

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be "Massabesic Yacht Club" of Manchester, New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

SECTION 1. The object of this Club shall be to encourage the sport of yachting and to promote the science of seamanship and navigation.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, (each of whom shall be a yacht owner at the time of his election), Secretary, Treasurer, and Harbormaster.

Section 2. The Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore, shall be the Flag Officers.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section I. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting and shall be by ballot and shall hold office for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies may be filled at any regular or special meeting, notice of such election having been sent to each member at least seven days previous to such meeting.

ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Commodore

Section II. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to command the squadron, enforce the laws and regulations of the club and to preside at all meetings of the club.

Section 2. He shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees except the race committee.

Section 3. In the event of the temporary absence of either the Secretary, Treasurer or Harbormaster, the Commodore upon request of the absentee, may appoint a member to act in his place. In the event, however, of a vacancy occurring in the office of either Secretary, Treasurer or Harbormaster, the Commodore may appoint a successor to hold office until an election to fill the vacancy shall be held as provided in ART. IV.

Vice-Commodore

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties and in his absence officiate in his stead. It shall be his further duty to assume all responsibility for proper publicity concerning the club and all of its activities.

Rear-Commodore

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Rear-Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice-Commodore in the discharge of their duties and in their absence officiate in their stead. It shall be his further duty to act as official measurer, to measure all yachts enrolled in the club and to report their measurements to the Secretary. He shall keep the official plans of all yachts registered in the club.

(Article V -Con't)

Section 6.

SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the members and of all the meetings of the club, in books belonging to it, and to make such returns as he be required to make. To notify members of their election, of the annual and all regular and special meetings of the club.

To take charge of and preserve all records and data of interest to the club.

He shall make whatever notices and communication that may be required by order of the club or Commodore.

He shall also conduct all correspondence pertaining to his office and keep the records of the same open to the inspection of any member of the club.

It shall be his duty to see that the constitution and By-Laws of the club are signed by every member thereof.

He shall keep a list of names, dimensions, rig and ownership of each yacht enrolled in the club.

He shall send the Board of Trustees all applications for membership.

He shall be Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

TREASURER

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a record of the members dues in books belonging to the club and to make such returns as he be required to make.

He shall receive all admission fees and upon the election of the member turn the amount into the club treasury.

He shall at all annual meetings render a statement of the general condition of the club financially.

He shall take charge of all funds belonging to the club and pay all bills after approval by the Finance Committee.

He shall keep a correct account of his receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the club and provided for the purpose.

He shall make a report at every annual meeting which shall be audited by the auditing committee, and whenever required, report the State of the Treasury from correct accounts which he shall keep.

He shall keep his books and vouchers at all times open to the inspection of the Board of Trustees.

Harbormaster.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Harbormaster (subject always to the Board of Trustees) to have full charge and custody of all harbor property of the club and to enforce the preservation of order and obedience to the Harbor rules.

He shall have power to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation of the harbor, including anchorage and trafic.

He shall cause the Harbor Rules and Regulations to be posted on the Club Bulletin Board.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

Board of Trustees

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees to consist of two(2) members of which the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members ex-officio, to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. Quorum will be five.

Race Committee

Section 2. There shall be a Race Committee consisting of three(3) members to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the club.

(Art. VI -Con't)

Section 3. Program Committee

There shall be a program committee consisting of three(3) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting.

Nominating Committee

Section 4. There shall be a nominating Committee consisting of five(5) members to be nominated from the floor and elected at the regular meeting, next preceeding the annual meeting.

Auditing Committee

Section 5. There shall be an Auditing Committee to consist of three members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.(If desired)

Finance Committee

Section 6. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.(If desired)

ARTICLE VII

Section I. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to have full charge of the general business management of the club. They shall make or authorize all necessary contracts, but shall have no power to make the club liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which at the time shall be in the Treasurer's hands, and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities.

They shall have power to make such regulations and rules for the government of the club as they may deem expedient, and generally do all things which may be necessary for the proper management of its affairs, but any rule or regulation established by them may be recêded by two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting of this club.

(ART.VII - SEC.I Con't)

They may appoint a Finance Committee. If no Finance Committee is appointed, the Board of Trustees retain the duties of the Finance Committee.

They shall appoint a Program Committee at their annual meeting.

