

LUFFING LASSIES BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I OBJECT

The Luffing Lassies shall function as a social organization acting as a medium through which to promote interest in sailing and sailboat racing among its members.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Active Members of the Luffing Lassies shall be women who are members of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. They shall have full rights, responsibilities and privileges of LL's, which include, but are not limited to, voting, serving on committee and board positions, and participation in all races and regattas and FWSA sponsored events. Active members shall be current in payment of their LL and Sailing Squadron dues.

Section 2: Social Members / Anchors pay social dues and may participate in social functions; vote on issues related to their status as a social or anchor member and may participate in "fun" sails if they are also members of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Anchors are former LL's and may do all of the above and in addition may serve and hold positions on the board and committees, serve or assist on the Race Committee boat and participate in all FWSA sponsored regattas.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers shall be a Captain, a First Officer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In any given year, upon accepting their nomination as captain and first officer the nominees may, at the discretion of the previous board, elect to function and be named as co-captains and shall divide their duties set out in Article III Section 3 as the co-captains agree between themselves. This choice shall occur within ten (10) days of accepting the nomination.

Section 2: ELECTION: The officers of the Luffing Lassies shall be elected for a one year term by the Membership at its annual meeting.

Section 3: DUTIES:

CAPTAIN: The captain shall be Chairperson of the Board of Directions. She shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons including the Nominating Committee and Protest Committee Chairpersons; shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; shall prepare an annual report containing race results, honors and accomplishments for the Historian's permanent file; may sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer, and with the help of the Board of Directors, make up a schedule for the year.

FIRST OFFICER: The first officer shall, in the absence of the Captain, preside at meetings and perform other duties of that office; shall be in charge of organizing all special regattas; shall automatically succeed to the office of Captain for the balance of any year in which that office should become vacant.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record complete minutes of all Board and General Meetings and take care of all correspondence; shall maintain a complete roster of the Membership compiled from information supplied by the Treasurer, and assist the Captain in the typing and mailing of schedules, announcements, etc.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds and shall keep records of all business transactions; shall collect all dues and fees and have the members sign waivers. Notification must be sent to those members whose dues are delinquent; shall prepare a budget for approval by the Membership; shall prepare a budget for approval by the Membership; shall pay all bills approved by the Captain. Bills over one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall require prior authorization from the Captain. Any expenses over \$500 shall require the majority approval of the Officers and the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall insure that the appropriate sales taxes will be paid through the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: MEMBERSHIP: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Captain, the First Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the immediate past Captain. In addition, the Race Captain, the Sunfish Fleet Captain, the Pram Captain, and the Social Chairman, who are appointed by the Captain, shall also serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 2: MEETINGS: The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year as called by the Captain or by petition of three members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: RESPONSIBILITIES: The Board of Directors shall determine policy and program; and shall submit all policy and program decisions to the membership for approval.

Section 4: VACANCIES. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by Members selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1: ELECTION. A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Captain by the end of March. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of Officers to the Membership by the end of April.

Section 2: CHAIRPERSON. The Nominating Committee shall elect a Chairperson from its own Membership.

Section 3: DUTIES. The Nominating Committee shall secure a slate of candidates for Officers (Captain, First Officer, Secretary and Treasurer)* to be presented at the annual meeting in May.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1: ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting shall be held in May on a day to be determined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing Officers, receipt of annual reports and other general business.

Section 2: CALL OF MEETINGS. General and special meetings shall be called by the Captain.

Section 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called at the request of four Members.

Section 4: NOTICE OF MEETINGS. Notice of all meetings and agenda shall be given to the Membership by e-mail or by telephone at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Section 5. ROBERTS RULES. Roberts Rules (revised) shall govern all meetings of the Luffing Lassies.

ARTICLE VII QUORUM

Twenty percent (20%) of the Active Membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, except one called for the purpose of dissolution. Fifty percent (50%) of the Active Membership shall constitute a quorum for dissolution.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

Distribution of all assets of the Luffing Lassies shall be made by the Active Membership at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded in whole or in part by the Board of Directors, subject to approval of a majority of the Active Members at a duly called meeting constituting a quorum as described in ARTICLE VII.