

Changes to Constitution and By-laws

Current legal documents can be found online in the [Club Documents & Forms page](#).

1. Change in Officer Council

Section A. Officers

The Officers of the Washington Yacht Club shall be co-Commodores, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, **Secretary, Treasurer, and Head Fleet Captain**; The Commodores with the assistance of the other officers shall exercise the executive functions of the Club. The Commodores shall call and conduct all Meetings of the Club and shall act as the official representatives of the Club. Other officer positions may be held by a single individual (e.g. Vice Commodore) or by two individuals acting as co-officers (e.g. two co-Vice Commodores).

Paired with these changes will be appropriate relocation of the role descriptions with in the respective sections of the by-laws.

Reasoning: In addition to Rec Club requirements of needing at least 5 officers, RSOs also need at least 5 officers. Readjusting some roles from the broader Executive Council to the Officer Council will increase student involvement and accountability from these roles, as well as not requiring the club to elect co-Vice or co-Rear Commodores every election to maintain eligibility.

2. Chapters Creation, Rec Club Chapter

Article IX - Chapters

The Club can create chapters of the Club. These chapter(s) are organizational unit(s) that may have additional policies and requirements related to their operations. The Club Constitution and Bylaws apply to chapters of the Club.

Section A – Washington Yacht Club Rec Club Chapter

The Washington Yacht Club Rec Club Chapter is a chapter of the Washington Yacht Club that operates as a UW Rec Club. This Chapter is based at the Waterfront Activities Center at the University of Washington.

The Chapter can enter into agreements with the UW Department of Recreation to be a UW Rec Club. This agreement allows the Chapter, equipment and vessels operated by the Chapter, and its members to use facilities managed by UW Recreation at the University. The Club reserves the right to terminate this Chapter through the processes of Article VIII, at which time any agreements made by this chapter will also end.

Reasoning: As voted by eligible members on June 26, 2024, the Officers were empowered to create a chapter segmentation to operate as the Rec Club at the WAC to allow off-campus Washington Yacht Club activities to operate as they historically have, and to protect the organization from aggression from Recreation if they decide to seize our operations like Kayak Club after we were presented a final ultimatum before the “Waterfront Renewal Project”.