



**Illinois River Basin  
Boating Association**

I.R.B.B.A  
Constitution  
and Standing Rules

2015-08-24

## **ARTICLE I-Name**

The association shall be known as the Illinois River Basin Boating Association (“Association”).

## **ARTICLE II-Objectives**

We, recreational boaters, associate ourselves for the following purposes:

Sec. 1 To coordinate the activities of the member yacht and/or boat clubs and to encourage the involvement between the member clubs whether social or competitive, avoiding any conflicts wherever possible.

Sec. 2 To monitor federal, state, and local legislation that affects our boating constituency, and to support that which is deemed to the best interest of our membership.

Sec. 3 To communicate the various activities of the member clubs and any legislation affecting the boating public, boating safety, and other news deemed important to the members of our yacht and/or boat association.

## **ARTICLE III-Membership**

Sec. 1 Any recognized yacht and/or boat club having anchorage on the Illinois River or its tributary or connecting water, shall be eligible for regular membership in the Association upon application.

Sec. 2 Other memberships may also be conferred upon by other individual yacht and or boat clubs who for one reason or another, are not otherwise eligible for membership in another category. The membership shall handle such applications on a case-by-case basis.

## **ARTICLE IV-Representation**

Sec. 1 The regular members of the Association shall be represented by the commodore of each member club or delegates duly appointed by them.

Sec. 2 The delegates of regular members shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Association.

## **ARTICLE V- Officers**

Sec. 1 The officers of the Association shall be the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Past Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Political Liaison, and shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected.

Sec. 2 The Commodore shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors. Special committees may be formed by the Commodore to perform special functions.

Sec. 3 The Vice Commodore shall carry out the duties as designated by the Commodore. The Vice Commodore shall serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the host club of Miss Riverbottom.

Sec. 4 The Rear Commodore shall assist the Vice Commodore as designated by the Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the host club of Summerfest.

Sec. 5 The Secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6 The Treasurer of the Association shall receive and hold all moneys and securities belonging to or received by the Association and pay out in such a manner as shall be designated. The Treasurer shall report the Association's treasury at all membership meetings.

Sec. 7 The Political Liaison shall keep the Association informed of political information as directly or indirectly relating to yachting/boating of the Illinois River basin.

Sec. 8 The Past Commodore shall serve in an advisory position to the present officers.

#### **ARTICLE VI-Board of Directors**

Sec. 1 Officers shall serve as the Association Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 The Board of Directors shall be given rights to perform duties, spend, change rules, appoint committees, enter contracts, represent membership, and set expectations or guidelines for any Association contest.

Sec 3. The Board of Directors reserve the right to modify the location and date of any Association event, upon written request from the host club.

#### **ARTICLE VII- Dues and Finances**

Sec. 1 Regular member clubs shall pay such dues as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable each year in February prior to the annual meeting.

Sec. 2 All capital receipts shall be segregated, reserved, and used solely for capital purposes, and the principal thereof shall be invested and reinvested from time to time under the supervision of the Treasurer. Finances and membership remain under the control of the Association and the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII-Meetings**

Sec. 1 The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the last full weekend of February each year also referred to as Winter Games.

Sec. 2 Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Commodore or three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 The summer meeting will be held the last full weekend of June each year, also referred to as Miss Riverbottom.

Sec. 4 The Fall meeting will be held the first Saturday in November each year.

Sec. 5 Rules for Meetings - "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern the meetings of this Association, provided they are not in conflict with the By-Laws or other Rules of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX-Elections**

Sec. 1 The election of the Rear Commodore shall be held at the annual meeting. The Rear Commodore shall be elected at the meeting by the following clubs or their representative. Candidates must have a simple majority to be elected. If more than two (2) candidates have been nominated, the election will consist of a run off. One vote is given to each attending club in good standing and cast by the Commodore or their delegate. The Commodore will automatically become Past Commodore.

Sec. 2 The Vice Commodore will move up to Commodore.

Sec. 3 The Rear Commodore will move up to Vice Commodore.

Sec. 4 The Secretary, Treasurer, and Political Liaison Officer will be appointed by the new Commodore and confirmed by vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 In the event an elected officer vacates his/her office before the term expires, all elected officers below said office will move up and a special election by member clubs will be held.

