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A BRIEF HISTORY OF LYC

LaSalle Yacht Club was initially organized in 1936 by a small group of residents in the LaSalle area of Niagara Falls, who felt there was a need for a boating and social organization in the city. Nearly 50 Members became Charter Members and later that year the Club was incorporated.

The first Clubhouse was located at the upper end of Cayuga Island, a little distance upstream and across the Little Niagara River from where the Explorer LaSalle built the "Griffon", the first sailing vessel on the upper Great Lakes. Appropriately, an outline of the "Griffon" was selected as the Club's emblem on its burgee.

Due to the rapid increase in its membership, the Clubhouse and waterfront facilities became inadequate within a few years. After reviewing the problems involved in expanding its facilities at that location, it was decided to attempt to relocate on the larger Niagara River.

The present Club property was purchased 10 years later (1946). This involved an expenditure of some \$50,000 - an immense sum for such a young organization. Initially, the original Clubhouse building, which had been the residence of a former Niagara Falls city mayor, was expanded to provide for a dining room and kitchen, in addition to the bar and other necessary facilities.

Several other improvements to the Clubhouse were made during the next few years. In addition, a new seawall, the first dock and its subsequent extension and additional boat slips were also built during that period.

In the middle 50's, it became apparent that the Clubhouse and waterfront were inadequate for the continuing increase in its membership and the number of boats. Consequently, a major expansion and remodeling of those facilities was undertaken in 1959, at a cost of more than \$100,000. This program included expanding the Clubhouse floor area by nearly 100 percent (kitchen, dining room, chartroom (lounge) providing for more meeting rooms) and building a new sail loft.

Further extension of the dock and additional boat slips was made in 1961 - the Silver Anniversary year of LYC. Since that time, numerous improvements have been made to the interior of the Clubhouse and the waterfront facilities.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – CLUB NAME

SECTION 1 – CORPORATION

(1) This corporation shall be known as "The LaSalle Yacht Club, Inc." of Niagara Falls, New York - Membership Corporation.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1 – CLUB

(1) "Club" shall mean "The LaSalle Yacht Club, Inc."

SECTION 2 – BOARD

(2) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the LaSalle Yacht Club, Inc.

SECTION 3 – YACHT

(3) "Yacht" shall mean any craft designed, built and in commission or current winter storage only as a pleasure craft. Ordinary canoes, dinghies, rowboats, punts, skiffs, etc. not propelled by sail or engine shall not be considered yachts in any sense of the word.

SECTION 4 – FLAG OFFICERS

(4) "Flag Officers" shall mean the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and the Fleet Captain.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION I – LIFE SAVING

(1) To aid official marine agencies and offer assistance and protection of the lives of all those boating on the Upper Niagara River.

SECTION 2 – WATERWAYS

(1) To constantly press City, State and Federal Government to provide waterways, properly operate and maintain and improve all navigable waterways in the Upper Niagara River.

SECTION 3 – EDUCATION

(1) To educate the public in general to appreciate the sport and pleasure derived from boating in this vicinity and to encourage the study and practice of safe seamanship, piloting and navigation.

SECTION 4 – BOATING

(1) To develop and foster boating and sailing on the Upper Niagara River.

SECTION 5 – FRIENDSHIP / SOCIAL

(1) To promote friendship and social activities among the Members of this and other clubs for the entertainment and enjoyment of all.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

The membership shall consist of nine (9) classes, namely:

- (1) Honorary
- (2) Senior
- (3) Intermediate
- (4) Junior

- (5) Participating/Privileged
- (6) Non-Resident
- (7) Armed Forces
- (8) Retired
- (9) Associate

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

(1) Any person is eligible for membership who is interested in aquatic and/or social activities and who has reached the age required herein for qualification to any class of membership to which he/she may be eligible. Nothing in this constitution shall be discriminatory.

SECTION 3 – RIGHTS & PRIVILEGES

(1) The Members of the ten classes of membership shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Club except as limited and restricted by the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws to which limitation and restrictions the Members thereof shall be subjected.

SECTION 4 – HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The Board may elect by unanimous vote to Honorary Membership such persons as it may deem to have rendered exceptional services or benefits to the Club or whom for any reason it may see fit for this honor.
- (2) The Board may at any time, by a majority vote of all the Members and without charges preferred, drop any Honorary Member from the roll of membership.
- (3) Honorary Members shall be exempt from dues and assessments and shall not be permitted to vote or hold office, but may speak at meetings.

SECTION 5 – SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A Senior Member must have reached the age of 25 years. He/she shall have the right to speak at all meetings of the Club, vote and hold office, but must be a yacht owner to be elected to a Flag Office.
- (2) Senior Members are subject to a forty dollar monthly minimum spending requirement. Only Bar and Restaurant purchases are used to calculate the members total spend toward the minimum. The member will be billed the following month if he or she missed their minimum spending requirement. Any minimum spending amount billed can be accrued for up to one year and can be redeemed for any Club Bar and Restaurant purchase excluding gratuities, dues, assessments, slip or storage fees.

SECTION 6 – INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP

- (1) An Intermediate Member must be the child of a current Senior or Retired Member and be between ages 25 and 29 inclusive. However, a Member within this age bracket may elect Senior Membership.
- (2) Upon reaching his/her 30th Birthday, an Intermediate Member may make application for Senior Membership.
- (3) An Intermediate Member shall have the right to speak at all Club meetings and vote. He/she may not be elected or appointed to any Club Office.
- (4) Intermediate dues shall be 2/3 senior dues.

SECTION 7 – JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A Junior Member must be the child of a current Senior or Retired Member and be between the ages of 18 and 24, inclusive. Total Junior Membership shall be limited in number as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- (2) Upon reaching his/her 25th birthday, a Junior Member may make application for Senior or

Intermediate Membership.

(3) A Junior Member shall not have the right to speak at any Club Meeting, vote or hold office.

(4) Junior dues shall be 1/3 senior dues.

SECTION 8 – PARTICIPATING/PRIVILEGED MEMBERSHIP

(1) Participating/Privileged Members may be appointed by the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate for service rendered to the Club and such membership may be terminated by the Board at any time.

