



## **Green Pond Yacht Club**

Green Pond Yacht Club, Inc.  
Green Pond, New Jersey 07435

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS  
Adopted December 11, 1943  
Amended - May 1963  
Amended - June 1973  
Amended - September 1980  
Amended - September 1993

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Corporate Name**

This Corporation shall be known by the name GREEN POND YACHT CLUB, INC., of Green Pond, New Jersey.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Insignia**

The club signal shall be a green triangular burgee whose width is two-thirds its length and having a white equilateral parallelogram at its apex, so placed that the major diagonal of the parallelogram lies perpendicular to the base of the triangle at its midpoint. The sides of the parallelogram are to be parallel to the opposite sides of the triangle respectively, and their lengths are to be 35 per cent of the length of the side of the triangle.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose for which the club is formed is to encourage the sport of sailing, boating, summer and winter activities; to promote the science of seamanship, and to provide and maintain a suitable Club House for the use and recreation of its members the year round.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **History**

The Green Pond Sailing Club, organized in 1937, is hereby terminated and all facilities, equipment, membership and property of any nature possessed by the Green Pond Sailing Club, are hereby absorbed and merged into the Green Pond Yacht Club, incorporated February, 1944.

## **ARTICLE V Membership**

### **Section 1. Eligibility**

Any owner, renter, stockholder of Green Pond or Lake End or their immediate family having lake privileges on Green Pond is eligible to apply for membership. Eligibility for those not included in the above but having lake privileges may be granted through a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of Green Pond Yacht Club. Attendance and participation in all Club functions is limited to members and their "off-the-lake guests." Any owner, renter, stockholder of Green Pond or Lake End Corporation or their immediate family having lake privileges on Green Pond who are not members of the Yacht Club are not and will not be considered "off-the-lake guests."

### **Section 2. Classes of Membership**

#### **A) CHARTER MEMBERSHIP**

The following members of the original Green Pond Sailing Club, being over eighteen years of age, are hereby designated Charter Members of the Green Pond Yacht Club, Inc.

CH Anderson	H Bancroft	Mrs. H. Bancroft
Bingham Barns	Mrs. Robert W. Bole	Robert W. Bole
Walter Cedarlund	Mrs. Wafter Cedarlund	Emile J. Oath
Mrs. Emile Dath	Roy A. Dath	Russell Dath
Murriel Dulh	Emile J. Dath, Jr.	Eddie Dath
Peter Emr	Peter Emr, Jr.	Walter H. Farrier
David Gernerd	Robert M. Gregg	R.G. Hardifer
Mrs. Irene Hardifer	John It. Helwig, Jr.	Dr. Frederick G. Helwig
William Johnson, Jr.	Mrs. William Johnson, Jr.	Carl C. Low
Lawrence E. Low	Mrs. Marie Low	Harold Z. Martin
Mrs. Janet Martin (Dejonge)	Donner Martin	Miss Blanche Paema
Herbert L. Post	Dr. Herbert Reinhold	Mrs. Herbert Reinhold
B.C. Russell	Mrs. B.C. Russell	Frank Russo
Stanley Russo	Charles B, Simmons	Robert W. Shelley
Mr. Robert W. Selley	Miss Doris Sims	John H. Skinner
Mrs. John H. Skinner	Louis C. Smith	Richard H. Skinner
Miss Emily Smith	Spencer Terhune	Miss Jane Wollen
Miss Carole Wollen	E.A. Zillessen	Mrs. Jane Zillessen
Mrs. E.J. Zillessen		

Charter Members and their children over 21 years of age shall be eligible for membership, providing they qualify under Article Y, Section 1, by informing the Treasurer of their intention and by the payment of all applicable dues and fees.

#### **B) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall permit use of the facilities by the immediate family permanently residing with the member, except children over twenty-one (21) years of age. Family members may vote and hold office.

### C) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Available to individuals over 21 years of age. Such membership shall have equal privilege with Family membership, but shall be subject to only one-half (1/2) of the dues assessed to active members. Individual members who reside in the same household as a Family Member shall not be subject to an initiation fee.

### D) JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Junior Membership shall consist of persons under 21 years of age whose parents are not members. Application must include parents' consent; they shall have all the privileges of the club except the right to vote and hold office.

### E) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership shall be available to such persons as the Board of Directors may properly recommend for such honor and their election shall be by two-thirds (2/3) votes of those present at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Honorary Membership shall permit the use of the facilities by the immediate family permanently residing with the member, except children over 21 years of age. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of all dues and assessments, but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office unless they also become Family or Individual Members.

### **Section 3. Application, Approval and Notification**

Application for membership shall be presented to the Treasurer or Membership Chairman in writing on the form provided. The application must be signed by the applicant and by two members in good standing. Applicants shall be approved by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting. On election to membership in the Club by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall so notify the applicant. Upon compliance with all the terms and conditions herein provided, member's name shall be entered by the Treasurer on the membership roll of the Club.

### **Section 4. Suspension or Expulsion**

Any member may be suspended or expelled from any type of membership for sufficient cause by a majority vote of (lie members of the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

### **Section 5. Resignations**

Any member of this Club may resign from membership by notifying the Secretary in writing. No such resignation shall become effective, however, unless the resigning member shall have discharged all his current debts to the Club. No refund will be made on dues for any un-expired portion of the year.

### **Section 6. Effect of Death, Resignation or Expulsion**

Upon resignation, death, or expulsion of a member, membership shall automatically cease.

### **Section 7. Membership Cards**

Evidence of membership in this Club shall consist of a membership card signed by the Treasurer and delivered to each member upon his election to membership and annually to each member upon payment of Club dues.

## **Section 8. Guests**

Guest privileges are defined as transient use of the Club facility. Guest privileges may be granted for Regattas or other special affairs by the Board of Directors. All other affairs are limited to members 2nd their off-the-lake guests. Guests are required to sign the Visitor's/Guest Book. Guests, eligible for membership, are required to make application for membership.

## **Section 9. Leave of Absence**

Any current member whose membership lapses beyond one year is required to pay a new initiation fee upon rejoining the Club, unless they are on a Leave of Absence. To qualify for a Leave of Absence, members in good standing must notify the Secretary that they are leaving the lake but hope to rejoin the Club upon their return. Members who allow their membership to lapse, but retain eligibility to be a member, cannot apply for a Leave of Absence, and will be assessed an Initiation Fee upon rejoining. The Board of Directors shall have the right, in cases of severe hardship, to review individual situations and take appropriate action.

# **ARTICLE VI Dues and Fees**

## **Section 1. Changes in Dues**

The need for changes in membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of those present at an annual meeting.

## **Section 2. Fees**

The need for changes in fees charged by the Club for anything other than dues shall be made by majority vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting of the Board.

## **Section 3. Assessments**

Assessments may be levied from time to time as conditions make necessary, but no assessment shall be levied except upon a majority vote at an Annual Meeting, or a membership meeting called for that purpose.

## **Section 4. Late Fees and Delinquency**

A) Upon the annual issuance of bills for dues and fees, the Treasurer shall make public a cut-off date for payment; any member whose account has not been paid by the cut-off date shall be assessed a Late Fee, as determined and published by the Board of Directors.

B) Members who are delinquent for more than 12 months shall be removed from the membership rolls of the Club. Upon rejoining the Club, they shall be subject to all applicable dues and fees, including Initiation Fees.

# **ARTICLE VII Officers and Directors**

## **Section I. Officers**

Officers shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Fleet Captains who are owners or regular skippers of the various classes of sailboats recognized by the Club, Flag Officer, Deck Officer(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chairman, and Immediate

Past Commodore. Each officer will be elected for a term of one year and may succeed himself for one additional one-year term.

## **Section 2. Other Board Members**

Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Club; plus the President of the Green Pond Corporation, plus at the discretion of the nominating committee, additional members, who are Past Commodores and designated each as a "Member at Large." The purpose of each "Member at Large" shall be to retain the services of a valued member of the Club on the Board of Directors for the general welfare of the Club.

## **Section 3. Duties of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to promulgate any rules and regulations which they in their judgment deem necessary, consistent with the intent of these by-laws.

## **Section 4. Duties of the Officers**

### **A) Commodore:**

Shall be in charge of all activities of the Club, preside at all meetings, call special meeting, and do any and all things to promote the welfare of the Club.