## **ARTICLE X- Application, Resignation, and Expulsion**

Sec. 1 Membership

a. Any regular yacht and/or boat club as herein defined may be admitted to membership upon application to the Board of Directors upon full payment of membership dues.

b. Applications for regular and contributing membership shall be submitted to the Secretary and Treasurer. The proposed club will be presented to the Board by the committee for approval after all criteria has been met.

c. The Association reserves the right to expel a club for actions unbecoming of a membership that may impede the objective(s) listed within ARTICLE II.

1. Officers from the involved club(s) would be given the opportunity to present themselves to the Board.
2. A special meeting of the Board would be conducted to review all facts.
3. A special Commodore's meeting would only be called if the majority of the Board voted to continue towards expulsion.
4. A vote of seventy-five percent (75%) attending the Commodore's meeting would be necessary to vote a club out of the Association into expulsion. Attendance of fifty-one percent (51%) of clubs in good standing must be in attendance at the meeting regarding the vote of expulsion. An individual can only represent one club during the expulsion vote.
5. Membership dues paid for the by the club shall be forfeited.

## Sec. 2 IRBBA Officers

A recommendation from the Board of Directors for the removal and replacement of an officer, without cause, may be made to the membership with a majority vote. The vacancy will be filled by the Board of Directors until the next meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI- Amendments**

Sec. 1 The Constitution may be repealed, modified, altered, or amended by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular members of the Association present at any regular or special meeting, provided that thirty (30) days written notice of any such repeal, modification, alteration, or amendment has been sent by ordinary or electronic mail to the Commodores and Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XII- Standing Rules**

The Association's Board of Directors has the right to repeal, modify, alter, amend, and create standing rules with a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE XIII- Hall of Fame**

Sec. 1 The IRBBA Hall of Fame vote shall occur at the November meeting.

Sec. 2 Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing prior to the opening of the Board meeting.

Sec. 3 Nominations must first be unanimously approved by the attending Board members in a secret vote. One dissenting vote will terminate the nomination.

Sec. 4 Nominations will then proceed to a vote at the Commodore's meeting. Each attending club will receive one vote.

Sec. 5 Nominations will be successful if the vote at the Commodore's meeting achieves 80% of the vote.

Sec. 6 Criteria for the Hall of Fame shall include four core traits.

- a. Humility
- b. Accomplishments for the good of the Association rather than an individual club
- c. Good moral character
- d. Ambassador of the Association

#### **ARTICLE XIV- Miss Riverbottom**

Sec. 1 Only participating clubs with current dues paid in full may participate in the contest.

Sec. 2 The host club of the contest must have, or shall secure insurance for this event. The host club must designate the Association Officers as an additional insured on their club insurance policy for the Miss Riverbottom event.

Sec. 3 During the contest, the host club will offer free water to all.

Sec. 4 The host club of the contest will present a copy of the final tallied results to the IRBBA Board at the conclusion of the contest. The tally results shall be kept on record until the commencement of the following year's contest.

Sec. 5 Every participating Miss Riverbottom contestant must be an active, current member of his representing club as certified by membership application.

Sec. 6 All contestants competing in the contest must fill out the contestant entry form provided by the host club with the signature of the club Commodore or Vice Commodore verifying the contestant's membership status.

#### **ARTICLE XV-Alcohol Distribution**

There shall be a zero tolerance for the supply, distribution, or sale of alcohol by the Association at any function.

(Originally Adopted : November 19, 1989)

Adopted in its amended form this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ , by The Illinois River Basin Boating Association

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE - IRBBA SECRETARY

SIGNATURE - IRBBA COMMODORE

**STANDING RULES**  
**ILLINOIS RIVER BASIN BOATING ASSOCIATION**

**SECTION I: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business at membership meetings of the Club and/or Board shall be as follows; at a minimum:

Opening  
Roll Call of Officers  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of Membership  
Reading & Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Report of Officers (Treasurers Report)  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Announcements  
Adjournment

**SECTION 2: MISS RIVERBOTTOM RULES**

**CONTEST REQUIREMENTS**

1. The Miss Riverbottom contest shall be held the last full weekend in June.
2. The host club of Miss Riverbottom shall provide to all IRBBA Clubs, a “Riverbottom Informational Packet” which shall include:
  - a. Event location
  - b. Event time and dates
  - c. Contestant Registration
  - d. Contest rules,
  - e. Judges Score Sheets
  - f. Any lodging (if applicable)
  - g. Event agendas (if applicable)
  - h. Boat/camper/rv registration materials (if applicable)
  - i. Waivers (if applicable)

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The host club must have, or shall secure, insurance for the event. The host club must designate the Illinois River Basin Boating Association Bridge and Organization as an additional insured on their club insurance policy for the Miss Riverbottom event.