(2) A Participating/Privileged Member shall have the right to speak at meetings, but shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

SECTION 9 – NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

(1) Non-Resident Membership is limited to LYC members in good standing who are re-locating out of the designated area and who do not reside or conduct business and who are not employed within a radius of 75 miles of the Club House. Total Non-Resident Membership shall be limited in number as the Board shall from time to time determine.

(2) Non-Resident Members shall not have the right to speak at meetings, vote or hold office.

SECTION 10 – ARMED FORCES MEMBERSHIP

(1) The Board may elect by unanimous vote to Armed Forces Membership, such Members of the regular Armed Forces as it may see fit to this honor.

(2) Armed Forces Members shall be exempt from all dues and assessments and shall not be permitted to vote or hold office, but may speak at the meetings.

(3) The Board is required to review and revise the roster of Armed Forces annually.

SECTION 11 – RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

(1) A Retired Member must have reached retirement age and be no longer actively employed in a full time status. A Member who joined prior to March 1, 2000 and has paid at least ten years of Senior dues and fees may apply to the Secretary for retired Membership, and such applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. Any member joining after March 1, 2000 will not be eligible to apply for retired Status until they have paid at least twenty years of Senior dues and fees.

(2) A Retired Member may attend, vote and speak at all Club meetings, and he/she may be elected to the Board of Directors but not elected or appointed to any Flag Office.

SECTION 12 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

(1) Associate Members may be appointed at the pleasure of the Board, and must have been the spouse of a Senior or Retired Member who deceased in good standing.

(2) Associate Members may not attend meetings, vote or hold office.

(3) The Board is required to review and revise the roster of Associate Members annually.

(4) An Associate Member may bring one (1) guest to the Club no more than one (1) time each month and is otherwise subject to the House and Ground Rules.

(5) Associate Members shall be exempt from any initiation fee, dues or assessments.

(6) Associate Members, upon marriage, automatically will lose the rights and privileges of such membership.

SECTION 13 – ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

(1) Any Member in good standing for one year may propose a candidate for membership by submitting in writing to the Secretary or Membership Committee Chairman the candidate's

name, age, home address and business. The proposal must be signed by the sponsor and endorsed by two additional Members, who know the candidate personally.

(2) The character and commitment of a proposed member will be the responsibility of the Sponsor. Any concerns or comments about a proposed member may be made directly to any board member, officer, and/or the club secretary. The Board of Directors has the option to further investigate any concerns as to the suitability of any proposed member.

(3) The Secretary or Membership Committee Chairman shall submit a completed proposal for membership at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors for review and posting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposed member by use of secret ballot at the following regular meeting.

(4) Two adverse votes shall reject the candidate and the Member who proposed his/her name shall be so notified and shall have the right to appear before the Board for explanation.

(5) Following acceptance, the Secretary or Membership Committee Chairman shall extend a formal invitation to membership accompanied by a formal printed membership application blank which must be returned within 30 days accompanied by full invitation fees and dues as directed.

(6) All invitation fees and dues shall be received by the Secretary or Membership Committee Chairman, recorded on the membership roster, delivered to the Treasurer in exchange for receipt.

(7) The Club Secretary shall then issue a Membership Card, Constitution and By-Laws, Grounds and House Rules.

SECTION 14 – RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

(1) Any Member may resign from the Club at any time upon payment of dues owing, as herein provided, and all other indebtedness to the Club, by giving written notice of his/her resignation to the Secretary.

(2) Members who have resigned, may again apply for membership and may be reinstated upon whatever terms the Board may decide.

SECTION 15 – MISCONDUCT

(1) Any Member of the Club may present to the Board written charges against any other Member for conduct unbecoming a Member, or likely to endanger the good order and welfare of the Club, or for insubordination or disobedience to orders of Officers when in squadron, or for violation of any provision of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules of the Club. After the accused shall have been notified and given opportunity to be heard in answer to such charges, the Board may suspend such accused Member from all right and privileges of membership for a limited time, or it may expel him/her from membership in the Club.

(2) Any Member thus suspended shall have the right within one month thereafter to appeal to the Club from the decision of the Board by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal. The Secretary shall thereupon bring the matter before a meeting of the Club and unless a regular meeting of the Club shall be held within one month after such appeal is taken, the Secretary shall call a special meeting. The Members present, by two-thirds vote, may reverse the action of the Board and restore the appellant to membership, but until such reversal, the Member shall not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

(3) A majority vote of all Members of the Board shall be required in order to restore to membership to any person whose membership may have been terminated or suspended by any of the foregoing sections.

(4) Upon reinstatement, members will be required at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to pay current initiation fees and any applicable assessments as decided by the Board. Seniority and Points start at "0" (zero) on the reinstatement date.

SECTION 16 – MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

- (1) Any class of membership may be transferred to any other class of membership upon whatever terms the Board may determine, provided the application for such transfer shall be eligible for the requested class of membership or is not covered by a special ruling.

SECTION 17 – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership in the Club shall terminate in any one of the following ways: Resignation, Death, Expulsion or Expiration.

- (2) Termination of membership for any cause whatsoever shall deprive such Member of any and all privileges of the Club and shall operate as a release of any and all rights, title of interest in and to the property and assets of the Club by reason of such membership, which right, title and interest shall rest in the Club.

SECTION 18 – INDEBTEDNESS

- (1) All Members incurring debt to the Club in any month shall be rendered a statement on the first day of the following month. Bills rendered are payable by the 20th of the month in which they are due. A flat service charge of \$25.00 will be added to any bill not paid by then and Credit Termination takes effect at the month end, prior to the next billing.

- (2) Ninety days after rendering of the initial statement, a Member may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Club as a Member or guest, or their membership may be terminated for non-payment of monies owed to the Club. All acts of credit termination, suspension of Club privileges or membership termination for indebtedness shall be by Board action, and such action may only be lifted by payment of all amounts due to the Club or by Board action.

- (3) The Board shall review monthly the delinquent accounts as posted on the Club Bulletin Board and take whatever action it may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V – INITIATION FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1 – INITIATION FEES

- (1) Initiation fees for membership shall be as follows, plus any government tax:

HONORARY	Exempt
SENIOR	\$400.00
INTERMEDIATE	Exempt
JUNIOR	Exempt
PARTICIPATING	Exempt
ARMED FORCES	Exempt
ASSOCIATE	Exempt

- (2) The Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority of the full Board, shall have the authority to amend the initiation fees required on a temporary basis not to exceed a total of ninety days in any one calendar year.

SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP DUES

- (1) The amount of monthly dues for the respective classes of membership shall be established by the membership and shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose, which shall be stated in the notice of said meeting.

- (2) The monthly dues of Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Retired Members shall be due and payable monthly, in advance, on the first of the each calendar month. Bill Intermediate and Retired Members on a monthly basis in-lieu of quarterly to effectively utilize memorized

statements. The Non-Resident dues will be payable on an annual basis, and shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year.

SECTION 3 – CREDIT TO JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS

(1) Junior or Intermediate Members elected to a higher class of membership shall receive a credit of any initiation fees previously paid, as part payment of their new initiation fees.

(2) Junior or Intermediate Members who are children of Retired or Senior Members will not pay initiation fees when transferring to a higher class of membership.

SECTION 4 – ASSESSMENTS

(1) The Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority of the full Board shall have the authority to levy an Assessment as deemed necessary to accomplish specific Capitol improvement projects, major repairs or other financial obligations.

(a) Should the Board agree to levy an Assessment, the Membership will be notified in writing of their intent to do so at least 10 days before a meeting held for such purpose.

(b) A quorum of membership by two-thirds vote may oppose such posted Assessment.

SECTION 5 – TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

(1) On transfer of membership from one class to another, there shall be paid to the Secretary, any difference in the amount of the initiation fee between the two classes of membership, except as provided for in ARTICLE V, SECTION 3.

(a) Provided the initiation fee is greater in amount for the class of membership to which the transfer is being made.

(b) Unless such Member shall have previously paid the amount of the initiation fee for the membership class to which the transfer is being made.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 – NUMBER AND ELIGIBILITY

(1) The Board shall be composed of eleven Senior or Retired Members consisting of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Treasurer and six elected Directors who are eligible to hold office. Three Directors shall be elected at each Election Meeting which shall be held each year on the second Monday of November. The newly elected Directors shall take office immediately and shall hold office for the term of two years.

(2) The immediate Past Commodore shall be a non-voting ex officio member of the Board for one year.

SECTION 2 – QUORUM

(1) The presence of six Members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

SECTION 3 – ELECTION

(1) See ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 4 – POWERS

The Board shall have the power to:

(1) Make and amend By-Laws, subject to and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

(2) Make rules, known as the House and Ground rules, as to the use of the Club building and grounds and the management thereof, as from time to time it may deem expedient and proper and shall take cognizance of all infractions of the Constitution, By-Laws and such rules of the Club.

(3) Govern, manage and control the business property and all affairs of the Club in all matters

relating to its interest and advancement.

(4) Audit all bills against the Club.

(5) Oversee and/or delegate the responsibilities of all purchases and sales of the Club. To negotiate all contracts for the Club, subject to the provisions of the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 5 – MEETINGS AND NOTICES

(1) The Board shall hold at least one meeting a month as fixed by the Board. Special meetings shall be called upon written request of three Members of the Board, or at the will of the Commodore. Notice of all meetings of the Board shall be given to each Member thereof, not less than three days before the date set for such meeting.

SECTION 6 – ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(1) Any Member of the Board who shall absent himself/herself from three consecutive meetings of the Board, unless he/she shall have previously obtained permission to do so, or shall present at the next regular monthly meeting, an excuse for his/her absence satisfactory to the Board, shall be considered to have tendered his/her resignation as such Director and the Board may at its discretion adopt a resolution accepting said resignation.

SECTION 7 – VACANCIES

(1) Any vacancies in the Board occurring during the year through death, resignation, removal or other cause, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board at any regular meeting thereof, or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.

SECTION 8 – MINUTES

(1) The board shall keep full and accurate minutes of its proceedings, which shall be read whenever called for by request of any Senior Member, the Board or Business Meeting of the Club and shall carry out all instructions passed by the Members at all Club meetings.

SECTION 9 – RECORDS TO SUCCESSORS

(1) All Directors and Officers shall deliver and turn over to their successors in office, all books, documents, papers and other property belonging to the Club.

SECTION 10 – ADVISORY BOARD

(1) The Past Commodores of the Club shall constitute an Advisory Board to confer and advise with the Board upon the latter's request.

ARTICLE VII – CLUB OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – RANK OF OFFICERS

(1) The Officers of this Club shall be and rank as follows: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2 – ELECTION AND TERM

(1) The Board shall, within two weeks succeeding the Election Meeting of the Club, at a time and place designated by the Commodore, meet and elect the following Officers: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer.

(2) Each Officer shall hold office for a term of one year or until his/her successor is elected, subject to the power of the Board to remove any Officer.

(3) The Secretary shall not be considered a Member of the Board of Directors.

(4) The incoming Fleet Captain shall be appointed by the incoming Commodore, subject to approval of the Board.

SECTION 3 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(1) It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board.

He/she shall take command of the squadron and enforce the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Club. He/she shall call special meetings of the Club or of the Board, whenever he/she shall deem it necessary, or expedient, or upon written request of Members or Directors, as herein provided. He/she shall appoint committees unless otherwise provided for. He/she shall be ex-officio Member thereof.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and in his/her absence to officiate in his/her stead. He/she shall be an ex-officio Member of all committees and shall be responsible for the House, Social Committees and appoint chairpersons thereof.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties in his/her absence to officiate in their stead. He/she shall be responsible for the Grounds, Membership and Publicity Committees and appoint chairpersons thereof.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Fleet Captain to act as executive officer for the Commodore and in the absence of the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, officiate in their stead. He/she shall be responsible for Docks, Moorings, Races, Squadron and keep a list of the names, rigs and ownership of all boats belonging to the Members of the Club.

