

Summary of Proposed Policies Document and By-Laws Amendments

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These four proposed Policies document amendments can be revised and voted on at a General Meeting on or after May 23, 2022:

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #1: This would correct the document to say that the Flying Scots can be sailed by Double-Handed Novices, which matches the club's actual policies for those boats. This was in the old By-Laws document, but it got omitted when revising the old By-Laws document and replacing it with the new By-Laws document and the Policies document.

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #2: This would give explicit permission for club members with Keelboat ratings to use outboards on the J/22 and Ensigns. This has been brought up several times recently with no major objections. This would also make outboard use less of a privilege specifically for Chiefs and more of a privilege for all club members with demonstrated ability to use these safely, as confirmed by our Keelboat Skippers and Keelboat Chiefs.

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #3: This would remove the policy regarding continuous replacement of the Laser Fleet, which has not been followed for some time and probably should not be the club's priority right now.

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #4: This would correct and clarify issues related to WAC Fee requirements and membership effectiveness and expiration dates.

These two proposed By-Laws amendments must be discussed at a General Meeting, during which they can also be revised. The By-Laws amendments must then be posted seven or more days prior to a General Meeting in which they may be voted on:

Proposed By-Laws Amendment #1: This would rename the Publicity Chair position to Recruitment Chair.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment #2: This would extend the exception from needing to be a regular Chief in order to become a designated Catamaran Chief or Sailboard Chief in the same manner that the By-Laws already allow with Keelboat Chiefs and Whaler Chiefs.

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This would correct the document to say that the Flying Scots can be sailed by Double-Handed Novices, which matches the club's actual policies for those boats. This was in the old By-Laws document, but it got omitted when revising the old By-Laws document and replacing it with the new By-Laws document and the Policies document.

To correct the spelling of "Flying Scot" from "Flying Scott" (might as well do it now), amend Article I, Section 5.a of the Policies document ("Definitions and Ratings") as follows:

Original Text:

5. Daysailer Fleet

a) Flying Scott Class

5.8 m, sloop-rigged, centerboard sailboat.

Proposed Changes:

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Final Text:

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To correct the actual permission for Double-Handed Novices, amend Article I, Section B.5.d.ii of the Policies document (Types of Novice Ratings) as follows:

Original Text:

ii. Double-handed Novice

The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, or Vision and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser II, and Vision.

Proposed Changes:

ii. Double-handed Novice

The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, or Vision and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser II, ~~and~~ Vision, ~~and~~ Flying Scot.

Final Text:

ii. Double-handed Novice

The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, or Vision and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser II, Vision, and Flying Scot.

To correct the spelling in the section for Double-Handed Intermediates, amend Article I, Section B.6.d.ii of the Policies document (Types of Intermediate Ratings) as follows:

Original Text:

ii. Double-handed Intermediate

The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, Vision, or 470 and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser 2, Vision, Flying Scott, 470, Ensign, and J22 class boats, and to obtain the Lake Sailor specialty rating.

Proposed Changes:

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The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, Vision, or 470 and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser 2, Vision, Flying Scot~~t~~, 470, Ensign, and J22 class boats, and to obtain the Lake Sailor specialty rating.

Final Text:

ii. Double-handed Intermediate

The test may be performed in an FJ, Laser II, Vision, or 470 and this rating qualifies the holder to sail the FJ, Laser 2, Vision, Flying Scot, 470, Ensign, and J22 class boats, and to obtain the Lake Sailor specialty rating.

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This would give explicit permission for club members with Keelboat ratings to use outboards on the J/22 and Ensigns. This has been brought up several times recently with no major objections. This would also make outboard use less of a privilege specifically for Chiefs and more of a privilege for all club members with demonstrated ability to use these safely, as confirmed by our Keelboat Skippers and Keelboat Chiefs.