2. The host club is required to send a copy of the insurance policy to the IRBBA Commodore or Secretary no later than four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled event.

## **CONTEST RULES**

1. There will be a total of five (5) contest judges, consisting of a minimum of three (3) IRBBA Board members and the remaining neutral judges shall be selected by the host club.
2. Judges must wear neutral clothing, not representing any club.
3. The contest Master of Ceremonies shall not make any negative comments about the contestant, or in any way impair or enhance any contestant's performance.
4. Prior to the contest, the Master of Ceremonies, judges and contestants must attend a common rules meeting held by the host club. All involved parties must hear common language, expectations, questions, rules and an overview of the ballot.
5. A standard, points-based, judging ballot will be used for all contestant evaluations. The ballot shall be provided by the Association prior to the event.
6. Each contestant will be judged on five criteria:
  - a. Originality
  - b. Performance
  - c. Costume
  - d. Crowd Participation
  - e. Question and Answer
7. The swimsuit and talent portions of the event will be limited to three (3) minutes or less. The music for the swimsuit competition shall be supplied by the host club. Music for the talent competition shall be supplied by the contestant at the time of the contestant meeting on a separate form of data; i.e. cd or flash drive.
8. Post-talent contestant questions will be created by the host club for the contestant Q&A session.
9. After the talent portion of the event, contestants will be interviewed by the Master of Ceremonies and asked a question. The contestant's response will be assessed.
10. Nudity of the genitals or anus will be an automatic disqualification and the contestant will receive an immediate removal from the stage by a member of the host club.
11. Profanity or vulgarity will not be tolerated and will result in a mandatory deduction of points and possible disqualification from the event. Each situation will be handled on a case by case basis. A majority decision by the five judges will determine if the situation is a point deduction or disqualification.

12. Groping or grabbing of oneself or unladylike behavior will not be tolerated and will result in point deduction and or disqualification.

13. Escorts will not be allowed on stage unless pre-approved by the competition host club.

14. No one may approach the judges table, other than members of the host club, unless it is part of a participant's act and it has been pre-approved by the host club to allow one (1) person from the participant's club to approach.

15. The host club must provide a minimum of three awards, Third Place, Second Place and First Place.

## **SITE LOGISTICS**

1. A 10 foot by 25 foot zone in front of the stage will be roped off by the host club. This area can only be used by the contestant's club during the performance, and in no way shall impair the view from the judges table.

## **CONTEST FINALITY**

1. The winning Miss Riverbottom club will host Winter Games and Miss Riverbottom the following year.

2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Miss Riverbottom club will host Summerfest the following year.

3. If a tie is determined at the conclusion of the Miss Riverbottom contest, there will be a dance off between the involved contestants. The DJ will play one song while the contestants dance simultaneously on stage. The tie will be broken as the contestants try to improvise a moment on stage simultaneously as their opponent does the same. At the conclusion of the song, the judges must choose the winning order.

4. If a tie is determined for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Miss Riverbottom, a coin toss will be used. No ties can be allowed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place or 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

5. Should the winner of Miss Riverbottom decline hosting the event **under any circumstance**, that club will be required to notify the Association Bridge and Board Members as soon as possible. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place club will be identified as the event winner. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place club would then be awarded Summerfest.

6. Should the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place club of Miss Riverbottom be unable to host Summerfest, that club will be required to notify the Association Bridge and Board Members as soon as possible. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place club will be identified as the event winner. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place club would then be awarded Summerfest. A coin toss would be used if further confusion warranted a decision.

7. These rules must be followed to ensure the contest is impartial and free from conflict. Any and all decisions made by the IRBBA Board shall be considered final and non-disputable.