(5) It is the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all the meetings and proceedings of the Club and of the Board. To keep a correct roll of all Members; to notify promptly each Member elected of his/her election, and upon his/her becoming a Member, to furnish him/her with a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and the Rules of the Club; to notify promptly each Member of his/her appointment to any committee to which he/she may be appointed; to transmit to the Treasurer a list of all newly elected Members; to carry on Club correspondence; to attend to the serving of notices of meetings of the Club and of the Board; to perform such other duties as appertain to his/her office or as may be required of them by the Club or by the Board.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the accounts of the Club; to receive all monies due the Club and to deposit the same in the name of the Club in such bank or trust company as the Board may designate; to pay all bills when duly audited by the Board; to make a detailed report at the Annual Meeting of the Club - which report shall show the assets and liabilities and also the financial transactions of the Club for the preceding fiscal year; to submit to the Board such financial reports as it may request; to have custody of all the funds and securities of the Club; and to perform such other duties as appertain to his/her office and as may be required by the Club or by the Board. He/she shall, within ten days after his/her election to office, execute and deliver to the Club, a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, as shall be approved by the Board, conditioned for the faithful performance of his/her duties and any charge connected therewith shall be paid by the Club.

SECTION 4 – ENDORSEMENT OF CHECKS

(1) All payments shall be made by checks signed by the Treasurer which must be countersigned by the Commodore. In case of the absence or inability to act of the Commodore, checks shall be countersigned by the Vice Commodore, and in the absence or inability to act of both said Officers, by the Rear Commodore. In the absence of the Treasurer, one of the Commodores may sign in his/her stead.

SECTION 5 – FISCAL YEAR

(1) The accounting year of the Club shall be the calendar year, January 1st - December 31st.

SECTION 6 – VACANCIES

(1) If the office of any Club Officer becomes vacant, the Board shall, at a Board meeting, elect a Club Member to fill the unexpired term of said office.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 – NOTICE AND NOMINATIONS

- (1) Thirty days before the Election Meeting of the Club, the Secretary shall mail to each Member eligible to vote, a notice of such meeting giving the date, hour and place, including the names of the nominees for Director.
- (2) Nominations for Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Commodore. This Committee shall consist of five Members, two of whom shall be outgoing Directors and the remaining three shall be voting Members. The Commodore shall announce the Members of this Committee and have their names posted upon the bulletin board of the Club by September 15th of each year.
- (3) The Nominating Committee shall present to the Secretary a list of six nominees for Director who shall have agreed to the Nominating Committee to accept the responsibilities and duties of the office, if elected. The Secretary shall immediately post this list of nominees prominently on the Club bulletin board and it shall remain there until the Annual Election of Directors takes place.
- (4) Any fifteen or more Members desiring to make a nomination or nominations for Director may, at any time before ten days next preceding the Annual Election, send such nomination or nominations in writing signed by them to the Secretary who shall post the same on the Club bulletin board forthwith. Such nominee or nominees shall have agreed to the sponsoring group to accept the responsibilities and duties of the office if elected.

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

- (1) No Member shall be eligible for the Office of Director unless he/she has been a Senior or Retired Member of the Club for at least eighteen months prior to the election.

SECTION 3 – ELECTION AND TERM

- (1) The election of Directors shall be by printed ballot provided by the Secretary. The order of names of candidates appearing on the ballot shall be determined by the Nominating Committee by lot. The Members voting shall make a cross opposite the name of each candidate voted for and the Members voting must vote for the full number of Directors to be elected; all ballots otherwise marked shall be considered void ballots.
- (2) The polls shall be open on the day of the Annual Election of Directors from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Notice of this shall be prominently posted. A sealed ballot box shall be provided at the place of the Election Meeting which shall be tended and safeguarded by two voting Members at a time, during the hours of election and until the box is open for the counting of the ballots. Such guardians are to be appointed by the Commodore and it shall be their duty to give ballots to all Members eligible to vote and to check the names of such Members off a roster provided by the Secretary for such purpose, as the ballots are cast.
- (3) The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected for a term of two years.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

SECTION 1 – ANNUAL MEETING

- (1) The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held at the LYC Clubhouse in the city of Niagara Falls, New York, on the third Monday in February of each year for the reading of the Annual Report to the Members, approval of the budget for the upcoming year and the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before it.

SECTION 2 – INSTALLATION OF DIRECTORS

- (1) The Annual Installation of Directors and Officers shall be held at the LYC Clubhouse in the city of Niagara Falls, New York, on the second Saturday of January or within ten days of

said date, at which time the newly-elected Officers officially take office.

SECTION 3 – SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) Special meetings of the Club shall be called and held upon:

- (a) Call of the Commodore
- (b) Order of the Board
- (c) Call of five Members of the Board
- (d) Written request of twenty-five Members eligible to vote, stating the purpose thereof.

(2) Notice of a Special Meeting shall state the purpose for which it is called and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be presented or transacted, until the business for which the meeting has been called, is properly disposed of.

SECTION 4 – NOTICE OF CLUB MEETINGS

(1) At least ten day's notice in writing of all Club Meetings shall be sent by mail to every Member eligible to vote thereat. All Members of the Club, however, may attend meetings.

SECTION 5 – QUORUM

(1) At any meeting of the Club, the presence of fifteen Members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.

(2) Action of all matters, except election of Directors, brought before any meeting of the Club, shall be taken via voice unless vote by ballot shall be called for by at least five Members eligible to vote. Each Retired, Intermediate, or Senior Member shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION 6 – PROXY

(1) There shall be no voting by proxy.

SECTION 7 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

(1) Meeting Progression:

- (a) Determination of a quorum
- (b) Minutes of previous meeting
- (c) Reports of the Board, Officers and Committees
- (d) Unfinished business
- (e) New business
- (f) Roll call
- (g) Election
- (h) Adjournment

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 – NAMED

(1) There shall be six standing Committees: House, Social, Finance, Grounds, Membership and Publicity. The organization and respective duties of which shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI – BURGEEES, FLAGS AND PENNANTS

SECTION 1 – OFFICIAL BURGEE

(1) The distinguishing Club flag or signal shall be a swallow-tailed burgee, width two-thirds of its length, with a field of bright green with a white replica of Cavalier de LaSalle's ship the "Griffon" sailing toward the leech of the burgee.

SECTION 2 – COMMODORE’S PENNANT

(1) The Commodore shall display a rectangular pennant, the width to be two-thirds of its length, with a field of blue with a circle of thirteen small white stars in the center, of which shall be a large white fouled anchor.

SECTION 3 – VICE COMMODORE’S PENNANT

(1) The Vice Commodore's pennant shall be of the same shape and device as the Commodore's with a red field, white stars and fouled anchor.

