

## SAIL 2011 By-Law Changes

The first change modifies the definition of family membership to include all dependant children under the age of 25. This change would open membership to children between 18 and 24 who are still dependants and not likely to join SAIL.

### *ARTICLE II: Membership*

#### **Section 2 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:**

Each family membership shall ~~consist of two adults and all children under the age of 18 who live in the same household~~ include the two adults and all dependent children under the age of 25. Each individual will be considered a member of SAIL but there shall be only one vote for the membership. Each family membership shall have the right to vote for SAIL officers and for the removal of same, and on any other matters the Officers may designate for their approval.

The second change would add a Director of Handicapping as a voting officer. The position and description of duties are shown below.

### *ARTICLE III: Officers and Committee Chairs*

#### **Section 1 OFFICERS:**

The Officers of SAIL shall be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Area F Representative, [Director of Handicapping](#), and Rear Commodore. The Officers of SAIL shall exercise and perform the respective powers, duties and functions as stated below and as may be assigned by the Commodore or membership. One person may hold any two offices except those of Commodore and Treasurer.

#### **Section 2 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

It shall be the responsibility of each and every officer named in Section 1 to attend and participate in official SAIL meetings. Their individual responsibilities include:

[Director of Handicapping:](#) The Handicap Chair shall be responsible for directing, maintaining, and publishing, all matters relating to PHRF, Portsmouth, and other handicapping methodologies used within SAIL. In addition he shall chair the Handicapping Committee and will coordinate the related activities at the various SAIL member clubs. When required, he will work with US Sailing on issues related to this area.

The third change would add Appeals as a permanent “statutory” committee. It isn’t very active -- gets maybe one appeal every three or four years -- but it is a required responsibility for a RSA under US SAILING. When an appeal is referred to SAIL, we’re required to hear it. An appeal hearing differs from a protest hearing in that no evidence as to facts is taken; the protest committee’s findings of fact are not at issue (unless inadequate to support conclusions). The “or arranging and coordinating” part of the responsibilities covers situations in which the Appeals Chair may be required to

recuse himself/herself from the hearing due to prior involvement or being an interested party.

**Section 3 COMMITTEES:**

Committees shall be established by the Officers to conduct functions within SAIL. Committees that shall remain as standing committees of SAIL are Appeals, Handicap, Race, Training, Junior Sailing, and Membership. Committee Chairs shall be appointed from membership by the Officers. The Committee Chair shall appoint committee members.

**Section 4 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*APPEALS:* The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for hearing or arranging and coordinating hearings of all appeals of protests received by SAIL and returning decisions in a timely manner. The Committee shall report appeals received and dispositions to SAIL, as well as handling any reports and documentation required by US SAILING. A sailing judge within the SAIL region and credentialed by US SAILING is preferred to chair the Appeals Committee.

The fourth change deals with membership requirements for Officers. Note that membership in good standing is required to be nominated and to serve. Since being a current member of SAIL is required, individuals joining after October 31<sup>st</sup> in any year would not be eligible to be nominated or to serve in that year. See Article II, Section 5.

***ARTICLE IV: Elections and Vacancies***

**Section 1 OFFICER ELECTIONS AND TERMS:**

Officers of SAIL, as stated in ARTICLE III, Section 1, with the exception of the Rear Commodore, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of those members present. All Officers shall serve a one year term and/or until their successors are elected and installed. All officers must be a member of SAIL in good standing in the year that they are elected as well as all subsequent years in which they serve.

**Section 2 OFFICER NOMINATIONS:**

A nominating committee consisting of the Commodore and at least one other SAIL member shall select and place before the membership a slate of qualified candidates each year. Additional nominations shall be requested from the membership before any vote is called. Nominees must qualify by being a current member of SAIL in good standing as well as accepting the nomination before being added to a slate of candidates.