Amend Article II, Section B.6.d.ii of the Policies document ("Use of Boats, Facilities, and Equipment") as follows:

Original Text:

Section G. Outboard Motors

Other outboard motors except Keelboat motors may be used only by Chiefs, or by the permission of a Chief.

Section H. Keelboat Outboards

Keelboat outboards are limited to keelboat use by qualified Keelboat Novices and Skippers except with the permission of the Keelboat Fleet Captain or the Executive Council.

Revised Text:

Section G. Outboard Motor Usage on Keelboats

Usage of the outboard motors affixed to Keelboats is limited to qualified Keelboat Novices and Skippers, except with the permission of a Chief or the Executive Council.

Section H. Outboard Motor Usage on Daysailers

Usage of outboard motors affixed to a J22 or Pearson Ensign is limited to qualified Keelboat Novices and Skippers, except with the permission of a Chief or the Executive Council. A reservation fee equivalent to 50% of the corresponding keelboat reservation described in Article IV Section A of this Policies document must be submitted to the club.

Section I. Other Usage of Outboard Motors

Outboard motors may only be used for purposes other than those outlined in Article IV, Section G and H with the permission of a Chief or the Executive Council.

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #3:

This would remove the policy regarding continuous replacement of the Laser Fleet, which has not been followed for some time and probably should not be the club's priority right now.

Remove Article IV, Section B.1 ("Replacement of Laser Fleet)" from the Policies document:

~~1. Replacement of Laser Fleet~~

~~One fourth of the Laser Fleet shall be replaced each year by selling the oldest boats and purchasing new boats to maintain the fleet. Purchase of new boats to expand the fleet shall still require General Membership approval.~~

Background Information Regarding Dues:

Issue with the club's handling of membership dates:

Historically, club members received a membership sticker stating its expiration at the end of the month in which an academic quarter ends (e.g., March 31, 2019 for Winter 2019 memberships). Additionally, members were generally allowed to start using their membership immediately, even if they actually purchased membership for the following quarter. We realized that this would be problematic during the end of this Winter Quarter, because we could not add non-student members to the club roster right away without incurring additional WAC Fees, even if the individual already paid us for Spring membership.

We want to more explicitly match the effective dates of our memberships to the University's academic calendar. This is slightly more annoying for non-student members to keep track of, but we can look ahead and be sure to announce these dates so that people are well aware of them.

Issue with how the charging of WAC Fees is explained in the Policies document:

The current document only states that WAC Fees are required by Associate (non-student) members, but we've actually been charged fees for a number of Student members whose tuition does not include the Services & Activities Fee (SAF).

Proposed Policies Document Amendment #4:

Amend Section C of the Policies Document ("Dues Periods") as follows:

Original Text:

Section C. Dues Periods

1. Amounts

	Initiation Fee	Quarterly Dues	Annual Dues	WAC Fee*	
Student	\$0	\$29		\$85	\$0
Associate	\$45	\$80		\$225	\$50

*The WAC fee must be paid by every faculty, staff and alumni Member who is not a member of the IMA.

a) Force Majeure

In the event of being unable to access the boats, facilities, and equipment for an extended period of time, Quarterly Dues and the WAC Fee will be reduced to \$0. At such time as access becomes available, both shall return to the amounts listed above and must be paid before usage as described in Article II of the Policies.

2. Duration

Membership dues shall be paid either quarterly or annually. The rates established for the payment of dues may not be prorated. An annual membership covers four consecutive quarters.

a) Student Winter Extension

Quarterly membership dues paid during Autumn Quarter cover the entirety of Winter Quarter for members who remain a student during both periods.

b) Annual Dues Exception

Annual membership dues paid while a student do not carry-over after they graduate. The affected members will receive a full refund of membership dues paid for the quarter(s) affected.