SECTION 4 – REAR COMMODORE'S PENNANT

(1) The Rear Commodore's pennant shall be of the same shape and device as the Commodore's with a white field, red stars and red fouled anchor.

SECTION 5 – FLEET CAPTAIN'S PENNANT

(1) The Fleet Captain pennant shall be of the same shape and device as the Commodore's with a white field and large blue fouled anchor.

SECTION 6 – PRIVATE FLAGS

(1) Each yacht may have a distinguishing flag, the width to be two-thirds of its length, the shape to be swallow-tailed. The distance between the points of the tail to be one-half the length of the luff. The device to be selected by the owner and recorded with the Secretary, by filing an exact copy of the colors.

SECTION 7 – SIZE

(1) The length of all flags and pennants shall be one inch for each foot of deck length.

SECTION 8 – NIGHT SIGNAL

(1) The night signal of the Club shall be a Costen Light, showing the Club colors in succession.

SECTION 9 – YARDARM

(1) The pennants of the Flag Officers on the premises shall be displayed from the yardarm of the Flagstaff at the Club House between color times.

ARTICLE XII – CLUB UNIFORMS

SECTION 1 – CAP

(1) Cap of conventional blue cloth or white serge.

SECTION 2 – CAP INSIGNIA

(1) **COMMODORE.** Two crossed fouled anchors, one inch and three-eighths in length, with flukes down, embroidered in gold. At their intersection, a raised enamel disk showing a white ship (the "Griffon") on a free field. A gold star one-half inch in diameter at each end of, and one above the device, with a space of three-sixteenths of an inch between the device and stars. A Past Commodore shall substitute silver stars in place of gold.

(2) **VICE COMMODORE.** Same as Commodore omitting the star above device. A Past Vice Commodore shall substitute silver stars in place of gold.

(3) **REAR COMMODORE.** Same as Commodore omitting the star at each end of device. A Past Rear Commodore shall substitute a silver star in place of gold.

(4) **FLEET CAPTAIN.** Same as Commodore omitting stars and with a horizontally placed

bold fouled anchor one-half inch long three-sixteenths inch above the device.

(5) SECRETARY. Same as Fleet Captain substituting for the fouled anchor a gold maple leaf one-half inch in diameter.

(6) TREASURER. Same as Fleet Captain substituting for the fouled anchor a gold acorn one-half inch in diameter.

(7) FLEET SURGEON. Same as Fleet Captain substituting for the fouled anchor a Red Cross.

(8) OWNER. Same as Commodore omitting the stars.

(9) MEMBER. A cap device with the Club emblem and a single fouled anchor placed vertically.

SECTION 3 – CLUB BUTTON

(1) The Club Button shall be enameled and nine-sixteenths inches in diameter with a green background with a replica of Cavalier de LaSalle's ship the "Griffon" in white.

SECTION 4 – UNIFORMS

(1) The coat shall be a double breasted sack coat of blue or white cloth, serge or flannel.

(2) The trousers/skirts shall be of the same material as the coat or of white serge, drill or flannel.

(3) The buttons shall be black inscribed with a fouled anchor with a star on each side.

SECTION 5 – UNIFORM INSIGNIA

(1) COMMODORE INSIGNIA. Five stripes of heavy black braid for the blue uniform, heavy white braid for the white uniform, three-eighths inch wide, the upper stripe ending in a trefoil on the outer side of the sleeve and a gold star in each loop of the trefoil. A Past Commodore shall substitute silver stars in place of gold.

(2) VICE COMMODORE INSIGNIA. Same as for the Commodore with three stripes and trefoil and a gold star in each horizontal loop of the trefoil. A Past Vice Commodore shall substitute silver stars in place of gold.

(3) REAR COMMODORE INSIGNIA. Same as for Commodore with two stripes and trefoil and a gold star in the vertical loop of the trefoil. A Past Rear Commodore shall substitute a silver star in place of gold.

(4) FLEET CAPTAIN, SECRETARY, TREASURER, FLEET SURGEON AND OWNER INSIGNIA. Same as for Commodore with one stripe and trefoil

(5) MEMBER INSIGNIA. Same as for Commodore with trefoil only.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1 – HOW MADE

(1) This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present eligible to vote at any meeting of the Club, provided that the notice of the meeting shall contain a brief and fair statement of the proposed amendment and shall be issued at least ten days, previous to the date of said meeting, and shall specify the title of the article and section proposed to be amended, and the amendment shall be posted in full on the bulletin board of the Club for at least ten days before the date of said meeting.

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER I – MEETINGS

SECTION 1 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Meeting Progression
 - (a) Roll call
 - (b) Approval of minutes
 - (c) Unfinished business
 - (d) Membership
 - (e) Report of Officers
 - (f) Report of Committees
 - (f) New business
 - (h) Adjournment

SECTION 2 – ABSENCE OF FLAG OFFICERS

- (1) In the event of the absence of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain, the Board shall elect an Acting Commodore.

CHAPTER II – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 – HOUSE COMMITTEE

- (1) The House Committee shall consist of five Members with the Vice Commodore as chairperson and the Rear Commodore as a Member, plus three Members appointed by the chairperson, with the approval of the Board. One appointed Member of the Committee will be replaced each year.
- (2) This Committee shall have charge of the management of the Club House and buildings together with full charge and responsibility of all servants and employees of the Club, except grounds persons and boatpersons.

SECTION 2 – SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The Social Committee shall consist of a chairperson and four Members chosen by the chairperson.
- (2) This Committee is directly responsible to the Vice Commodore. This Committee shall have charge of the management of all entertainment and social activities of the Club.

SECTION 3 – FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chairman and at least two additional Members appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Board, following the continuity as far as possible.
- (2) This Committee shall be responsible for the preparation and audit of the Annual Budget of the Club for submission to the Board at the Annual Meeting in February.
- (3) This Committee shall perform such other duties relating to the finances of the Club as may be directed by the Board.
- (4) No amount in excess of the budget items shall be disbursed or spent without the approval of this Committee.
- (5) This Committee shall be responsible for an annual audit of the Club's books at the time the books are transferred to the newly elected officers.

