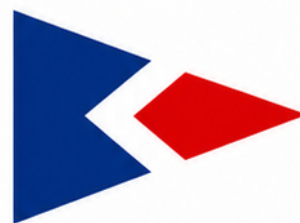




STARVED ROCK
YACHT CLUB



DIRECTORY
2026



ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER



Starved Rock Yacht Club

Where friends become family

Founded in 1934

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P.O. BOX 2346
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350

LOCATED ON – DEE BENNETT ROAD
WEST OF BUFFALO ROCK

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STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB HISTORY

The Starved Rock Yacht Club started in 1934 on a barge at the junction of the Illinois and Fox Rivers. It was formed by a group of local boaters to promote the idea of boating. The Club outgrew its barge location and moved to land east of the Hilliard Bridge. The original land location was a small building built on City owned land. It was expanded over the years by adding on several additional rooms to accommodate a growing membership. The Club maintained docks on the west side of the Fox River and on the north shore of the Illinois River. Later land was leased on the east bank of the Fox River. Dockage was installed on this side to satisfy the members' increasing need for larger docking space. For many years the Club organized an annual Labor Day Party which was a major function hosted for the Lake Michigan Yachting Association. Bull Island Lake was a swimming area leased by the Club for many years and used for a number of social and membership functions until it was sold in the mid 1980's.

The Veterans Memorial Bridge replaced the Hilliard Bridge and the club building was in the path of construction. The clubhouse had to be vacated in 1981. The entire west side dockage area was relocated to the east side of the Fox River. The Odd Fellows Hall on Court and Main Streets was used for meetings and parties. When the Veterans Memorial Bridge was finished, a site underneath the bridge was leased from the City of Ottawa for the construction of a new clubhouse. This building was completed in 1987 and was in operation until October 1988. The City lease was canceled by a court order and the clubhouse was moved to a barge. The dockage area was also lost. The old building foundation is still used by the City as a reviewing stand for river activities.

The Club continued to operate for several years at the former Down & Under Tavern. The owners of the tavern, Mr. Jerry Halterman & Mr. Daniel Reynolds, graciously allowed the membership to use their tavern as a temporary clubhouse while a search for new property began. The present location was found and purchased in November 1991 and cleared in early 1992. The building was then moved from the barge to the



current location. The clubhouse opened for operation in October 1992 with the finest view of the Illinois River and our club's namesake, Starved Rock State Park. Much work was still necessary with members developing the site, dredging the harbor, building and installing docks.

The club has gone full circle from the original start on a barge. The club moved to land only to be eventually forced back onto a barge before locating on our current property. There is one big difference. We now own the land and control our destiny!

Improvements continue to occur. A launch ramp with an eighty-foot dock was built by members. A ninety-foot gas dock with pump out station was constructed by members. In the spring of 2005, seven forty-foot slips and a one hundred fifty-foot guest dock were built. (D Dock) By 2012 seven new slips were added as well as four transient docks. By June 2005, a second bar opened in the downstairs. The basement was remodeled with a beautiful, handcrafted bar. The Board of Directors has an enclosed room for private discussions. All built by the volunteer efforts of our membership. Truly these are examples of the motto, Acta non Verba (Deeds not Words).

Several other projects have been completed including a berm around the dredge pit, a security gate, deck extension with a walk-in cooler, and playground for children. In 2008, a river wall was installed to protect our harbor and land from erosion. Many improvements occurred in 2009. New windows, sliding door, and siding were added to the clubhouse. In addition, the parking area was paved. Dock improvements have continued, and in 2014, we acquired additional equipment to improve our harbor and ensure dredging is under our control.

A series of record floods created great challenges between 2007 and 2009. Many private marinas and IRBBA clubs suffered severe damage. Favorably, with great diligence by the members, we prevailed with minimal loss. Our club is now better prepared for any future threats.

The Club is proud of the tradition of hosting the Ron Robb Special People Cruise. In February 2010, the membership approved the creation of SRYC Charities. This day of service to the community will now be conducted by SRYC Charities. It remains an endeavor that the majority of club members volunteer to participate in. Hosting a large Labor Day Weekend continues as the signature event at the Club. Participation from area boaters and IRBBA clubs makes this a great event. And, in June 2005, for the first time in history, the Club hosted the IRBBA Miss Riverbottom. Though the days were among the hottest of the entire summer, the competition went well with all having a great time. Our club hosted Miss Riverbottom a second time in 2009 and then again in 2014! Once again, the club's reputation was enhanced by hosting a successful event.

The Club is gratified with the accomplishments that have been made. It has taken much hard work and talent, and the work of all members has not and does not go unnoticed. The beauty of our facilities and the success of the club are evidence of the hard work and dedication over many years. We hope that the future continues to bring more potential and prosperity. Of course, we would never be successful at any of these endeavors if it were not for the support, dedication, and talents of our members. We respect the past families that have built the traditions of today but keep our vision towards the future centennial.

Working as a team, we will lower our debt and remain fiscally responsible. The future continues to bring more challenges as well as accomplishments. In 2034, as the one hundredth anniversary is celebrated, the membership will know our hard work was worth the sacrifices. With great pride, every member boat should fly the Club burgee.



February 17, 2017, is a day that our members will not forget. An EF- 3 tornado started its path of destruction just to the west of our harbor and moved through, causing damage to B, C, and D docks. Thankfully most boats were out of the water, and there was limited damage to the SRYC fleet. The membership once again came together to make needed repairs to the docks for another summer of boating. After further assessing the damage from the tornado, the membership voted to replace B and C Dock with new galvanized steel, and concrete-topped docks to last many years into the future. All hands were on deck to remove the old docks and start assembling the new docks in the fall after boats out. Shortly before haul-in 2018 the docks were completed and ready for the fleet to fill the harbor.

In 2018 and 2019, a few different variations for dredging were tried. We now have a system that is effective at removing the never-ending silt and maintaining clear passage in and out of our harbor. Following unsuccessful pile driving for the new dock spuds, the equipment to drill and anchor our docks was purchased and proved effective at anchoring and securing our docks. The construction of a veranda was completed, and we now have a large, shaded area for club events.

In 2020, we were greeted with the COVID pandemic, which changed the way we conducted business. With membership approval, we started to conduct meetings via Zoom outside under the veranda as weather permitted. As too many vacation destinations became limited and more people learned about our club, camaraderie and culture, SRYC saw a large membership increase, as other harbors were seeing a decrease long into the fall of 2021.

Starting in 2021 and into the year 2025 we installed a new pump-out system and buried it's 2000-gallon concrete holding tank. The pump-out/fuel dock system to replace the original aging system. This provided the capability to pump out from the gas dock and from the slips on B, C, and D dock. In the summer of 2021, we purchased a Marine Travelift and refurbished this equipment to restore to new quality to be able to launch watercraft as needed. The launch well was fabricated and in use in 2023 as another in house asset for controlling our own destiny. This was completed with multiple hours of members, the use of their talents and a tremendous amount of hard work. The first boat to launch with this new system in place was completed on April 20th, 2024.

