

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SAILING ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
April 2010
PREAMBLE

We, the members of the University of California, Irvine Sailing Association, by authority of the Chancellor of the Irvine Campus, and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University, do establish this Constitution to govern such matters as are delegated by the University to this organization.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the University of California Irvine Sailing Association (UCISA).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to enhance the UCI community by providing recreational sailing activities for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: There shall be no initiation fees for any class of membership.

Section 2: There shall be five classes of membership; Regular, Alumni, Honorary, Social and Guest.

A. Regular members will have all voting privileges of the Association and will be allowed to use all facilities and equipment available to the Association. Regular members must currently be students, faculty, staff, retirees or spouses of the above. Regular members can be skippers or crew.

B. Social members must currently be students, faculty or staff and will not have use of facilities or equipment. Members only participate socially, and have no voting privileges.

C. Alumni members will be UC graduates and their spouses and will not have voting privileges. They will have limited use of Association facilities and equipment as determined by the Advisory Committee.

D. Honorary members will not have voting privileges and will have limited use of Association facilities as determined by the Advisory Committee. This class of membership may be offered to those persons who are designated by the officers/advisory Committee?. On confirmation of Honorary membership, dues shall be established (does this mean paid or agreed upon? If there is no initiation fee, are dues acceptable? We do not discuss them in this document).

E. Guest membership is for individuals invited by the skipper of a boat and is for duration of that sail only. A waiver of liability must be signed by the guest and filed with the UCISA prior to participation in the activity.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: The Advisory Committee shall meet monthly during the year.

Section 2: There will be quarterly meetings of the Association.

Section 3: Additional meetings may be called by the Commodore or the Advisory Committee.

Section 4: Matters for which a vote will take place shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Procedure.

Article V: Voting

Section 1: A quorum must be present for an official vote to be taken. A quorum for Advisory Committee meetings shall consist of one-half of its membership. A quorum of general meetings shall consist of 10% of the voting membership.

Section 2: A quorum being present, all transactions, with the exception of alteration of the Constitution, may be passed by a simple majority. Alterations to the Constitution and by-laws shall be by a two thirds vote.

Article VI: Advisory Committee

Section 1: The general powers of the Advisory Committee shall be to organize, supervise, and conduct all Association affairs, the calling of meetings, and the filling of vacancies created by resignation of Association officers. It shall have the power to authorize all expenditures.

Section 2: The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Past Commodore, Secretary-Treasurer, Advisor (Boating Director) and appointed Chairs.

Article VII: Amendments to the Constitution and by-laws

Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution and bylaws maybe be initiated by the voting members by means of petition signed by twenty-five percent of the general membership or by twenty-five percent of the Advisory Committee.

Section 2: Proposals initiated by the membership may be vetoed by the Advisory Committee by a two-thirds vote.

Section 3: Such a proposal, having been vetoed by the Advisory Committee, may be re-initiated by a petition signed by one-third of the general membership, at which time the proposal will be presented at a general meeting.

Article VIII: Officer and Advisory Committee

The Officer is described in Section 1 and the Advisory Committee is described in Sections 2-7.

Section 1: The Officer shall be a student member and shall be the contact point with the Dean of Students Office, register the club with that office, handle communication with that office, and shall work to ensure club goals and activities are developed and carried out in the best interests of the campus community. The Officer may also hold any Advisory Committee position.

Section 2: The Commodore shall be a Regular member and shall have the power to call and conduct meetings, appoint and remove committee chairpersons, and appoint non-voting advisors to the Advisory Committee. The Commodore shall oversee all activities of the Association.

Section 3: The Vice Commodore shall direct all membership procedures and activities and keep an updated membership list. S/he will assume the duties of the Commodore in his/her absence.

Section 4: The Rear Commodore shall promote the proficiency rating card program and organize work parties and social events.

Section 5: The Immediate Past Commodore shall serve a year as advisor and assistant to the Commodore.

Section 6: The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain all correspondence files and keep a record of all business at Advisory Committee meetings and general meetings and shall maintain the financial records of the Association.

Section 7: The Boating Advisor will be a boating staff person of UC Irvine. The Boating Advisor shall act in a non-voting capacity.

Article IX: Elections

Section 1: Elections will be held during the Spring quarter.

Section 2: Newly elected officers will take office at the beginning of the Fall quarter.

Section 3: A slate of advisor nominees will be prepared by the Nominating Committee.

Section 4: If a quorum is not present at the general meeting, the new officers may be voted into office by a simple majority of those present.

Section 5: The Commodore can appoint members to vacancies in the Advisory Committee.

Article X Discipline

The Advisory Committee will have the power to discipline members by recommendation to the Boating Director of revocation of sailing privileges.

Article XI Donations

UCISA may accept voluntary contributions at sailing events for uses authorized by the Advisory Committee.

Voted on and ratified by UCISA on
Present at the meeting: