

BY-LAWS of the PALACIOS YACHT CLUB

I. Name, Colors, Burgee, Logo

- A. Name of this club shall be: PALACIOS YACHT CLUB, INC.
- B. The colors of this club shall be Jade and White
- C. The burgee of this club shall have the Letters "PYC". The colors, shapes and format shall be as shown below:



- D. The official logo shall be as follows:



II. Mission, Vision, Objectives

- A. The mission of the club shall be to create a wholesome and nurturing environment for individuals interested in pursuing recreation boating activities along the mid-coast region of Texas.
- B. The vision of the club is for all mid-coast boaters to possess a keen understanding and appreciation for the navigation and seamanship, safety, courtesy, comradeship, and sportsmanship associated with responsible watercraft operation.
- C. The objectives of the club include providing focused:
 - Opportunities for members to competitively demonstrate their boating skills (i.e. sponsor races, regattas, etc.);
 - Opportunities to develop and/or hone recreational boating skills (i.e. classes or presentations on safety, electronics, navigation, rules of the road, etc.);

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- Opportunities for group fellowship and fraternity (i.e., cruises, socials, club exchanges, etc); and
- Opportunities for service directed towards the general advancement of recreational boating (i.e., youth education and training, public safety, environmental enhancement and stewardship, community/area development, etc.).

III. Membership

- A. Membership in the Palacios Yacht Club shall be open to all persons with an interest in engaging in and/or promoting recreational boating activities along the Texas mid-coast provided, at the time of their application, they have never been convicted of, or are currently under indictment for, a felony crime.
- B. Full membership shall not be withheld for failure to own a watercraft.
- C. Classes of membership shall include:
 - “Active” -- those members in good standing wishing to enjoy full privileges; open only to individuals or family units
 - “Associate” -- those members in good standing wishing to enjoy all privileges except voting; open to individuals or organization (i.e., groups, businesses, etc.)
 - “Honorary” -- those individuals or organizations (groups, businesses, etc.) bestowed a complimentary membership by the Palacios Yacht Club Officers in recognition of distinguished service to the club; membership expires on December 31st of the year following its bestowal (e.g. if bestowed October 13, 2013, it expires December 31, 2014).
- D. All classes of membership are activated by the payment of dues or enabling action taken by the Palacios Yacht Club Officers.
- E. For membership purposes, a “family” shall be defined as two or more individuals residing together in the same domicile and/or related as immediate kin by blood or existing marriage; and “organization” can be a business, corporation, association of other formally organized group.

IV. Privileges of Membership:

- A. All active members shall have one vote. This one membership/one vote rule extends to families enrolled as a single unit.

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- B. An active, associate or honorary member is considered in good standing if application club fees, dues or other assessments are not past due more than 30 days.
 - C. An honorary membership remains in effect until December 31st of the year following the bestowal of membership by the Palacios Yacht Club Officers.
 - D. Any and all memberships may be revoked by a majority vote of the general membership at its annual meeting; such a vote may only be called by the Palacios Yacht Club officers.
- V. Dues, Fees and Other Assessments:
- A. Club dues shall be as follows, unless amended by majority vote of the members at its annual general membership meeting:
 - Active -- \$30 per individual or \$50 family unit; minor children included under a family membership.
 - Associate -- \$20 per individual or organization; open to those enthusiastically supporting the goals of the club but not desiring to take an active role in its management decisions (i.e., non-voting).
 - Honorary -- a complimentary, non-voting membership; membership automatically expires on December 31st of the year following its bestowal by the Palacios Yacht Club Officers; membership can be transferred to Active or Associate status by making the appropriate dues payment upon expiration of the honorary status or at any time prior to this expiration as desired by the honorary member.
 - B. Other fees and assessment may be levied by majority vote of the Palacios Yacht Club Officers and may include, but are not limited to, those associated with the following cost recovery and/or fund-raising items:
 - Socials and meals,
 - Club burgees and/or flags
 - Club shirts and caps, and
 - Participation in club-sponsored regattas or other events.
- VI. Officers:
- A. Term shall be 2 years, commencing at the first club meeting of the year.
 - B. Duties:
 - 1. Commodore
 - Executive Officer
 - Preside over all functions

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- Monitor the attainment of club goals
 - Shall appoint committees
 - Maintain Club Calendar – setting membership meeting, election of officers, etc.
 - Develops an annual program which promotes club objectives to the mutual benefit of all members.
2. Vice Commodore
- Assist Commodore
 - Preside in Commodore's absence
 - Responsible for social events both on and off the water
3. Secretary/Treasurer
- Public relations and conduct general correspondence of club
 - Club newsletter
 - Maintain membership records
 - Keep and distribute meeting minutes
 - Provide members with meeting notices
 - Club finances, records in detail
 - Complete financial and budget reports annually
- VII. Ad Hoc Committees (the Commodore, at his/her discretion, may establish task-related committees to serve needs of the limited duration).
- VIII. Amendments
- A. By-Law amendments shall be brought before the general membership by the Palacios Yacht Club Officers
 - B. By-Law changes can only take affect if approved by 2/3's vote of those attending the annual membership meeting.
- IX. Meetings
- A. Officer meetings shall be held when and where the Commodore deems them to be necessary.
 - B. The annual membership meeting shall be held annually at a time and place determined by the Commodore. The entire membership of the club should be notified at least 14 days prior to the meeting. This notification will be done by the secretary and should contain time, place, and any and all agenda items requiring action by the general membership or under consideration.
 - C. Regular club meetings shall take place monthly, on the first Saturday of each month, unless changed by the approval of the Commodore. Members shall be

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notified, by means determined to be most convenient by the secretary, at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

- D. All meetings shall be conducted according to the protocols and procedures outline in Roberts Rules of Order.
- E. At least two officers and three members must be present to represent a quorum at a meeting.