SRYC- Where Friends Become Family

Revised - March 1, 1995 D. Smith

Revised - March 25, 2005, S. Robertson

Revised - April 20, 2009, S. Robertson

Revised - January 26, 2022, E. Jensen

Revised - March 24, 1999 J. Plotz

Revised - April 24, 2006, C. Bass

Revised - March 31, 2010, P. Feehan

Revised – May 7th, 2025, Scott Robertson

Revised - April 8, 2004, B. Sexton

Revised - April 23, 2008, C. Bass

Revised - March 16, 2015, S. Robertson



Mission and Core Values

SRYC is something special. Our view of the ever-changing river helps remind us to embrace each weekend and every season. The surrounding land, sculpted by glaciers thousands of years ago, symbolizes the permanence of our established and venerable organization. While not documented until recently, our Mission and Core Values have shaped the Club's culture for nearly 80 years. Our mission:

“To be one of the premier yacht clubs on the Illinois River and serve as a responsible and respected member of the Ottawa community.”

As a committed and enduring group of volunteer members, one core value stands above all: **Acta non Verba (Latin for: Deeds not Words).**

Other core values that guide the conduct and collective spirit of our membership are:

- A shared enjoyment of recreational boating
- A commitment to boating safety
- Respect for the natural environment of our club and marina
- Respect for the diverse talents and backgrounds of our members
- A commitment to family, friends and to each other
- A dedication to patronize and welcome our neighboring boat clubs

Commodores Past and Present

Fred S. Knowles*	1934	Robert W. Fulwider	1984-86
S. Liddleton*	1935	Paul Iwasiuk	1987
Strawn Trumbo*	1936	Jack Young	1988
R. D. Waggoner*	1937	Charles Nelson*	1989-90
A. S. Middleton*	1938	Jack Young	1991
Fred Geihler*	1939	Richard Taylor	1992-94
Howard Kammerer*	1940	Jack Young	1995-96
Roy Williams*	1941	Bernard Sexton	1997-2000
R. R. Nickerson*	1942	Jack Young	2001-02
Howard Kammerer*	1943	Terry Smith	2003-04
Richard Knott*	1944	Scott Robertson	2005
Fred Geihler*	1945	David Barton	2006-07
Earl Douvia*	1946	Scott Robertson	2008-09
Thomas D. Catlin*	1947	Patrick Feehan	2010-12
Oscar Peterson*	1948	Scott Robertson	2013-17
Geo. A. Stevenson*	1949	Eric Jensen	2018-24
Philip C. Gaul*	1950-51	Scott Robertson	2025-Present
John Call*	1952		
Burton Bagley*	1953		
William Purcell*	1954		
Charles F. Grover*	1955		
Philip J. Bailey*	1956		
Charles F. Grover*	1957		
Dr. H. E. Stewart*	1958		



Ralph Schwab*	1959
Herbert Toftoy*	1960
Charles L. Layne*	1961
Elmer Kosnick*	1962
Paul Martin*	1963
Arnold Murdock*	1964
Ralph Schwab*	1965
C. Kotsonis*	1966
Philip S. Ballard*	1967
Henry G. Koeing*	1968
Lloyd Ludwig*	1969-70
Stanley F. Small*	1971
Ernest L. Blessent*	1972
Duncan V. Peltier*	1973
Wendell L. Drake*	1974-76
Ernest L. Blessent*	1977-78
Wendell L. Drake*	1979-80
Robert G. Smith*	1981
Wendell L. Drake*	1982-83

*Deceased

Lifetime and Honorary Members

Lifetime Memberships

Terry Smith
Harry Starac
Robert Shanley

Honorary Memberships

Don Smith
Willis Noel
Daniel Reynolds
Craig Hansen
Dave Barton
Ed Pitstick
Jack Young

Courtesy Memberships

Shirley Harbeck
Mary Ann Oller

2026 Bridge

Commodore: Scott Robertson
Vice Commodore: Todd Conroy
Rear Commodore: Jay Mulholland



2026 Board of Directors

Ray Anderson
Dennis Bakalar
Dan Brown
Jack Dare
Ron Meyer
Dean Yerk

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2026 Commodore Committees & Appointments

Secretary: Tracey Jaegle
Treasurer: Phil Labak
Bylaws: Randy Bell
Communications: Jack Dare
Grievance: Patrick Feehan
Nominating: Ron Meyer
Finance & Audit: Karen Robertson
Safety: Jim Cinotti
Membership: Ernie Mitchell

2026 Vice-Commodore Committees

House: Deb Esler
Bar: Matt Burgwald
Work Hours: Gene Ewbank
Entertainment: Jake Lanham & Jim Cupples
Merchandise: Stacy Wilson

2026 Rear Commodore Committee Chairs

Grounds: Jason Herber
Docks: Dan Meyer
Harbor: Luigi Piccioli
Equipment: Adam Augustine



Gas Dock/Pump-out: Dave Summer

Fleet Captain: Mike Ivanauskas



S.R.Y.C. Charities is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization established by the membership of Starved Rock Yacht Club in Ottawa, Illinois. All Donations to the Charity are tax deductible.

SRYC Charities Leadership

SRYC Charities is governed by an elected Board of Directors and events are managed by volunteer Committee Chairs. We have no paid employees or consultants.

Executive Officers – Board

Jennifer Perich - President

Jennifer Gonda - Vice-President/Secretary

Karen Robertson - Treasurer

Patti Bakalar - Board Member

Robin Summer - Board Member

Community Outreach

SRYC Charities strives to give back to the community in several ways. Staying true to our mission “*to provide community outreach, education and recreation throughout the Illinois River Valley,*” we have our flagship annual community event, a grant program, and an Elementary STEM Trunk to support local teachers.

SRYC Charities provide community outreach, education and recreation throughout the Illinois River Valley by:

- Hosting the annual **Ron Robb Memorial Special People Cruise**
- Safely providing recreational opportunities to individuals with special needs
- Connecting individuals with nature
- Providing ecological education programs
- Cultivating environmental stewardship
- Supporting water conservation efforts
- Helping to protect natural resources

WEBSITE: www.starvedrockcharities.org



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STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

September 21, 1934

(Revised to include Amendments in January 1953, January 1967,
November 1967, December 1973, December 1978,
January 1985, May 1987, August 1990, September 1992, December 1994, January 1997, February 1997, April 1998, October 1999, January 2001,
January 2003, March 2004, March 25, 2005, April 2006, April 2007, April 2008, May 2009, October 2009, March 2012, December 2015, June 2017,
December 2017, April 2018, November 2018, March 2019)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB, of the CITY OF OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.

Section 2. The location of the Club shall be west of the City of Ottawa, Illinois.

Section 3. CORPORATE SEAL. A two-line circle one and three quarter inches in diameter enclosing "STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB OF OTTAWA, ILLINOIS" inside of which is a circle enclosing "ORGANIZED MARCH 1, 1934, INCORPORATED MARCH 19, 1934", with an outline of burgee in center.

Section 4. BURGEE. The burgee of the Club shall be a pointed flag. The length is to be one and one-half times the length of the hoist. The tip is to be red, and the hoist section is to be a blue burgee, three sections to be separated by a white strip whose width is equal to one tenth of the length of the sides. The center of the white strip is to originate at the centers of the sides and to extend toward the hoist in such a manner that they form an angle of 100 degrees where they meet.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objective for which it is formed is (a) to promote and forward all activities pertaining to water sports; (b) to promote sociability with the purpose of fostering close relations with fellow sportsmen; (c) to stimulate and encourage good moral and constructive entertainment; (d) to operate as a non-profit organization, not for pecuniary gain.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person, a resident of the State of Illinois, twenty-one years (21) of age or over, whose character and reputation prove to be satisfactory to the Board of Directors may become a member upon approval by said Board of Directors and elected by the members, and notification by the Secretary.