### **B) Vice Commodore:**

Shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties and in his absence act as Commodore. He shall be Chairman of the Social Committee.

### **C) Immediate Past Commodore:**

Shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties and in their absence act as Commodore. He shall also be Chairman of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

### **D) Flag Officer:**

Shall supervise all sailing activities sponsored by the Club, as well as provide assistance to the various Fleet Captains in the discharge of their duties.

### **E) Fleet Captains:**

Shall be responsible for sailing activities of class sailboats. One of the fleet Captains shall be Chairman of the Racing/Sailing Committee for their respective classes, the fleet Captains shall appoint a racing committee, obtain judges for the races, schedule all races and advise the course for the day, keep the point system for his class posted at the Club House. Be in charge of sailing instruction, including Junior Program, classes on rules and regulations for both Juniors and Adults.

### **F) Deck Officer (s):**

Shall be responsible for the use and maintenance of the Club House and other physical assets of the Club.

### **G) Social Chairman:**

Shall be responsible for the organization and implementation of the Club's social activities and assist the Vice Commodore in the discharge of his duties.

### **H) Treasurer:**

Shall be responsible for all funds of the Club and maintain proper record of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall render bills for dues and fees, shall maintain the membership roll, and shall make monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors.

I) **Secretary:**

Shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club in a book provided for that purpose; notify members of all meetings, file all documents, records, reports and communications.

**Section 5. Signature on Checks**

All checks shall bear the signature of the Commodore or Vice Commodore and Treasurer.

**Section 6. Trustees**

The Trustees as established by the Certificate of Incorporation shall be the Duly Elected Officers.

**ARTICLE VIII  
Meetings**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting**

Annual Meeting shall be held at the close of the summer season, around Labor Day, in each year, at a date and place to be designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Directors Meetings**

Directors' Meetings shall be held monthly throughout the year.

**Section 3. Membership Meetings**

Membership Meetings of the Club shall be held at the opening and closing of the season on dates to be fixed by the Commodore.

**Section 4. Special Meetings**

Special Meetings shall be called at the direction of the Commodore or at the written request of five (5) members. Notice of meeting must specify the purpose of the meeting.

**Section 5. Quorum**

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members. Ten (10) voting members will constitute a quorum for any membership or special meeting, except when an amendment to the constitution and by-laws is under consideration.

**Section 6. Notices**

Notices of all meetings shall be mailed to every member at least seven days in advance thereof and shall be posted in the Club House for the same length of time.

**Section 7. Amendments**

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or special meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership either in person or proxy. Any proposed amendment must be subscribed to by five (5) members and presented to the Secretary, who shall include the proposed amendment in his notice of the meeting, together with the names of the sponsors.

## **ARTICLE IX Elections**

### **Section 1**

Officers and Directors of the Club shall be elected at each Annual Meeting by majority vote. Any vacancy occurring in the interim shall be recommended by the Commodore with the approval of the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting.

### **Section 2**

Thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Immediate Past Commodore consisting of the Immediate Past Commodore, the Commodore, and not less than three (3) Past Commodores. The slate and any nominations from the floor shall be presented at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE X Discipline**

### **Section 1. Green Pond Corporation Rules**

All conditions of the Green Pond Corporation lease to tenants, and all rules and regulations promulgated by the Green Pond Corporation are accepted as binding by all members, and any violation of these rules or restrictions shall be cause for such action as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary.

### **Section 2. Charges Against Members**

Any member of the Club may present the Board of Directors written charges against any other member for unbecoming conductor actions likely to endanger the good order and welfare of the Club, or for violations of any provision of the Constitution and By-Laws, or rules of the Club; and after the member shall have been notified and given an opportunity to be heard in answer to such charges, they may suspend such accused member first from rights and privileges of membership for a limited time, or they may be expelled from membership in the Club. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

## **ARTICLE XI Committees**

### **Section I. Standing Committees**

Standing committees shall consist of Membership, Racing and Rules, House and Equipment, Social Events, Budget and Finance, and Long Range Planning.

### **Section 2. Additional Committees**

Additional committees may be formed and Committee Chairmen appointed at the discretion of the Commodore and the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3. Committee Members**

Committee Chairmen shall be responsible for appointing their own committee members.