3. Purchase Dates

The first quarter a payment of dues shall be applied to shall be determined by the date the payment is received as follows:

a) Autumn Quarter

For payments received in September, October, or November: Autumn Quarter.

b) Winter Quarter

For payments received in December, January, or February: Winter Quarter.

c) Spring Quarter

For payments received in March, April, or May: Spring Quarter.

d) Summer Quarter

For payments received in June, July, or August: Summer Quarter.

4. Effective Date

A payment of dues shall become effective upon its receipt by the club or the club's agent.

5. Membership Dates

Dues are effective through the day before the day instruction begins, as listed in the academic calendar published by the University of Washington, in the quarter immediately following the last quarter to which they are applicable.

6. Dues Exempt Refund

Members who qualify for a dues exemption may request a refund for the quarter affected or have that amount applied to their future membership, after fulfilling the duties of their role.

Revised Text:

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Annual student memberships do not carry over if the student status of a Member changes during the time period covered by the annual membership. For each of the quarters affected, the Member will receive a refund equal to one-quarter of the annual membership dues paid.

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Proposed By-Laws Amendment #1:

We would like to rename the Publicity Chair position to Recruitment Chair. From what we can tell, this position used to be mainly in charge of creating flyers for club events, so it was more of a reactive / supporting function to other specific club actions, rather a position with a unique, active defined purpose. Additionally, flyering is decreasing used to advertise and create publicity, which is increasingly achieved via social media, for which we have the Media Director role to be in charge of. The role description in the bylaws actually describes recruitment as a function of the position, which is a highly important function worthy of having a position focused on it. This position could still have publicity as an aspect of its role, which naturally would tie in to recruitment.

Amend the By-Laws document to replace all instances of “Publicity Chair” or “Publicity Chairperson” with “Recruitment Chair”:

- Three instances on page 2.
- One instance on page 3.
- One instance on page 6.

Background Information Regarding Our Chiefs System:

As discussed with one of our few active Catamaran Chiefs and Sailboard Chiefs, as well as other club members, there is a belief that becoming a Catamaran or Sailboard Chief shouldn't be contingent on first becoming a regular Chief, an exemption that has already been granted for Whaler Chiefs and Keelboat Chiefs.

Originally, the club mainly had Single-Handed and Double-Handed boats and only later expanded to other types of vessels, so it could be argued that the specific requirements to hold a Single-Handed Skipper rating and Double-Handed Skipper rating are based on a historical state of the club and does not necessarily represent the broader characteristics of a prospective Chief that would be valued by the club. Additionally, much of the responsibility of administering dinghy ratings tests has shifted to Rating Examiners after the creation of these roles, so the requirement for Chiefs to hold dinghy Skipper ratings seems less critical.

The club is currently restricted to sailing our Single-Handed and Double-Handed dinghies one day of the week on a pre-scheduled basis, whereas some catamarans and sailboards could be sailed more often than that. At the present, the barriers to earning Single-Handed and Double-Handed Skipper ratings are greatly increased, which therefore greatly increases the barriers to becoming a Regular Chief and then a Catamaran or Sailboard Designated Chief.

We propose to extend the exception from needing to be a regular Chief in order to become a designated Catamaran Chief or Sailboard Chief in the same manner that the By-Laws already allow with Keelboat Chiefs and Whaler Chiefs.

In the future, we could consider whether the club would be best served in changing the requirements for becoming a regular Chief, but in the short term, extending the Designated Chiefs exception to Catamaran Chiefs and Sailboard Chiefs would benefit the club's ability to operate more effectively and provide more sailing opportunities focused on those sets of boats.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment #2:

Amend Article V, Section B.6 of the Policies document (Designated Chief Exceptions) as follows:

Original Text:

6. Exception to Prerequisites

A Member may become a Keelboat Chief or a Whaler Chief without being a regular Chief if they are nominated by a Chief of the appropriate type, and the voting body is made aware of the exception prior to the vote. This provision is to accommodate sailors who may be limited in their ability to sail dinghies.

Proposed Changes:

6. Exception to Prerequisites

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