

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SAILING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

March, 2000

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 Categories

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 participate socially only.
- C. Alumni members will be UC graduates and spouses and will not have voting privileges. They will have limited use of Association facilities and equipment as determined by the Executive Board.

- D. Honorary members will not have voting privileges and will have limited use of Association facilities as determined by the Executive Committee. This membership may be extended to those persons who may be so designated by the officers. On confirmation of Honorary membership, dues shall be established.
- E. Guest membership is for individuals invited by the skipper of the boat and is for duration of that sail only. A waiver of liability must be signed by the guest and on file with the UCISA prior to participation in the programming provided.

Article IV: Meetings

- Section 1: The Executive Board 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 by the Executive Board.
- 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 Executive 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 alternation of the Constitution, may be passed by a simple majority. Alterations to the Constitution and bylaws shall be by a two thirds vote.

Article VI: Executive Committee

- Section 1: The general powers of the Executive 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 Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Past Commodore, Secretary-Treasurer, Adviser (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 the Executive Committee.

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

Section 3: Such a proposal, having been vetoed by the Executive 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: Officers

Section 1: The Commodore shall be a Regular member and shall have the power to call and conduct meetings, appoint and remove committee chairpeople, and appoint non-voting advisors to the Executive Committee. The Commodore shall oversee all activities of the Association.

Section 2: 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 3: The Rear Commodore shall promote the proficiency rating card program and organize work parties and social events

Section 4: The Immediate Past Commodore shall serve a year as advisor and assistant to the Commodore.

Section 5: The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain all correspondence files and keep a record of all business at Executive Committee meetings and general meetings and shall maintain the financial records of the Association.

Section 6: The Advisor will be a boating staff person of UC Irvine. The 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 officers 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 Executive Board.

Article X Discipline

The Executive 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 Executive Committee.

Voted on and ratified by UCISA on 27 March 2000

Present at the meeting:

Chris Hughes – Commodore  
Jason Midyett – Rear Commodore  
Cara D'Angelo – Secretary/Treasurer  
Goran Matijasevic – Past Commodore  
Jack Stewart – President Undergraduate Sailing Club

Nicholas Duran  
Ted Winer  
David O'Shea  
Brett Kaufmann  
Lee Wilderman  
Chris Burrill  
Steve Reed  
Tim Martin

Laura Acocella  
Oana Marcu  
Michael Craddock  
Lauren Oliver  
Jennifer Wu  
Ross Watanabe