8. Miss Riverbottom Tally Sheets for **Swimsuit** and **Talent** portions of the contest are found in Attachment A of these Standing Rules.

### **SECTION 3: WINTER GAMES**

1. Winter Games shall be held the last full weekend in February.
2. The represented club contest winner will host Winter Games and Miss Riverbottom the following year.
3. Winter Games hospitality room judging will follow the Winter Games scoring sheet.

### **SECTION 4: SUMMERFEST**

1. Summerfest shall be held anytime between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, inclusive.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Miss Riverbottom club will host Summerfest the following year.

### **SECTION 5: IRBBA MARITIME AWARD CRITERIA**

1. Maritime Award Criteria to be determined (6/1/2015)

### **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A - Miss Riverbottom Contestant Registration

ATTACHMENT B - Miss Riverbottom Scoring Sheets (Swimsuit & Talent)

ATTACHMENT C –Winter Games Hospitality Room Score Sheets

# IRBBA Miss Riverbottom Contestant Registration

**Boat Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Real Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Stage Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1 - Swimsuit Introduction:**

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**Part 2 - Talent Introduction:**

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**Club Commodore or Vice Commodore**

**\* The above signature is verification of the competing club contestant's membership status**

**Please return completed form, along with  
Signed release waiver, no later than June 1**

**Club information here:**

**For questions, please contact:**

**Director information here:**

# MISS RIVERBOTTOM SCORE SHEET

Swimsuit Segment – 1<sup>st</sup> Round

Club:

Contestant:

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Judges: Score each contestant on a scale from 1-10 in each category below.

1- Really bad to 10- Outstanding.

SCORE

APPEARANCE

Is she the most beautiful thing you have ever seen or is she just thrown together?

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SCORE

TALENT

Did she pose, model and dance well with the music or just move around?

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SCORE

ENTHUSIASM

Does she look like she is genuinely having a great time or wishing she could crawl under a rock?

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SCORE

CROWD PARTICIPATION

Is she working the crowd and getting them involved or is she scared to death and keeping to herself?

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SCORE

VULGARITY

Groping, grabbing, unladylike behavior or using bad language is NOT ACCEPTABLE. **Deduct** 1-10 points accordingly.

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Total Score-Swimsuit

# MISS RIVERBOTTOM SCORE SHEET

*Talent Segment –2nd Round*

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contestant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Judges: Score each contestant on a scale from 1-10 in each category below.

1- Really bad to 10- Outstanding.

**SCORE**

**Costume**

Does the outfit she is wearing reflect her stage name, or general theme?

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**SCORE**

**Routine**

Is she entertaining? Can you tell she spent time practicing her song and dance routine?

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**SCORE**

**Crowd Participation**

This is her selected song. Is she motivating the crowd and getting audience participation?

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**SCORE**

**Interview**

Was it entertaining, witty or funny? Could you hear her response?

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**SCORE**

**Vulgarity**

This is not tolerated. **Deduct** 1-10 points accordingly.

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**Total Score-Talent**

# WINTER GAMES Hospitality Room Score Sheet

Grading Scale: 1 - 5 (1=POOR, 5=OUTSTANDING)		<b>Room #</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Room Decorations</b>	<b>Club Participation</b>	<b>Room Atmosphere</b>	<b>Total Score</b>
<b>Boat Club</b>			Does the room fit the chosen theme ?	Was there effort put in to the room or was it just thrown together ?	Are the majority of club members involved, Or just a few ?	Is everyone into the theme and having fun or just standing around ?	
Alton Motor Boat Club							
Detweiler Yacht Club							
East Peoria Boat Club							
East Port Boat Club							
H2O Boat Club							
Havana Boat Club							
Henry Yacht Club							
Holiday Harbor Boat Club							
Illinois Cruisers Yacht Club							
Ivy Club							
Joliet Yachting Club							
Naples Boat Club							
Pekin Boat Club							
Peoria Boat Club							
Shoreline Boat Club							
South Shore Boat Club							
Spring Valley Boat Club							
Starved Rock Yacht Club							
Temulac Boat Club							
Those Guys Boat Club							
Three Rivers Yacht Club							
TRN Club							
Twin Harbors Yacht Club							
Wharf Harbor							
Wide Waters Yacht Club							