



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Sailing Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Sailing Club of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Rochester Sailing Club is to foster an interest in sailing at the university and support marine safety through education and experience.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.

B. Definition of Active Member – An active member is one who participates in at least one water and/or classroom practice per week. An active member must also participate in fundraising events and volunteer at least two hours of time in fundraising situations. This member must also pay the specified dues each semester to be considered an active member. If they have been chosen for an executive board position, they must also participate in one executive board meeting per week with a time and location chosen by the Commodore of the club.

C. Definition of Associate Member – As associate member is one who participates in water and classroom practices, though not necessarily regularly. This member is able to have one water practice for free, but subsequent practices require that the member pay full dues. They are able to be elected for a position on Executive Board if the team sees fit.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as one half of the active membership. If the number of officers is greater than one, then all

additional officers present will contribute to the number of members to attain a quorum. Active members must request the floor when bringing forward an issue for discussion or debate that is not in the forwarded agenda established by the presiding officer.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – Active members shall be eligible to vote in elections and in other votes as determined by the executive board. All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a blind hand vote. Unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer, this form of voting will not be changed so as to protect the voting members of Rochester Sailing. The Commodore will count votes, and shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. Positions to be held are: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Business Manager, Practice Coordinator, Fleet Coordinator, Regatta Chair, Alumni Chair, and Social Ambassador. Each position has a minimum term of 2 semesters.

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The Commodore shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above. The Commodore will also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, and take and maintain meeting minutes. Finally, the Commodore will lead new member recruitment efforts.
- F. The Vice-Commodore will be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. The Vice-Commodore must also focus on fundraising initiatives and recruitment of new members.
- G. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances, keeping detailed records of all transactions, advising the Fleet Manager on equipment purchases, and ensuring that the club adheres to the rules of the Student Association Appropriations Committee.
- H. The Practice Coordinator will be responsible for scheduling both water and classroom practices and ensuring that all members have an equal opportunity to participate. This includes making sure that all new members attend at least two classroom practices before participating in a water practice.
- I. The Fleet Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining equipment and applying for supplemental funding for equipment repair or purchase of new equipment when necessary.
- J. The Regatta Coordinator will be responsible for organizing teams to send to regattas. The Regatta Coordinator will communicate closely with the coach and Practice Coordinator to determine appropriate skipper/crew pairs for competitions and to ensure that all regatta participants have attended at least one practice or regatta the week before the regatta. Finally,

the Regatta Coordinator is also responsible for coordinating housing for regattas when necessary, and organizing transportation to and from competition.

K. The Alumni Chair will be responsible for maintaining firm contact with the network of alumni via a newsletter every semester. The Alumni Chair is also responsible for coordinating events for the Sailing Club reception during Meliora Weekend. Finally, the Alumni Chair will contribute to planning events for new member recruitment at the beginning of each semester.

L. The Social Ambassador is responsible for organizing social events for the team. Events may include, but are not limited to: team bonding events to strengthen ties within the club, interactions with other teams/clubs to foster Rochester community, and educational events related to sailing and maritime activity. The Social Ambassador will also contribute to planning events for new member recruitment at the beginning of each semester.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Members will be allowed to run for positions they wish to hold, with the exception of seniors, as they will not be able to serve a full term. Each person deciding to run will outline a short platform with their qualifications, while others running for the same position are absent from the room. Remaining team members will then vote via blind vote.

B. Term of Office - The term of office for each position is 1 year.

C. Timing of Elections - Elections will be held the first Wednesday in December of each year, giving new officers a chance to adjust before spring semester begins.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V, Section Three*.

B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.

C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of an organization can call for a vote of no confidence.

D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

SECTION ONE - Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

SECTION TWO - FUNDING

A. Rochester Sailing shall be eligible for SA funding.

ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION

SECTION ONE - Rochester Sailing shall be classified as a Club Sport – Competitive.

ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

SECTION TWO - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

SECTION THREE - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

SECTION ONE - At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

SECTION TWO - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - HAZING POLICY

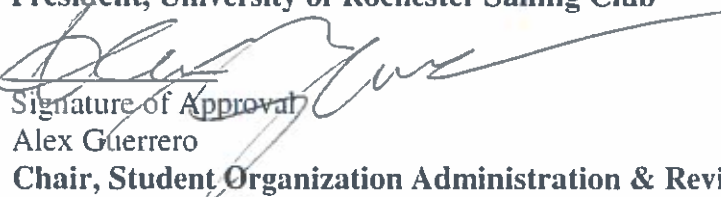
Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Sailing Club. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

ARTICLE XII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Sailing Club of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.


Signature of Confirmation
Samara Levy
President, University of Rochester Sailing Club

Date 2/9/2018


Signature of Approval
Alex Guerrero
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

Date 2/13/18