Section 1A. MEMBERSHIP AND ITS PRIVILEGES. Membership in this Yacht Club is conferred only on a person elected as a Member. SRYC does not discriminate on basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or



expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited.

All children and guests who use the facilities of the Starved Rock Yacht Club must be in the company of the Member who is responsible for them and their behavior.

A significant other of household as stated in the Club roster, shall have the same rights as an active Member, EXCEPT holding an elective office, or an interest in the property and assets of the Club.

Section 2. There shall be five classes of membership:

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| I. Active | III. Life |
| II. Associate | IV. Courtesy |
| III. Honorary | |

Section 3. ACTIVE. This shall be a Member in good standing, which at the time of admission is the sole owner of a boat, 14ft. in length or more or a Personal Watercraft. Only active members shall have any right or interest in the property of the club. An active member shall have all voting rights.

Section 3A. ASSOCIATE. Any Member who has been an Active Member for a period of at least two (2) years, and has ceased boating in this area and has a certificate of membership, may apply for this classification by written request to the Board of Directors. Upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, the person will then be considered an Associate Member. Associate members shall have No voting rights, no dock certificate rights, and require no work hours. Associate members will keep their membership certificate (property rights, i.e., keycard access to property and Clubhouse) while Active membership accrued points and required work hours are frozen, with no accruals of points or years of service as an Associate member. Associate members may apply for Active member re-classification by written request to the Board of Directors in any month throughout the year. Change in membership status from Associate back to Active can be requested in any month throughout the year with balance in dues and entertainment due for reinstatement. Associate Members accepted before 2018 are grandfathered underneath previous rules and rates. Only legacy Associate Members that still have their certificate of membership may apply for re-classification to Active Member by written request to the Board of Directors.

Section 3B. HONORARY. Shall be comprised of citizens of the United States who by their outstanding action of influence have made it possible for the STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB OF OTTAWA, ILLINOIS to promote better feeling of sportsmanship in the water sports. Upon unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors, they shall be proposed to the membership and upon unanimous vote of the members shall pay no dues or assessments. Honorary members shall have No voting rights, property rights or interest in the assets of the Club.

Section 3C. LIFE. Any active member reaching 50 years of service to the Club shall be issued a Life Membership card at the time annual dues are due for that said year. Said Life Member's dues, existing harbor fees, entertainment fees and special assessments will be waived, and the Certificate of Membership may be returned. Any living Life Member shall also be listed as an Active Member. Active membership fees, such as winter dockage on land or water, are still assessed according to Active Member status.

Section 3D. COURTESY. Any deceased active member's significant other of household may apply for this classification if the deceased has been an active member for at least two years. Request for this



classification may be made in writing to the Board of Directors. Upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, the person will then be considered a Courtesy member, and he or she can request the return of any appropriate Certificate monies according to the bylaws. Courtesy members shall have No voting rights, property rights or interest in the assets of the Club. This application would have to be received by the Board of Directors before the next docking year.

Section 4. All applications for membership in any class, except Life Member, shall be made in writing, endorsed by two members and approved by the Membership committee, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Termination of membership by resignation, death, expulsion, non-payment of dues and assessments or otherwise, shall operate as a release of all rights, title and interest in the property and assets of the Club.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine Active Members, three of whom shall be elected officers; Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, who shall serve one year each annually. The other six Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve two years each, three members other than elected officers to be elected each year. All Directors must be boat owners at the time of their election and have attended 50% of the meetings from August 1st of the preceding year through July 31st of the election year.

Section 1A. An Active Member who has ten years of continuous membership, but does not own a boat, may be eligible for elective office if meeting the attendance requirements.

Section 1B. The Immediate Past Commodore shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors for the year following service as Commodore.

Section 1C. Active member attendance at Membership Meetings is verified by signature of attendance in Membership Book.

Section 2. There shall be a Secretary and a Treasurer appointed by the Board of Directors. These offices may be held by one person.

Section 3. Any Officer or Director of the STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB may be removed from office by a three fourth (3/4) majority vote of the regular Members present at any annual, regular or special meeting at which the regular membership has been notified at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. Any Director may be removed from office by the vote of the other Members of the Board of Directors (a total of seven (7) for removal are required).

Any Officer or Director who may absent themselves from all meetings of the Board of Directors during three consecutive months, without an excuse satisfactory to the majority of the Board of Directors, shall be deemed to have resigned as an Officer of the Club.

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board for the balance of that term.



The duties, authorities and responsibilities of the Officers and Directors of the STARVED ROCK YACHT CLUB shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Club.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be a regular meeting of the Members of the Club on the second Sunday of the month, and special meetings as provided for in the Bylaws. Any changes in the above schedule must be approved by the membership.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Members for the election of officers shall be held at the first regular meeting during the month of October.

Section 3. Active member attendance at Membership Meetings is verified by signature of attendance in Membership Book or other suitable means.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be made by two thirds vote at any regular meeting of the members, provided the same has been proposed in writing and a written notice thereof emailed to SRYC members through the published Prop Wash at least ten days prior to the meeting. Said amendments shall be reviewed within sixty (60) days of the date received, by the Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors, and will receive a recommendation for or against, prior to submission to the membership. No amendment can come before the membership without the above recommendations.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The proposed Member shall sign the Application for Membership stating that they will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Starved Rock Yacht Club and any other conditions stated on the application. No application for membership shall be considered unless the application is accompanied by the dues, fees and assessments. The membership committee shall present prospective member to the board and membership. Upon presentation to board and membership, prospective member shall be published in Prop Wash for vote at next scheduled Membership meeting. The Board shall observe the time period between the presentation of prospective member at the Board Meeting and Membership meeting until the next scheduled Board Meeting to conduct a thorough character check and interview the prospective member and sponsors.

Two negative votes by the Board of Directors or a simple majority of the membership present shall declare the rejection of the application. The membership may request a vote by ballot.

(A). New Active Members accepted will be issued a certificate of membership upon payment of a \$2000.00 membership fee and such dues and assessments and fees as required of an active member. Method of payment will be determined by the Board of Directors.

1. All new Members will be in a probation period of one year and will be reviewed by the Review and Grievance Committee as stated in ARTICLE VIII, Section 10.



- (B). An active membership card will be issued upon payment of annual dues of \$450.00, any current assessments and an entertainment fee. The entertainment fee will be used at any of the parties conducted by the Club (except for the Commodore's Dinner). The amount of the entertainment fee will be established annually by the Board of Directors.
- (C). Annual dues, work hours, harbor fees, entertainment fees and assessments shall be paid by the January meeting and delinquent after January 31st. Any delinquency of harbor fees shall be subject to reassignment of dock in accordance to Dock Rules. Any delinquency in payment of Club Dues, assessments, fees or work hours shall be considered as forfeiture of membership by the Member on February 1st.
- (D). An Active Member shall be required to perform each six months a minimum of ten (10) hours of work for a total of twenty (20) hours annually of such work as the chairperson shall designate. Active members (serving current term) of the Board of Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and the 16 Major Committee Chairman, shall be exempt from annual work hour requirements. An active member must perform the above work hours during the first two (2) years or pay \$60.00 per hour; those failing to do so may automatically lose their membership. After the first two (2) years, in lieu of performance of said twenty hours of labor, an active member shall pay to the Treasurer for that portion of the unworked hours at the rate of \$40.00 per hour. The Treasurer will bill for unworked hours after each six-month period of the year. If in dispute, the member must notify the Board of Directors in writing, or appear in person, within thirty (30) days of the billing date.
- (E). One point per continuous year dues paid will be awarded to Active Member.