SECTION 4 – GROUNDS COMMITTEE

- (1) The Grounds Committee shall consist of a Chairman and five Senior Members chosen by the Chairman.
- (2) This Committee is directly responsible to the Rear Commodore.
- (3) This Committee shall have charge of grounds persons, maintenance and repair of and the addition to real estate and buildings of the Club.

SECTION 5 – INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- (1) The Investigating Committee shall consist of the Rear Commodore as chairperson and two Senior Members chosen by the chairperson.
- (2) This Committee shall thoroughly and secretly investigate all new candidates proposed for membership and prepare a written report and recommendation which shall be submitted to the Secretary (see ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14, Paragraph 3).

SECTION 6 – PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- (1) The Publicity Committee shall consist of a chairperson and three Members chosen by the chairperson.
- (2) This Committee is directly responsible to the Rear Commodore.
- (3) This Committee shall have charge of the publication of the Griffon Log and of matters of interest to the Club and its Members.

SECTION 7 – CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

- (1) All Committees shall be subject to the provisions of ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4 of the Constitution.

SECTION 8 – COMMITTEE SIZE

- (1) The number of Members of any Committee may be increased upon approval of the Board.

SECTION 9 – MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

- (1) All Members shall be given an opportunity to indicate their interest in participating in a committee. The signup sheet will be posted in the Club's Chartroom for at least 30 days before appointments are made.

CHAPTER III – ENDORSEMENT RULES

SECTION 1 – SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (1) No subscription papers for any purposes shall be circulated among the Members of the Club, unless it shall have been authorized by the Board at a meeting, or shall have been approved by at least a majority of the Directors, including the Commodore and such approval being endorsed thereon.

SECTION 2 – ENDORSEMENTS

- (1) No Member or Members shall use or cause to be used, Club stationery or any stationery likely to convey to the Members that it is Club stationery or matter for the purpose of endorsing or furthering the nomination or election of any person or persons for public office.

CHAPTER IV – DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS

SECTION 1 – ACTION OF THE BOARD

- (1) The Board may excuse any absence of a Director.
- (2) Any Director who is absent, without being excused by the Board, for three successive regular meetings of the Board, shall be considered to have tendered his/her resignation as such Director and the Board may at its discretion, adopt a resolution accepting said resignation.

CHAPTER V – JUNIOR MEMBERS

SECTION 1 – MEMBER PRIVILEGES

(1) Junior Members shall have the privilege of using the buildings, docks, grounds and facilities of the Club, the use of which, however, may be altered or restricted from time to time by the Board.

CHAPTER VI – FIRST MATES CLUB

SECTION 1 – OPERATIONAL ROLE

(1) The First Mates Club shall operate as an auxiliary to the Club and at the beginning of each fiscal year shall appoint a Chairperson of the First Mates Club.

CHAPTER VII – RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

SECTION 1 – RECOGNIZED CLUBS

(1) Members of other recognized Clubs shall be extended an invitation to visit LaSalle Yacht Club and make use of the Club facilities within reason as may be defined from time to time by the Commodore, or in his/her absence, the next ranking Officer of the Club present at the time.

CHAPTER VIII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

SECTION 1 – HOW MADE

(1) The By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, but any such amendment shall be reported at the next meeting of the Club.

HOUSE AND GROUND RULES

- (1) The following House and Ground Rules are authorized by the Board of Directors and are issued for the guidance and instruction of Members. All Officers, Directors, and Members of standing committees are charged with the enforcement thereof and in the discharge of such duties are to be respected accordingly (see ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3).
- (2) The cooperation of Members in complying with these rules will contribute to the enjoyment of the Club facilities by all concerned.
- (3) The Club House and Grounds are for the exclusive use of Members and their guests. Persons not known to be Members or guests will be treated as prospective Members and directed to an officer or board member to determine the nature of their visit.
- (4) Guest Courtesy Regulations:
 - (a) With the exception of a member's designated significant other and with approval of the Board, guests shall be limited to one visit per month for use of the Club House. Use of the grounds to go to and from boats shall not be considered one of these visits.
 - (b) There is no limit on the number of times relatives of Members who live with the Member may use the Club House, if accompanied by the Member or one of his/her immediate family. Except for Associate Members, this also applies to a member's significant other (first mate).
- (5) A guest card may be issued to an out-of-town guest of a Member by any Officer and shall entitle such guest to the privileges of the Club for a period not exceeding one week. The same guest shall not be issued more than one such card in any six month period. Guest card privileges may be revoked at any time by an Officer of the Club.
- (6) Members shall be responsible to participate in accordance with the Club standards of conduct regarding the courteous and respectful treatment of our Members, their guests and prospective Members. No loud, boisterous or improper conduct or language by Members or guests will be tolerated at any time in or upon any part of the club premises. Every guest and prospective member will be greeted with a friendly, warm reception and directed to an Officer or Board member where necessary for compliance with guest registration requirements. Members shall be responsible for the actions of their guests and for all liability incurred by them to the club.
- (7) All guests' names and their sponsor's must be entered in the register upon arrival. This does not include members of the immediate family of a Member. Maintenance of this register is required by law and improper entries will not be tolerated.
- (8) Closing hours shall be as posted by the House Committee. Adherence to these is strictly required. Quiet departure from the premises after closing will promote good relations with our neighbors. Premises to be cleared 45 minutes after bar closes.
- (9) Children are not permitted in the Club House or on the dock except as follows:
 - (a) When in company of their parents or some other Member responsible for them.
 - (b) To use the washrooms.
- (10) Members and their guests, both male and female, must be properly dressed (minimum of shorts, shirts or sweaters) in the Club House. Footwear or shoes are required and bathing suits are not permitted. Gentlemen are expected to remove hats and headwear.
- (11) Members and guests (with the exception of Officers, Directors and Members of the House Committee) are not allowed in the kitchen or storage rooms.
- (12) No one, except an Officer or Member of the House Committee shall give orders or directions to any employee of the Club.
- (13) All bills for food, beer, wine and liquor will be rendered at the time of service and are to be paid by the Member before leaving the Club premises.