They shall hold their meetings at the call of the Commodore or upon request of the majority of the members of the committee.

They shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in any Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees upon the receipt of an application for membership from the Secretary to investigate the character and standing of the applicant, and report in writing to the Secretary and if their report be favorable the application shall be posted on the bulletin Board not less than one week previous to the next regular meeting and if their report be unfavorable the application shall be returned to the Secretary to be returned to the members recommending.

Race Committee

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Race Committee:

To make arrangements for, to take charge of and to act as judges of, all races held by and under direction of authority of the club, unless otherwise provided by vote of the club.

To decide, in conformity with the racing rules, all questions that arise respecting such races.

To disqualify a contestant that shall have violated any rule of the club.

In their discretion to postpone any race or order it to be recontested.

To appoint, in the absence of one or more members of their Committee, a member or members of the club to act in his or their place.

To record, in a book provided for that purpose all protests filed with them together with decisions on the same, and to place on file with the Secretary a copy of their annual Report.

There shall be no appeal from the decision of this Committee.

Program Committee

Section 3. The Program Committee (subject always to the Board of Trustees) shall have charge of all programs of the club and the duty of providing suitable programs at frequent intervals, within their judgement, shall devolve them.

Nominating Committee

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to prepare a list of candidates for the elective offices and forward a copy of the same to the club Secretary one week prior to the Annual Meeting and post a copy on the Bulletin Board.

Finance Committee

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to authorize all purchases and examine all bills presented to the club, and upon their approval turn the same over to the Treasurer to pay.

Auditing Committee

Section 6. The auditing Committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer immediately before the Annual Meeting, certify to the correctness of same, and render a written report at Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Election of Members

Section 1. Any person male or female shall be eligible to membership who has reached the age of sixteen(16) years.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary and must have the recommendation of two(2) members in good standing and signed by the applicant and accompanied by the sum of not less than one dollar.

Section 3. Said application shall be referred to the Board of Trustees and the Board shall report in writing to the Secretary at some time prior to the regular meeting.

Section 4. Two negative votes shall reject an election where seven(7) votes are cast; one negative vote shall be necessary for each additional seven votes. Each application may be voted on twice.

Section 5. An application may be withdrawn by either sponsor at any time previous to final action of the club.

Section 6. No applicant who has been rejected shall be again proposed within six months thereafter.

Section 7. Any member intending to be absent from the country for a period of six months or longer may have his dues suspended during such absence upon application to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX

Honorary Members

Section 1. The Board of Trustees may present to the Club for election as an Honorary Member, the name of any person who may have rendered the club important services and benefits, or whom for any reason they may see fit thus to honor.

Section 2. The election of honorary members shall be by unanimous vote at two successive meetings.

Section 3. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all privileges except voting and being eligible to office, but shall not enjoy ownership in Club property.

ARTICLE X

Resignations

Section 1. Any member in good standing, on written application to the Secretary shall receive an honorable discharge from the club provided that at the time of such application there are no charges against him on account of the club.

(Art.X -Sec.2)

Section 2. Such member may be reinstated by the Board of Trustees within a period of one year, upon written application and payment of dues.

ARTICLE XI

Property

Section I. The title to and ownership of all property, effects and assets of the club, shall be in the Board of Trustees, for the time being, in trust for benefit and enjoyment of the Members, and any lease that may be made by the Board of Trustees shall be for the exclusive benefit of the club; the members of which hereby accept and assume responsibility thereof.

Section 2. The resignation, death, or forfeiture of membership for any cause shall operate as an assignment and release to the Board of Trustees as trustees of the club, of all right, title and interest of such member in and to the property and assets.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section I. This Constitution shall only be amended as follows: Every amendment must first be approved at a regular meeting and shall be valid only when adopted at the next regular meeting. Each proposed amendment must be legibly written or printed and signed by at least two members proposing the same and sent to the Secretary of the club, who shall immediately post a copy thereof on the Bulletin Board. Before said amendment can be considered at a regular meeting it must have been so posted for at least fifteen days, and the Secretary must also have mailed a printed copy to each member at least seven days previous to such meeting.

(Art.XII -Sec.I Con't)

If approved at the first regular meeting it must be kept posted until the next regular meeting. No amendment once rejected shall be reconsidered at any subsequent meeting within six months thereafter.

Section 2. There shall be no suspension of any article of the Conctitution.