Section 2. The total active membership shall not exceed 135 Members.

Section 3. An Active Member shall be entitled to all privileges of the Clubhouse, grounds and Club facilities. Any Active Member who has maintained membership for FIFTEEN YEARS, inclusive of the current year, shall be exempt from the annual work requirements or the cash payment in lieu thereof.

(A) Other than authorized Club functions, the use of the Club or its facilities by any person or group of persons for reasons of profit is prohibited.

Section 4. All dues and assessments shall be waived during the period an Active Member is in the United States Military Services. This waiver shall continue in effect until the beginning of the next Club fiscal year after said Member's separation from said military service.

Section 5. An Active Member may propose their children for membership. The requirement of a boat is considered to be met if the Active Member has a boat, and all other requirements are in full force and effect. An Active Member may resign at the time their child becomes eligible and is accepted for membership.

Section 6. The Active MEMBER Certificate of Membership can only be returned to the Club for a refund of the then current fee for a Certificate of Membership issued prior to January 1, 2010. Active MEMBER Certificates of Membership issued on or after January 1, 2010 will be refundable only within the first year after the date of issuance. After the first year, and during the second year after issuance, one half of the initial fee will remain refundable. After the second year, the entire initial fee for membership certificates issued after January 1, 2010 will be non-refundable. In the case of a less than two-year Member, only that fee that was in force at the time of joining will be refunded. In the event of termination of membership by resignation, death, expulsion, non-payment of dues, assessments and fees or otherwise, the Certificate of Membership will be returned to the Club for refund. In the event of death, the provision of the beneficiary interest contained in the Certificate



of Membership will be followed. Forfeiture of Membership whether through resignation, misconduct, or otherwise, shall terminate the rights of all persons enjoying the privileges of the Club through the membership and act as a release of all the rights to title and interest of such member. Upon receipt of Certificate of Membership, the Board of Directors shall review and determine the appropriate redemption amount entitled to said member. No payments for refund shall be made until said member has removed all personal owned property from SRYC property. In the event the member has sold personal property to someone other than another Club member in good standing, and it remains on club property, no payment shall be made until said property is removed or payment is approved by the Board of Directors. Should the redemption of said Certificate prove insufficient to cover the Members indebtedness to the Club, the member shall be liable to the Club for any deficit remaining upon transfer of the aforesaid certificate. Partial payments made towards the purchase of Certificate will not be refunded unless approved by the Board of Directors. Such payment will be made as appropriate, but in no event later than one year from the next anniversary date of said Certificate.

Section 7. Entitlement to the redemption of certificates issued prior to January 1, 2010 as provided in Section 6 of Article I is and shall be the sole right and interest on the behalf of any member in and to the Club property, capital or assets. The making of such redemption payment as provided in Section 6 is and shall be the sole obligation and liability of the Club with respect to any Member.

Section 8. An Associate Member shall pay annual dues of \$150.00. \$150.00. Legacy Associate Members (Pre-2018) shall pay annual dues of \$15.00.

Section 9. All persons living in the residence of members and belonging to their immediate family, except children twenty-one years of age and over, not attending full time school or not in the United States Military Service, shall be entitled to the use of the Clubhouse and grounds. Said Member shall be responsible for the actions and conduct of said member of their family or household. All minor children must be accompanied by an adult.

Section 10. In the event of the death of an Active Member, the member's significant other of household would have first priority over the membership waiting list, of retaining the active membership of the deceased. If the significant other of household is accepted as a Member in accordance with the Bylaws, the significant other of household would retain points of the deceased and the boat slip, if one has been issued. The application would have to be received by the Board of Directors before the next docking year. This pertains to significant other of household's only.

Section 11. Active Member's documented Significant Other of Household shall represent an Active Member as proxy for Membership Meetings. Active Member's significant other of Household can represent membership as a qualified proxy to cast Active Member vote on club matters in absence of Active Member attendance at membership meeting.

Active Member significant other of Household must be identified in club roster for consideration as a proxy. Request and acceptance for adding or removing a significant other of Household must be submitted to the Board of Directors for acceptance and recording by Club Secretary in Board Minutes.

Section 12. Active Member may transfer Certificate of Membership to Active Member Significant Other of Household pending approval by both Board of Directors and Membership. Certificate of Membership transfer must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary. Certificate of Membership may be transferred from Active Member to Active Member Significant Other of Household every 24 months.



ARTICLE II. RESIGNATION, EXPULSION AND SUSPENSIONS

Section 1. Resignation must be made in writing to the Secretary and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors, after review of the reports submitted by the Review and Grievance Committee, as states in Article VIII, Section 10, may, by a two thirds (2/3) vote, censure or suspend or expel any member for conduct unbecoming to a sportsperson or implication in any occurrence detrimental to the good order, peace or welfare of the Club, or at variance with its Bylaws or rules, after a hearing of which ten (10) days' notice shall be given to the accused and at which time they may have an opportunity to defend themselves if they so desire.

Section 3. If any membership shall have lapsed, then the current Certificate of Membership, current dues, assessments and entertainment fee shall be paid for reinstatement, and they shall have lost all seniority rights. Such reinstatement must be recommended by the Board of Directors. Upon approval, a \$50.00 reinstatement fee will be due.

Section 4. In response to Federal and State requirements for a drug free environment and in keeping with the Starved Rock Yacht Club's concern for health and safety, the following Drug Free Policy has been instituted. The policy prohibits Members from engaging in any of the following activities:

1. The use or possession, or any manufacture distribution, dispensation or sale of an illegal substance on Club premises or while on Club business or when in Club supplied vehicles.
2. Storing in a locker, automobile, boat or any other repository on the Club premises any illegal substance whose use is unauthorized.
3. Being under the influence of a controlled substance such that it adversely affects the Individual's performance, their own or the safety of other Members of the Club's regard or reputation in the community.

Any Club Member who violates this Club policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the club.

ARTICLE III. ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Special assessments shall be levied only when the Board of Directors finds it indispensable. The amount of the assessment shall be decided by the Board of Directors and presented to the membership for a vote. Passage shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the active membership. All Members are to be notified ten days prior to the meeting date; any active member may vote by proxy. All special assessments shall continue until cancelled by the Board of Directors, who may designate the purpose of the assessment when confirmed by a simple majority at any general meeting.

ARTICLE IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETING

Section 1. The regular order of business may be changed by the Commodore to expedite the order of the meeting.



ROLL CALL
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
READING OF COMMUNICATION OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS
TREASURER'S REPORT
REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
ELECTION (only October meeting)
ADJOURNMENT

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings when not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Club.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Commodore or by the Board of Directors, or at the request, in writing, of ten or more voting Members of the Club in good standing.