- (14) Alcoholic beverages will be served in strict conformity with the rules of the New York State Liquor Authority.
- (15) Unauthorized gambling is not permitted in the Club House.
- (16) Dogs, with the exception of working dogs, are not permitted in the clubhouse and are only permitted on the grounds while leashed and attended to by an adult. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets.
- (17) The facilities of the Club are available to Members for the entertainment of groups. Such parties are arranged strictly in accordance with rules approved by the Board of Directors and are available from the House Manager.
- (18) Cars are to be parked to the best convenience of all Members. No Member is to use the facilities for the purpose of storing any vehicle.
- (19) The usual courtesies will be extended to Members of other Yachting Clubs.
- (20) All suggestions, criticisms and complaints are to be kept out of the clubhouse and in order to receive prompt and adequate consideration, should be made in writing, signed and mailed or delivered to a Club Officer. Constructive suggestions will be welcomed. Members are not to discuss criticisms and complaints with employees.
- (21) No Members or guests, other than legitimate police officers, are to carry firearms on the Club premises.

BOATING AND DOCK RULES

- (1) Boating season is considered to start May 1st.
- (2) All boats must be vacated from the Marina by October 31st.
- (3) Swimming is prohibited and fishing is not allowed on the Main Dock.
- (4) Refuse is not to be thrown overboard, but may be disposed of in the dumpster behind the sail loft.
- (5) Transporting gasoline or other fuel in portable containers into the Marina is prohibited. This practice is considered a fire hazard. Persons with outboard motors which are fueled with external tanks will be given special consideration, providing approved tanks are used.
- (6) A Member's account must be in good standing before their boat is launched, hauled or their slip is occupied. A Member's account must be in good standing from February 1st on to have a slip request considered.
- (7) The Fleet Captain and Commodore assign dockage at LYC based on accrued points. The point system will be accounted for by the Officer in charge of the work party. When assigning slips, every consideration shall be given to the safe berthing of the boat. To accomplish this purpose, it may be necessary to reassign one or more boats at the discretion of the Fleet Captain or Commodore. In the event of controversy, the Board of Directors shall make the final decision in the best interest of LYC.
- (8) Slip assignments are not automatic. Assignments of specific berths are not guaranteed, but will be followed if possible. Requests must be completed, signed and filed before February 1st each year. **MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A COPY OF THEIR FEDERAL DOCUMENTATION OR STATE REGISTRATION AT THE TIME OF THEIR SLIP REQUEST AND WITH ALL BOAT CHANGES THEREAFTER.**
- (9) Current slip assignments shall be posted on the bulletin board by the Fleet Captain by February 28th. A waiting list will be posted on the bulletin board by the Fleet Captain as of May 1st and will hold through October 31st on the basis of points accrued as of that posted date.
- (10) Only one slip may be assigned to a Member. Temporary assignments may be made at the discretion of the Fleet Captain if vacancies exist to accommodate a special situation.
- (11) Only one owner per boat shall be recognized, both as to fee and point system.
- (12) The prior year's permanent slip holders cannot be displaced from dockage at LYC regardless of points accrued. When all slips have been assigned for the season, any subsequent slip request will be satisfied through the point system and available dockage.
- (13) A qualified slip holder who acquires a new boat may retain the slip, providing the new craft will fit properly and has the Fleet Captain's approval. A Member who sells their boat and buys a new boat which will not fit his slip will be placed on the waiting list and allotted points as outlined. A Member must have been a Member for a minimum of 12 months before they can qualify for a slip assignment. Temporary assignments may be made if vacancies occur. Temporary assignments may be cancelled if necessary to accommodate qualified members with permanent slip holder status.
- (14) A Member selling his boat cannot pass on slip rights or sublease. The new owner/Member may have a slip assigned according to the rules and point system.
- (15) A Member who vacates a slip during vacation or for any other reason shall notify the Fleet Captain. The slip will be used in the best interest of LYC.
- (16) If a Member vacates their slip during the boating season (deemed to be 6/1 to 9/30 for the purposes of this rule), the unearned portion of the slip charge will be credited to his account when, and if, the slip is rented.
- (17) Members of reciprocal Yacht Clubs and Members of LYC are encouraged to use the marina

facilities. The first overnight stay of the season for Social and Reciprocal Members is complimentary and each subsequent stay will be charged for at a rate of \$1 a foot with a \$30 maximum. Senior Members of LYC will enjoy the benefit of the first 5 nights of each stay as complimentary, with the approval of the Fleet Captain, Harbor Master or available Officer/Director. The Fleet Captain, Harbor Master or available Officer/Director will make the visitors slip assignment based on availability on a first come, first serve basis, advance requests welcome. Day visitors will not be charged and should be directed to either guest dock to allow accommodations for overnight visitors. Overnight visitors must complete a registration card at the time of their arrival.

- (18) Members of LYC are permitted to sponsor a guest arriving by boat who is not a reciprocal Member in the spirit of promoting LYC and generating an interest in club membership. These guests are not permitted to reserve space in advance during any club event weekend. The sponsoring Member must accompany the guest during their entire stay. The guest must complete a registration card at the time of their arrival and is limited to one visit per calendar month. Only an Officer may approve a request to extend this privilege beyond one visit per month and such approval must be made in advance. The first overnight stay of the season is complimentary and each subsequent stay will be charged for at a rate of \$1 a foot with a \$30 maximum. The sponsoring Member shall be responsible for the actions of their guests and for all liability incurred by them to the club.
- (19) The Guest dock and haul out slip are not be used for permanent docking.
- (20) Only in the event of an extended power interruption may a boat docked at LYC use an auxiliary generator at berth and under no circumstances shall a vessel be left with a generator running or in an automatic or standby mode while unattended.
- (21) Small recreational water accessories such as inflatables, dinghies, and personal water craft (jet skis) may be temporarily kept in the boat owner's slip, provided, (1) there is adequate room and it does not protrude beyond the boundaries of the slip, (2) it does not disturb neighboring slip holders and (3) at the discretion of the Fleet Captain.
- (22) **ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL BOATING REGULATIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.**

POINT ALLOTMENT RULES

NOTE: Members must actually own a boat to receive point credit and have a request recorded by the Fleet Captain.

