



By-Laws

Article 1. Name

The name "Rhumb Runners" was established in 1979. Hereafter referred to as Club.

Article 2. Mission Statement

The mission of Rhumb Runners is to provide venues for the women of Boca Ciega Yacht Club who are interested in sailing, water sports, social activities, community involvement, fellowship, and fun. Our commitment is to offer educational opportunities that will build confidence and foster independence while promoting the sport of sailing. We welcome all women regardless of where their interests lie, both on and off the water.

Article 3. Membership

Section 3.01 Club Membership

All Boca Ciega Yacht Club (BCYC) women are welcome. All members shall fill out a Rhumb Runner Commitment form to be resubmitted annually in August.

Section 3.02 Racing Members

Racing Members of the Rhumb Runners (RR) are women who belong to BCYC and are identified as such by the Advisory Board (AB). They have full rights, responsibilities and privileges that include but are not limited to voting, serving on committees, holding board positions, and

participation in all FWSA sponsored events, races, and regattas. Racing members must demonstrate their ability to sail, make voluntary donations to the RR account and remain current with BCYC dues. Type of membership may be changed at any time upon request.

Section 3.03 Social Members

Social Members of the RR's are women who belong to BCYC and are identified as such by the Advisory Board. They have the same rights as Racing Members with the exception of racing or participating in FWSA races and regattas. They may serve as a RR Race Committee member, skipper, or crew the BCYC Safety boat and attend FWSA social events. Social members make voluntary donations to the RR account and remain current with BCYC dues. Type of membership may be changed at anytime upon request.

Section 3.04 The Advisory Board has authority to refuse or revoke membership at their sole discretion. The member in question may request a hearing at the convenience of the AB.

Section 3.05 A voluntary donation will be collected at the first meeting of the year. "Pass the Hat," method will be used for donations at monthly meetings thereafter.

Section 3.06 Members who do not participate in at least one RR event a year will be dropped from the membership roster.

Section 3.07 Organizational Memberships

Through Boca Ciega Yacht Club, Rhumb Runners hold membership in Florida Women's Sailing Association.

Article 4. Officers and Duties

Section 4.01 Rhumb Runner Officers are volunteer positions and consist of a Captain, Vice-Captain, Sailing/ Racing Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Education Chair, and Social Chair. The Advisory Board

consists of the aforementioned and includes the current Past Captain and two members at large.

Section 4.02 Captain

- Attends to the needs of the membership as a whole and oversees the direction of the club.
- Serves as an Ex-officio member on committees formed.
- Sets the agenda, presides over all meetings, or selects a designee.
- Reports RR activities at the BCYC board and general meetings.
- Submits at least six articles a year to the Windword.
- Appoints two delegates and an alternate for the FWSA meetings.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.03 Vice-Captain

- Serves in the absence of the Captain and assumes all responsibilities.
- Assists the Treasurer in drafting the annual budget
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.04 Sailing/Race Chair

- Serves as the Interclub contact for FWSA
- Oversees Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
- Plans and organizes Rhumb Runners sailing.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.05 Secretary

- Records all meeting minutes, sends a copy to the Captain for review prior to distribution.
- Assists with correspondence, maintains and updates the membership roster for the Treasurer.
- Collects historical information to a permanent file.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.06 Treasurer

- Collects all donations, records income and expenses.
- Pays bills with the guidance of the Advisory Board.
- Drafts the annual budget with the Vice-Captain.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.07 Current Past Captain

- Subject to advisory board approval, she selects two people to serve with her on the Nominating Committee.
- Chairs the Nominating Committee which presents a slate of officers at least two weeks prior to the April election meeting.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.08 Education Chair

- Appointed by Captain.
- Plans ongoing education.

- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Section 4.09 Social Chair

- Appointed by Captain.
- Plans social activities.
- Presents an annual report for their position at the June meeting.

Article 5. Advisory Board (AB)

Section 5.01 The advisory board (AB) shall oversee the affairs of the Rhumb Runners. They shall establish criteria for: selection of officers, all committees, voting rules, and development of policy. Robert's Rules of Order Revised will be used as reference. The criteria shall be introduced to the general membership in the form of by-laws and or policies. The AB will approve all RR publicity materials. Meetings will be announced at the discretion of the AB.

Article 6. Meetings

Section 6.01 Rhumb Runner monthly meetings are on the Saturday following the 3rd Friday of the month. The Advisory Board will meet at least four times a year. Sailing and racing events occur on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Additional sailing opportunities are offered at the convenience of the Sailing/Racing Chair. The date and time of the meetings are determined by the Advisory Board. Special meetings may be called by the Captain or at the request of the AB.

Section 6.02 Electronic Meetings

Any meeting, whether a General Meeting, an AB Meeting, or a committee meeting, may be held in person or through the use of an Internet meeting service designated by the Advisory Board or, in the case of a committee meeting, by the Committee Chair. The internet meeting service must support:

- Anonymous voting and visible displays identifying those participating
- Identifying those seeking recognition to speak
- Showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions and
- Showing the results of votes. Electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Advisory Board.

Article 7. Elections

New officers are elected in April. Term of duty starts the first day of June and ends the last day in May.

Article 8. Amendments

Any revisions or additions to the By Laws shall require a two thirds vote of the members in good standing attending a monthly meeting with at least 14 days' notice of said meeting and the proposed amendment or amendments.

Article 9. Dissolution of the Club

In the event of dissolution of the Club, all monies remaining in the Treasury shall be disbursed as determined by the membership.

Article 10. Awards

The creation of awards for races, regattas, special recognition, or longevity shall be voted on by the membership.

Section 10.01 Perpetual Trophies

Rhumb Runners Most Improved Sailor Trophy

This perpetual trophy, donated by Stu Smith, lifelong racer and former owner of Ellie's Sailing Shop is to be presented annually at the BCYC

Installation Banquet to the Rhumb Runner who has shown the most consistent sailing improvement throughout the previous calendar year. The Race Chair shall appoint a committee to select the recipient.

Rhumb Runners Service Trophy

This perpetual trophy, donated by Stu Smith, lifelong racer and former owner of Ellie's Sailing Shop is to be presented annually at the BCYC Installation Banquet to the Rhumb Runner who has generously given her time and talents to supporting Rhumb Runners and its mission.

The membership will vote at the November Rhumb Runner meeting. The trophy can be won by an individual only one time.