Section 4. Ten (10) percent or more of the active members who are eligible to vote and who are in good standing at least one of whom shall be an elected Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Members of the Club. A majority vote cast in all matters shall carry, unless otherwise provided.

Section 5. Expenditure of the Club funds by Directors, other than operating and inventory expenses by Bar, Fuel, Merchandise, Entertainment, and Equipment Committees between Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) shall require a majority Board of Director approval. Expenditures in excess of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) shall require a majority of votes cast at a regular Membership meeting.

Section 6. All expenditures up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) require Committee Chair approval. Any expenditure shall be paid by check and all payments shall be supported by an invoice.

Section 7. In lieu of face-to-face meetings, SRYC allows for synchronous e-meetings (meetings where participants are gathered at the same time but not the same place), so long as telephone or web conferencing technology is available, allowing participants to have access to synchronous voice communications, with the ability to validate roll call and verbal vote.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three junior members of the Board of Directors and two active members. This committee is to be appointed by the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting and serve for one year. No Member of the Nominating Committee can be nominated for an elective office by the Nominating Committee, if that nominee was a member of the Committee after its first meeting.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more eligible Members of the Club for each office including that of the Directors to be filled at the annual elections and shall certify said nominations to the Secretary of the Club sixty 60 days prior to the election. At the same time, the Nominating Committee will provide the Secretary a list of members eligible for office. Such lists shall be posted immediately by the



Secretary on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. No member shall be nominated for any office without their consent.

Section 2A. Nominations of eligible Members may be made from the floor only at the September meeting. All nominations from the floor must be accepted by the nominees in writing to the Secretary, within seven (7) days following the September Membership Meeting prior to an election. Upon receipt of the letter of acceptance the Secretary shall officially record and include all such names on the official notice of nominations.

Section 2B. An Active Member who has not served on the Board of Directors or as Secretary or Treasurer for at least one full year cannot be eligible to run for the Commodore position.

Section 3. At any time prior to fourteen (14) days before the election, with the exception of the September meeting, any ten (10) Members may file with the Secretary, a nomination of other candidates for offices to be filled. Such nominations must be signed by the Members making the nomination. No Member may be nominated without their consent. This slate shall be considered the Independent Slate as opposed to the Nominating Committee Slate. The Secretary shall post all nominations on the Bulletin Board at least ten (10) days prior to the election and shall notify all Members of all candidates for office in the notice to members of the Regular Annual Meeting at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 5. The candidates for Board of Directors receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 6. All officers and directors elected in accordance with this article shall take office on January 1st following the election.

Section 7. An Active Member, in good standing, may request an absentee ballot for the October election of Officers and Directors if he or she is unable to attend the election. An absentee ballot must be requested directly by each member in good standing to the office of the Secretary and then presented to the secretary in a sealed envelope with the member's name on the outside of a second sealed envelope. The secretary will keep a record of members who voted by absentee ballot. Once an absentee ballot is received, said member may not change their mind and vote at the October meeting. The ballot, as always, will remain anonymous.

Section 8. A ballot shall be considered "spoiled" if incorrectly filled out. However, only the ballot portion (Bridge or Board) that is incorrect shall not be counted. If the Bridge portion is correct and the Board portion is incorrect, only the Board portion is considered spoiled and vice versa.

Section 9. An Active member must sign in to the Membership Book at the beginning of the Membership Meeting in order to participate in Club elections.

ARTICLE VI. VISITORS AND GUESTS

Section 1. On request of a Member in good standing, a visitor's card may be issued by the Secretary or Harbor Master to non-residents for a period not exceeding two weeks. Such Member shall be responsible for the conduct and payment of any charges incurred by the visitor.

Names and residences of such visitors shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.



Section 2. Any member of an affiliated yacht club shall be eligible for a visitor's card.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. (A). BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at times determined by them. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The Commodore shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors at any time. The Board of Directors shall have entire authority to control and manage the property, assets and affairs and business of the Club, make and publish rules for the conduct of the members when upon the premises, approve all bills and payment of all monies before the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay same, and execute all leases and agreements, except as herein before provided.

(B). It shall be their responsibility of the Board to assign dock space, as presented by the Dock Committee.

(C). The Starved Rock Yacht Club shall indemnify any and all persons against any and all expenses, judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlements, and other liabilities to the fullest extent permitted by such Act and may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, purchase and maintain insurance, at its expense to protect itself and such persons against any such expense, fine, amount paid in settlement or other liability, whether or not the Starved Rock Yacht Club would have the power to so indemnify such person.

Section 2. COMMODORE. The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors and shall be chief executive officer of the Club. In case of the Commodore's absence, the duties shall be performed by the Vice Commodore, and in case of the absence of both, the duties shall devolve upon the Rear Commodore.

Section 3. ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS. Shall be appointed by the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Vice Commodore shall assume all the duties of the Commodore when absent. The Rear Commodore shall assume the duties of the Vice Commodore when absent. The Rear Commodore shall be custodian of all trophies, awards, burgees and miscellaneous merchandise.

Section 4. SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice to all members of all meetings called by the Commodore as provided by the Bylaws, to notify members of their election, expulsion, suspension, or the acceptance of their resignation; to keep correct roll of all members, to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors. The record is to be the property of the Club. The Secretary shall have custody of all Club records and documents, except as otherwise prescribed by the BYLAWS. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Club. On any vote of the Board that is not unanimous, the secretary will record how each member of the Board voted by polling each Board member by name.

Section 5. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be Custodian of all Club funds and make disbursements of same only as prescribed in these BYLAWS.

Section 6. COMMODORE APPOINTMENTS. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to appoint a Fleet Captain and such positions, as required.



ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. There shall be sixteen major standing committees whose chairperson may be a Director of the Club.

COMMITTEES:

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| 1. Finance | 9. Review & Grievance |
| 2. Membership | 10. Equipment |
| 3. Entertainment | 11. Safety |
| 4. House | 12. Fleet Captain |
| 5. Dock | 13. Harbor |
| 6. Grounds | 14. Gas Dock |
| 7. Bar | 15. Communications & Media |
| 8. Bylaws | 16. Merchandise |

Section 1. FINANCE. The duties of this committee, with the assistance of the chairpersons of the various committees, shall be to prepare the budget for the Club for the year. They shall also audit the Treasurer's books annually. Finance committee shall be responsible to the Commodore.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP. The duties of this committee shall be to secure members for the Club, to interview all applicants, to pass on all applications and present recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the desirability of the applicant for membership. To gather track, and post work ours for membership. Responsible to the Commodore

Section 3. ENTERTAINMENT. The duties of this committee shall be to arrange for and manage such dances, dinners, smokers or other entertainment of a social nature as will, in their judgment, be enjoyed by the membership, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Entertainment committee shall be responsible for managing the Club's kitchen. A monthly report will be prepared in a format set forth by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors and the Treasurer before the normal Directors' meeting. They shall be responsible to the Vice Commodore.

Section 4. HOUSE COMMITTEE. Shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the Clubhouse, except the Refreshments or Bar Committee. They shall be responsible to the Vice Commodore.