- (1) One point for each six months of consecutive Club Membership or major part thereof (major part shall be ninety-one or more days). Club membership shall be: Junior, Intermediate, Senior, or Retired. Any member who resigns their membership or is posted for "Rights and Privileges" is considered to have lost all past points. Upon reinstatement from either situation, Club membership points will start from "0" as of reinstatement date.
- (2) Two points for each season of slip occupancy (excluding temporary assignments).
- (3) The following points may be allotted at the discretion of the LaSalle Yacht Club Board of Directors:
 - 0 - 5 points for work party participation. The Officer in charge of the Work Party can award each Member points for participation in Officers Organized Work Party. These points will be applied towards the following year's slip assignments in the event of a controversy between two members for a slip. Officer Organized Work Party points will not be cumulative. They will be cleared each year as of February 28th. All members will start the new season at "0" Work Party points.
- (4) In the event of a tie by the above point system, occupancy shall be determined by the actual date of Club membership.

STORAGE YARD AND SLIP MAINTENANCE
BOAT OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Any and all modifications such as signs, handrails, fenders (other than rub rails), etc., are to be approved by the Fleet Captain prior to installation. Only Board approved dock boxes are eligible for consideration.
- (2) The slip holder is responsible for painting their catwalk sides and pilings. The Club will provide materials. Work is to be completed before opening day. **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN YOUR DOCK AREA WILL RESULT IN A \$50.00 CHARGE FOR PAINTING FROM LYC.**
- (3) Rub boards are the responsibility of the slip holder and must be secured above bottom catwalk level **BY NOVEMBER 15TH** to prevent ice damage during winter months. All other dock accessories such as lines, extension cords, fenders, hoses must be removed during winter months. **FAILURE TO SECURE RUB BOARDS BY NOVEMBER 15TH WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL BY LYC BY WHICHEVER METHODS NECESSARY. A FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE CHARGED TO THE SLIP HOLDER.**
- (4) If you use Club storage facilities for your boat, you are responsible to maintain your assigned storage location. This includes removal of debris and cutting of weeds during summer months. The Club has sickles, rakes, etc. for your use. If you neglect this responsibility, the Club will have the area cleaned and you will be billed \$25.00 for this service. Your boat will not be launched until all trash, covering and stands have been removed **AND** all blocking is returned to the area designated by the Fleet Captain. Blocking must **NOT** be stored around the perimeter of the yard. You must cooperate with the Fleet Captain and/or the travel lift operator and comply with this rule since they will assume the responsibility if you fail to perform this duty.
- (5) If a boat remains in the storage yard for two seasons, the Board considers the boat to be derelict. Subsequent storage fees will double for each successive storage period. If the owner elects, the Club will have the boat removed at the owner's expense.
Storage of boats and trailers in the parking lot is restricted and only permitted when the Travelift cannot safely place the boat in the boat storage yard. All trailers are to be stored in the boat storage area.
- (6) If a Member fails to pay storage charges after the Board has deemed the boat derelict, the Member hereby empowers any attorney to appeal for the Member in an appropriate action to be brought by LYC in any competent court, and therein confess judgment against the Member. The Member agrees to pay amounts due LYC for storage and all attorney's fees emanating from this action. The Member authorizes LYC to sell the boat at private or public auction, after 10 days written notice to the Member. After deduction of unpaid storage fees, expenses from the sale, expenses for removing the boat from LYC and attorney's fees, LYC will remit any balance remaining to the Member.

RULES GOVERNING USE OF THE TRAVELIFT

- (1) The Travelift is a valuable resource of LYC and may only be operated by designees of the Board of Directors of LYC.
- (2) Other than emergencies, the Travelift and haul-out slip cannot be used for maintenance (i.e. oil changes, etc.).
- (3) The Travelift is operated by fellow members who are volunteering their time. In consideration of this and of other Members of LYC, spring launch and fall haul-out should be accomplished in one hour. This requires the boat owner to pre-schedule, be ready and have **AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE** available for help. Consideration and scheduling will be given to wood boat owners who require additional time for soaking at launch.
- (4) Pump-out of holding tanks should be done prior to scheduled haul-out Day.
- (5) Scrub brushes, detergent, etc. for bottom cleaning are the responsibility of the boat owner.
- (6) All vessels hauled by the Travelift must have permanent indication of sling position to facilitate safe lifting of the vessel.
- (7) The boat owner is responsible for proper placement on the cradle or proper blocking.
- (8) The boat owner is responsible to have all blocking ready at the storage location and to have the cradle in a safe condition prior to haul-out.
- (9) Use of the Travelift is available to Members of LYC for a charge of \$1 /ft per lift and to non-members for a charge of \$100 per lift.
- (10) All boats must be vacated from the Marina by October 31st.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- A dumpster is available for disposing of trash.
- Dress, except on special occasions should be clean boating attire with a minimum of shorts and blouse or shirt, and shoes - no bathing suits.
- The red painted curb on the SW corner of the Clubhouse is a loading and unloading area for Members and guests with 1/2 hour time limit during boating season.
- We have a Ship's Store with many clothing items for sale.
- The boating season starts in May with Opening Day ceremonies. During the boating season several races are held, supervised by the Race Chairman and his Committee. Awards for these races are presented at the Annual Awards Dinner.
- Our docks are private, no one should be allowed on the docks unless they are visitors or guests of Members. Please contact any Officer if you have reason to believe any person or boat does not belong on Club property.
- The Red Flannel Cruise to Middleport is the last official cruise for the season. This is usually held in September.
- The Social Chairperson for each year is appointed by the Vice Commodore. The Social Chairperson for each month is chosen by the yearly Social Chairperson. Each social event has a Committee consisting of Club Members.
- The house newspaper "The Griffon Log" is published monthly and mailed to each Member.
- Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Monday of every month. Guests are not permitted at these meetings, but any Member may attend.
- All guests must sign the guest register in the front hall of the Club. The Club, being private, must insist on this to satisfy legal interests related to our liquor license.
- Membership cards are mailed to Members in good standing yearly. These cards are to be presented when visiting any other yacht club. The LaSalle Yacht Club has reciprocal privileges in the Great Lakes, Canada and most clubs throughout the world, as you will see from the number of burgees on display in our lounge.
- Dining room and bar hours are shown in your monthly Griffon Log. Members may charge any of their purchases.
- Dinners, large parties and private parties should be reserved in advance. The Restaurant Staff will assist any Member wishing to set up a private party.