

THUNDERBIRD SAILING CLUB  
STANDING RULES GOVERNING

Oklahoma Chartered Corporation Affiliated with: United States Sailing Association  
& Central States Sailing Association

Adopted 4-15-83; Revised 6-15-91; 3-21-97, 10-15-99, 3-15-03, **4-17-10**

1. Charter members are those members who signed the articles of incorporation and those who joined on or before September 15, 1969.
2. Classes of membership. This section relates to Article I, 5. of the Bylaws, and defines classes of membership in the Club.
  - A. Regular Members must be twenty-one, and shall consist of members except those listed in sub-sections B, C, D, F, G and H. A regular member has privileges to hold office, to vote, and all other rights and privileges of membership including participation in Club activities, and the right to wear the Club Patch and fly the Club Burgee.
  - B. Family Members shall include all the dependents of the member. Family members have the same rights and privileges as a regular member; however, there can be only one vote per family or one elected officer per family in office at one time. The family member must be at least twenty-one to hold office.
  - C. Sustaining Membership may be granted to any member in good standing by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board in cases where a prolonged absence or other compelling reason make it impossible or Impractical for the member or the member's family to use the club's facilities. Such status is terminated upon a member's return to the club.
  - D. Honorary membership. This category of membership is to recognize a person who is not a member of the TSC but who has been or is exceptionally supportive of the TSC goals and programs.

Nomination: May be made by any paid-up member with voting privileges. The nomination must be made in writing at the time of nomination.

The written nomination must give sufficient reasons for consideration of the nominee as an honorary member.

Nominee: A non-member who has supported the programs and goals of the TSC in an exceptional manner.

Election: Such memberships may be granted upon recommendation of the Board and two-thirds majority vote at a regular TSC business meeting.

Privileges: The Honorary member shall have all the rights and privileges of a full-paid member except this category shall have no voting rights.

- E. Life Membership. The most honored membership category recognizing a TSC member for their exemplary service to the TSC over a minimum of 10years.

Nomination: May be made by any paid-up member with voting privileges. The nomination must be made in writing at the time of nomination. The written nomination must give sufficient reasons for consideration of the nominee as a life- member.

Nominee: Must have been a member of the TSC for a minimum of ten years and

must have served the club with distinction.

Election: Such memberships may be granted upon recommendation of the Board and two-thirds majority vote at a regular TSC business meeting.

F. Associate Membership is open to individuals who are interested in sailing, and who crew with boat owners. This membership does not include voting privileges, or the privilege of racing as a boat owner or skipper. The Associate Member would receive all publications put out by the Thunderbird Sailing Club, such as the Mainsheet, and would be welcome to participate in all club racing and social events. There would be no initiation fee. Annual dues would be set by a vote of the club. (A \$25.00 annual fee was adopted with this amendment in Nov., 1999.)

G. Student Membership is open to full-time students. This membership does not include voting privileges, but does include the privilege of racing as a boat owner or skipper. Students who regularly crew with Sailing Club members would be encouraged to join. Student members would receive all publications put out by the Thunderbird Sailing Club, such as the Mainsheet, and would be welcome to participate in all club racing and social events. There would be no initiation fee. Annual dues would be set by a vote of the club. (A \$15.00 annual fee was adopted with this amendment in April, 1991.)

H. Group Membership. This policy is to cover organized GROUPS that wish to acquire Thunderbird Sailing Club Group Membership. Examples of organizations are the Navy ROTC and OU Sailing Club. The Executive Committee will make final rulings on qualifications for each 'group' membership. The members of the GROUP will adhere to all Thunderbird Sailing Club Bylaws and Standing Rules. Membership fees are the same as one full voting membership in effect at that time. There is no pro-rating of dues for GROUPS. Full annual dues are due at the time of membership and there shall be no refunds should membership be dropped. There must be one person who will represent the GROUP and who will be responsible for casting any votes on behalf of the GROUP and for keeping their membership notified of Thunderbird Sailing Club activities. Mailings will be sent to the representative. All members of the GROUP are invited to attend Thunderbird Sailing Club meetings, regattas, and social events. GROUP members who wish to race must pay the same fees for racing as regular members.

3. Procedure for Membership is to complete an application furnished by the club, to sign a waiver provided by the club, and to be approved by a majority of the Board. Dues must accompany application. (Sample applications and waivers will be inserted in the Standing Rules.)
4. Transfer of Regular Membership will be allowed without further payment of dues only from a parent who becomes a member in order to provide a facility for a minor. A letter from the parent and an application from the former minor will effect the transfer. The parent is then no longer a member.
5. Dues are \$75.00 per year, due November 1. Members joining from

- November 1 to June 30 pay full dues. From July 1 to October 31, dues are half the annual dues.
6. Refund of Dues is allowed only if a member is transferred from this area. Then dues may be refunded on a pro-rata basis as of the end of the last month the member is here, but a minimum of ten dollars is retained by the club.
  7. Refund of Special Assessments, if any, as described in the motion calling for special assessments.
  8. Dues for sustaining member is ten dollars a year, payable in advance.
  9. Depository for club funds shall be a Bank approved by the Board of Directors, and Co-signer with the Treasurer will be the Commodore.
  10. Other Standing Committees:
    - A. Bylaws and Rules Committee, interprets the Bylaws and rules, reviews and updates those, and helps any member draft proposals for changes or additions. The Chairman of the committee, or one acting as chair, acts as parliamentarian.
    - B. Activity Committee plans regattas and racing series for the year in cooperation with the Fleet Captain and committee; plans and carries out social activities for the membership; and publishes the program to the membership.
    - C. Membership Committee searches out prospective members and brings those qualified into the club; recommends and carries out membership programs as prescribed by the Board or membership.
    - D. Publicity and Public Relations Committee publicizes our club and its activities; corresponds with boating magazines, if appropriate, concerning our activities.
    - E. Education Committee conducts water-safety, rules-of-the-road, racing rules, and other educational meetings; promotes and conducts a program for juniors (15 years and under).
    - F. The Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse Management Committee manages the BoatHouse site, facilities and assets at the site.
  12. The Club Burgee will be pennant-shaped. It shall be white with a blue border and in the center will be a blue Thunderbird, as per official sketch on file with the Secretary.
  13. The Club Patch will be circular and three and one-half inches in diameter. Navy blue background with gold stitching will be used. A gold helmsman's wheel will be embossed on the blue, and will contain the words "Thunderbird Sailing Club--Norman, Oklahoma". Inside the wheel will be embossed a red Thunderbird. Official sketch is on file with Secretary.
  14. Co-owners of boats must apply for separate memberships.