Section 5. DOCK COMMITTEE. With the exception of assignment of the permanent & temporary docks, it shall be the duty of this committee to handle all matters pertaining to the docks, moorings and their upkeep. They shall be responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 6. GROUNDS. They shall see that all roads, parking areas, water lines, lights, flagpoles, walks, signs, grass and shrubbery are maintained. They shall be responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 7. BAR COMMITTEE. They shall handle all matters pertaining to refreshments as needed they may recommend pricing changes to the Board of Directors who has the final decision on all price changes. A monthly report will be prepared in a format set forth by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors and the Treasurer before the normal Directors' meeting. They shall be responsible to the Vice Commodore.



Section 8. BYLAWS COMMITTEE. They shall review the Constitution and Bylaws annually requesting input from the member via the Prop Wash. A recommendation shall be made at the annual meeting of all proposed ideas and recommendations to the membership. Any amendments will follow sections set forth for changes. The Constitution and Bylaws notwithstanding the above may be amended at any time. The Commodore will yearly appoint five (5) Members, at least two (2) of which should be from the prior committee. The Bylaws Committee is responsible to the Commodore.

Section 9. REVIEW AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. This committee will consist of the three (3) active members appointed by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of this committee to investigate any charges or complaints filed against another member. If any member shall be charged by any other member of the Club for conduct unbecoming to a sportsperson or implication in any occurrence detrimental to the good order, peace, or welfare of the Club, or at variance with its Bylaws or rules such charges are to be directed to the Review and Grievance Committee who shall make proper investigation. Should the situation remain unresolved upon conclusion of the investigation, the committee shall report its findings to the Board of Directors who may take such action as provided for in Article II, Section 2. If the grievance involves the significant other of household or family member of a Board or Bridge Member, Secretary, Treasurer, or Immediate Past Commodore, that person must recuse from said grievance prior to the committee reporting its findings. If the grievance involves a significant other of household or family member of a grievance committee member, that committee member must recuse from said grievance prior to the start of the investigation. It is further the responsibility of the committee to verify that minimum requirements for work hours, payments of fees and assessments and conduct have been met by new Members on probation. This committee shall be responsible to the Commodore.

Section 10. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE. The Equipment Committee is in charge of the Club's equipment, shed, and workboat. They shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of all mechanical equipment and systems throughout the Club's buildings and any associated power equipment outside of the buildings. Equipment Committee is responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 11. SAFETY COMMITTEE. The committee will review safety procedures and make recommendations to the Board, as well as maintain the safety and first aid equipment. Safety Committee is responsible to the Commodore.

Section 12. FLEET CAPTAIN. The Fleet Captain committee shall be responsible for organizing boating activities for Club. They shall be responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 13. HARBOR. The Harbor Committee manages the operations of the harbor; including harbor master duties as required, dredging, maintenance, and upkeep of the harbor. They shall be responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 14. GAS DOCK. The Gas Dock Committee manages all gas dock and pump out operations. A monthly report will be prepared in a format set forth by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors and the Treasurer before the normal Directors' meeting. They shall be responsible to the Rear Commodore.

Section 15. COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA. The Communications and Media Committee manages all Club communications activities and channels, print and digital, including the Prop Wash, Website, Social Media, Advertising, Directory, and Library. They shall be responsible to the Commodore.

Section 16. MERCHANDISE. The Merchandise Committee manages the purchase and sales of Club wearables, point of sale, trophies, awards, burgees and miscellaneous merchandise. A monthly report will be prepared in a format set forth by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors and the Treasurer before the normal Directors' meeting. They shall be responsible to the Vice Commodore.



ARTICLE IX. FUNDS

Section 1. Any elected Officer and Treasurer shall sign all checks, provided the Board of Directors have approved such action. Checks of less than \$5000.00 require only one signature. The elected Officers and Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Club.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will authorize yearly, the Treasurer to maintain a working cash level in the general bank account, with any excess funds applied to the bank line of credit. The Treasurer will also be authorized to execute withdrawals against the line of credit to maintain the authorized general account level.

ARTICLE X. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Section 1. In the event of dissolution, all assets then belonging to the Starved Rock Yacht Club shall be assigned to an organization which qualifies for tax exemption (under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended, and any rules and regulations promulgated there under, or such other Section of the Code by which exemption is granted as selected by the Board of Directors or other comparable body of the Club. If no such body exists or no selection is made, the assets of the Club shall be assigned to a qualifying not-for-profit charity.

ARTICLE XI. HARBOR & DOCKS

Section 1. DOCK CLASSIFICATION (L.O.A.)

- A. 30 ft. Dock – Boats up to 35 ft. long and 13 ft. beam
- B. 40 ft. Dock – Boats up to 45 ft. long and 15 ft. beam
- C. PWC Dock – PWC up to the PWC dock length.
- D. The Board may approve larger or smaller boats on an individual basis. The harbor fee for variances will be a fee which is appropriate for the boat size.

Determination of boat size is determined by boat title.

Section 2. DOCK ASSIGNMENT

(A) All docks are assigned to an Active Member based on seniority.

- a) One point per year harbor fee paid for PWC, 30ft or 40ft dock. Maximum of one point yearly, regardless of temporary or additional PWC docks.
- b) In the event of a tie (two Members having equal points and having joined the same month and year) the docks are awarded on the basis of a coin flip.

(B) Dock Certificate. A certificate is required for all new docks. The amount of certificates, commensurate of dock size, will be determined by the Board of Directors. The certificate is refundable when Club Member either leaves the Club or decides that a dock is no longer required. The Board of Directors retains the right to refund the certificate for non-payment of harbor fees or as a result of Article II of the Bylaws.

(C) Permanent Dock. A space is retained from year to year as long as the boat meets qualifications as to size for a particular area, the Member remains in good standing and pays the yearly harbor fee. The Member can retain his dock without active use, provided that the dock is made available.

- a) No subleasing allowed of dock by Members.

(D) Dock Openings

- a) All members shall be notified of permanent openings via the PROP WASH and by posting the opening on the Club bulletin board until the dock is assigned.
- b) An opening shall be declared if dock fees are unpaid by February 1st.
- c) All dock bids must be submitted to the dock chairman 7 (seven) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting.

Section 3. INSURANCE



- (A) No insurance is carried by SRYC on member owned boats or other property. Members shall assume all responsibility for insurance of personal property and will hold harmless Starved Rock Yacht Club against damage resulting from natural or accidental damage; including lift-in and lift-out of a member's watercraft, damages or incurred costs resulting from unstable ground, soil shifting, etc. The Club assumes no responsibility or liability for any items left in or around the member's watercraft or in any storage box.
- (B) The Starved Rock Yacht Club assumes no liability for the boats of its members. Members must provide proof of adequate insurance and liability limits by January 31st when Member annual dues and dockage fees are collected. Members who do not provide proof of adequate insurance and liability may be subject to surrender of their dock slip as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. VESSEL OPERATING CONDITION

- (A) All Vessels kept in the harbor must meet U.S.C.G. seaworthy requirements. The Board reserves the right to remove any vessel deemed unseaworthy or hazardous to other boats, members, or club premises at the owner's expense.

Article XII. MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. The Starved Rock Yacht Club believes in open communication and Members are encouraged to evangelize our Club and share your passion of boating. Whether Members do so by participating in a blog, wiki, SRYC Club Website, an online social media network or any other form of online publishing or discussion is completely up to the individual members. However, diverse means of communication are changing the way we communicate with each other as well as with others outside of the Club. In order to avoid potential problems or misunderstandings, the Club has provided guidance to Members operating as an identifiable Member of The Starved Rock Yacht Club.

