues structure will be presented to the Executive Committee no later than the end of November. The Treasurer is responsible for providing financial guidelines and oversight of any fleet fund raising efforts.

Article 8 – COMMITTEES

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee is composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Past Commodore and shall serve as the governing body of the fleet. Decisions made by the executive committee will take into consideration the input of the general membership. The Executive Committee will report proposed actions or decisions to the general membership at each Club meeting.

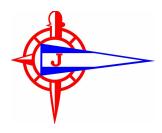
Club Committee's: The Executive Committee may establish such committees that are necessary and appropriate to conduct club business and activities. Each of these committees may appoint a chairperson and meet upon a schedule of their determination.

Article 9 - MEETINGS

General Business Meetings. General Business meetings of the fleet will be held in conjunction with regular scheduled Club meetings, normally the 3rd Saturday of the month. The membership will be notified in advance of all meetings, times, and locations and changes.

Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by the officers, or by petition of a simple majority of the membership. Committee's may meet as required to conduct the business of the Club.

Decisive Vote. Unless stated otherwise in these by-laws, a simple majority of the ballots cast shall constitute a decisive vote on all business and policy matters. Each member in good standing will be afforded one vote as set forth in Article 4.



Article 10 - BINDING AUTHORITY

The binding authority of this fleet shall rest with the executive committee. The signatures of the Commodore and/or the Vice Commodore shall be the binding signatures of this fleet.

These by-laws shall become effective upon the approval of three-fourths vote of the membership.

These by-laws may be amended or altered by a vote of three-fourths of the total membership. Absentee ballots may be cast if presented in advance to the Club Secretary. Written notice of any amendment must be given to all members at a minimum of two weeks before any action may be taken on the proposed amendment.

No amendment, rules or regulations may be enacted which are not consistent with the existing rules and regulations of the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department as they apply to Lake Jacomo.