- a) SRYC reserves the right to edit or amend any misleading or inaccurate content depicted in SRYC managed digital venues. SRYC also reserves the right to delete posts violating the code of conduct.
- b) Content pertaining to sensitive SRYC information should not be shared to the outside print or digital community. Divulging private and personal matters is strictly prohibited.
- c) SRYC values, respects, and upholds the intellectual property rights of its bloggers, posters and content contributors.
- d) Dishonorable content such as racial, ethnic, sexual, religious, and physical disability slurs are not tolerated.

Proper copyright and reference laws should be observed by members when posting online.

GENERAL RULES

1. All property of the Club offered for sale shall be posted for thirty (30) days and first offered to all Club Members.
2. The "Prop Wash" publication shall be used as the vehicle for all communications with the Members on a monthly basis, to inform membership of monthly meeting notes, chairman reports, highlights, with the right of editorial comments and interjection by editor chairman. Prop Wash will be sent via electronic mail as the preferred method. Members wishing to receive a U.S. postal service hard copy may send a dated letter annually on or before January 1st, to the office of Commodore requesting a hard copy at a price periodically established by the Board of Directors for printing and processing plus the corresponding monthly postage to mail. When approved for this method the prepaid non-refundable amount for this option will be prepaid by the requesting member for that year requested. The active board of members shall post the upcoming year's fee by Feb. of each year for the upcoming years printed / mail service.



3. Boat cribbage (stands, cradles, etc.) and boat trailers may be stored on the Club property by members who either winter dock (or store) or summer dock at the Club with identification of ownership of items. The Grounds Chairperson will designate the storage area.
4. All pets must be leashed and walked in an area approved by the Grounds Chairperson. People walking their pets on Club grounds are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of their pet's excrement. If you want to let your dog(s) run loose, the Board will grant permission for them to do so at the back gate, on the point, on a "per dog" basis. Please make your request to the Board.
5. Boat cradles and trailers, stored on Club property, are to be identified with the members name.
6. Unidentified property left on the grounds or in any buildings, other than as listed in #3 and #5 above, for more than 30 days will be considered abandoned by the owner, will be listed in the Prop Wash, and thereafter, will be disposed of by the Board without further notice.
7. Any violation of the State Non-Smoking Public Act 095-0017 which results in a fine or penalties to the Club. The individual(s) responsible for the fine or violation is now responsible to reimburse the Club for fines levied against the Club.
8. The amount of time candidates for Commodore, the Bridge and the Board will be allowed for their presentations to the Members are 5 minutes, 4 minutes and 3 minutes respectively.
9. All Starved Rock Yacht Club video cameras shall be used for security purposes only. The security videos shall only be viewed in the event of a theft, property damage, personal injury, or unauthorized trespass. Only the three BRIDGE OFFICERS and the bar chairperson shall be authorized to view the recordings if an infraction is suspected. Any other use of the club video cameras and recordings is strictly prohibited. In the event that the Bridge officers determine that a security infraction has occurred, the recordings shall then be shown to the person or persons directly or indirectly charged with the infraction, the board members, the Grievance Committee, and the police if the Board of Directors deems it appropriate.
10. Members planning major boat repairs are required to get approval and direction from the Board before work can commence.
11. A minimum thickness of 3/4" plywood is required under all stands and cribbing. Individual members will accept full responsibility for repairs to the blacktop, as determined by the Board of Directors, for any blacktop damage resulting from boat storage due to not following Board directions.
12. The SRYC Board of Directors will not consider the application of a prospective member that has been convicted of a felony drug charge, sexual assault, or abuse against children.
13. All members must fill out and turn in work hour slips within 14 days of completion of the work.
14. Any member that spends Club funds must turn in receipt with voucher within 72 hours. Voucher and receipt may be a paper copy or digitally transmitted to the Treasurer.
15. Pump Out / Dump Station use, is \$15 per pump out. As a paid in full dock renting member, you are allowed one dump vessel, included with harbor fees, if the use of a second vessel is needed, then normal



fees apply. A paid PWC rental is not included in harbor fees paid.

16. Effective January 1, 2026, a fee of \$250.00 will be assessed on any invoice that is 90 days old from the date of said invoice.
17. Effective 17 May 2026, there will be no charging of any electrical vehicle (EV) on the club grounds.

DOCK RULES

I. CLASSIFICATION

1. Members' dockage width is limited to one half (1/2) the common wall space width of the assigned slip, with a 20 ft. maximum beam on the end dock slips.

II. ASSIGNMENT OF DOCKS

A. Dock Certificate.

1. Effective September 1st.2018 New Dock Certificates will have a Value of \$0.00. Members with Dock Certificates issued before a date of 09/01/2018 will retain their original dollar value. A certificate is required for all new dock(s) in the amount of \$900.00 for a 30-foot slip, and \$1,100.00 for a 40-foot slip all with power and water. The certificate is refundable in the same manner as a membership when the member either leaves the Club or decides that a dock is no longer required. The Board of Directors retains the right to refund the certificate for non-payment of harbor fees or as a result of Article II of the Bylaws.
2. Effective June 2003: multiple Dock Certificates will not be issued to any one member. Effective January 2020: Up to two PWC Docks may be issued to any one active member. Effective June 2021: Assignment beyond 2 PWC Docks will be approved at board discretion.
3. Applications of Dock Certificates shall have priority over multiple dock requests regardless of seniority, and any multiple dock requests will be a temporary assignment for one year without a Dock Certificate if the Board of Directors determines that sufficient docks are available for that year. Temporary/secondary docks remain open for bidding for primary dock bidders. This rule excludes PWC Docks up to two docks per active member. Beyond two PWC Docks, temporary assignment rules aforementioned apply.
- 3A. Temporary Second Dock Rule
 - 1 Must already have a dock certificate
 - 2 30' Dock Rate without power or water will be \$500.00
 - 3 30' Dock Rate with power and water will be \$700.00
 - 4 PWC Dock – PWC Harbor Fee applies (III. Harbor Fees, Section B, Sub-Section 3).
4. Effective July 2025, for any member bidding on a permanent primary dock after August 1 of any boating season year, the dock fees will be 50% of the regular season's fees that apply for the balance of that summer season.



B. Insurance:

1. Member must provide proof of adequate and Liability Limits of \$500,000 per Watercraft to Starved Rock Yacht Club. If the declaration of insurance is not on file on or before the annual expiration date you will not be able to bid on an open dock. If the declaration of insurance is expired from the annual renewal date to the time of bidding for a new dock a certificate update is expected to be presented to the office of secretary/Treasurer for dock assignment to be awarded. A member holding dock certificate without any watercraft to occupy the dock would be exempt from the certification of insurance requirement.

C. Openings:

1. A Member is required to notify the Dock Committee when his space is to be vacant, either on a temporary or permanent basis. The Club retains the right to rent the dock or temporarily reassign the dock.
2. When new docks are added, the assignments will be made based upon the seniority point system.

D. Reassignment:

1. Any member desiring an open space must present a written request to the Board. Reassignment applies to an unused dock leased by another member. The Board must consider all floaters in the assignment of the open space.
2. Member with the highest seniority has first choice.
3. Agreements between dock owners can be allowed with the approval of the Dock Committee and Board of Directors.
4. The Board of Directors may reassign dock to resolve all conflicts.
5. If dock vacancies result from dock assignments, the available docks will be advertised in the Prop Wash each month until all docks are filled or all requests satisfied.

E. Conflict on Boat Size:

1. In determining which area a boat is to be assigned, if a conflict exists between length and beam, the beam will be considered first.
2. Overall length and beam will be determined by the actual measurement by the Harbor Master.

F. Maintenance and operating conditions:

1. No discharging overboard of any oils, inflammables, human waste of any kind, or any other substances, which are deemed pollutants, under State or Federal Laws. Failure to comply with any of these rules may be subject to surrendering of your dock slip as determined by the Board of Directors and upon the First Offense.



2. Starved Rock Yacht Club has a requirement that all boats be maintained in a safe, clean and operational condition for the purpose of navigating the Illinois River. Boats should be free of safety concerns, offensive odors, and other issues that impede the safety of the harbor. The Board of Directors has the right to request permission of a boat owner to board a vessel for inspection. All vessels docked at SRYC shall be capable of starting and getting underway within one (1) hour of notice from the Board of Directors. Boat owners unable to meet this requirement will be given thirty (30) days to make necessary repairs. Boat owners may petition the Board of Directors for an extension of time by providing a request in writing. Each situation will be handled by the Board of Directors on an individual basis. Boat owners refusing compliance may be subject to surrendering their dock.

III. HARBOR FEES

- A. Harbor fee must be paid by February 1st or it will be considered vacant.
- B. Harbor and other fees are determined annually by the Board of Directors and published to the membership. The harbor fees are set as follows:

1. 30 ft. Docks: \$900.00
2. 40 ft. Docks: \$1,100.00
3. PWC Docks: \$250.00

Additional harbor fee will be required for approved dock variances.

The above includes electric, one (1) 30 amp electric outlet, and water. Any Additional Amperage or Additional 30 amp outlet is an extra fee of \$100.00 annually.

A member may request board approval to change one or both 30 amp outlets and breakers to 50 amp. All costs incurred to change from a 30 amp to 50 amp outlet and breaker will be at the cost of the member requesting the change. If the request is approved by the board, the member must upgrade both the breaker and outlet not just the outlet. The member must also agree to re-install the 30 amp outlets and breakers in the pedestal before receiving a refund for the dock certificate upon giving up the dock.

- C. Non-dock renting Members will pay \$5.00 per night for dockage for Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. The boat must be removed by sunset the following day. Weekday rental is the same as for visitors. Reservations with the Harbor Master are required.
- D. Visitors: This applies to all overnight visitors regardless of size. The rate is \$1.00 per foot with a minimum charge of \$20.00. A visitor's card and a copy of the rules will be issued and must be displayed on the boat.
- E. Ramp Fees: Non-dock renting members and guest will pay \$5.00 per launch. A member may pay \$50.00 for a season pass. A permit card will be displayed. A dock renting member may use the ramp free. All trailers used to launch boats will be parked in an area designated by the Harbor Master.
- F. Dock renting members who moor or dock a second vessel in a location outside their designated slip or well will pay a \$0.50 a foot per day fee on weekdays (Monday through Thursday). These charges are waived for weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), holidays and club events.
- G. Dock Renting Members with a trailer may store their empty trailer on Club Property for free, as long as trailer is stored out on club point. Trailers that are stored on the graveled areas will be considered as Summer Storage and will be charged same as "Current Summer Storage Fees". Empty PWC trailers shall be stored on the east side of the road leading to the point.



- H. Nightly RV fees to be \$25 per day.
- I. For any member with a primary dock request approved after August 1st, the dock fee will be prorated at half the annual fee. This does not include PWC docks. All the other fees remain unchanged.

IV. R.V. / MOTORHOME

- A. Existing reciprocal agreements (IRBBA reciprocating participants). Pertaining to no cost visitation by SRYC membership equally will be extended to Motorhome and RV vehicles during club parties or special SRYC functions scheduled. This is to include power and water supplies as available safely on grounds to our visitors. Non power or water temporary visitors will as well be accommodated as room permits. These vehicles will be removed by end of day at completion of the events. Harbor Master holds the right to designate areas where vehicles will be parked, based on reservations in advance.
- B. Harbormaster will in some cases have to designate non-normal property space or areas on SRYC property to accommodate or restrict certain areas for these needs.

V. DOCK RULES

- A. Winter storage fees are to be paid to Starved Rock Yacht Club for on land or in-water storage as set annually by the Board of Directors. All charges are payable in full before the watercraft is hauled out for the on land storage. Any member's watercraft that is to remain as in-water storage will be required to pay the in-water storage fees on the date the Board has established for haul out onto land storage. The date for haul out will be established by the Board. Members may be required to have their boat(s) removed from the Club harbor and or property if all storage and lift fees are not paid by the date of the haul out. The Club reserves the right to have the boat(s) removed at the owner's expense.

Current Winter Storage Fees

Lift Fees: Lift Fees: Haul-in and haul-out will be \$200 fee per roundtrip use in or out. Travelift use will be coordinated by the Rear Commodore.

Dry Dock, In-Water, and Trailered Boats PWC: \$15.00 per foot of watercraft length.

When a membership is not renewed for the following year the member rates will not apply. The rates charged by the Club per foot will apply as a charge against the membership certificate. If no refund is due on the membership certificate, the member agrees to pay any storage fees owed to Starved Rock Yacht Club. The Club reserves the right to seek legal remedies for payment. The boat must be removed from club property immediately after launching, Normal visitor dockage rates will apply if the boat owner is accepted as a guest.

- B. Storage Rules:
 - a. The member must be present or have someone appointed to represent the member at both the launch and haul out. The member or their representative is responsible for the correct placement of hoist slings, stands, and cribbing. The Club assumes no responsibility or liability for damage resulting from incorrectly placed slings. The boat will not be hauled out if the member or someone representing the member is not present.
 - b. The member will provide and is responsible for blocks, stands, cradles or other suitable material to store the watercraft. These items can be stored when not in use at SRYC in a designated location, these areas are controlled by grounds chairman. The Club has no nor assumes any responsibility or liability for these materials.
 - c. All watercraft will be placed and located for storage at the discretion of the Board.



- d. All watercraft will be properly winterized. No light bulbs, heaters, or related devices may be used in the boat's engine compartment (s). Use of heat lamps is strictly prohibited. A member may heat their boat with appropriate UL Listed heaters while staying on board or working on the boat.
- e. Any boat stored in water may have at least one working bubbler (aerator). A Fee of \$100 per bubbler will be charged. The bubbler (aerator) equipment must have a thermostat set at no greater than twenty-five (25) degrees Fahrenheit. Only one (1) thirty amp electric plug will be allowed to supply the bubbler (aerator) with power.
- f. No work shall be permitted on any boat until haul out has been completed. This rule includes work by family, members, friends, or hired workers.

C. Winter Electric Policy:

- 1. A member storing a boat on land may use electricity if staying on board or working on the boat. Only one (1) plug per boat is allowed to supply the boat with power for the battery chargers, heat, and bilge pumps.
- 2. Members that are storing in-water and require fifty (50) amp service or a second thirty (30) amp must petition the Board in writing. Anyone in winter storage with 2/120 electric service will be charged \$250.00. Each petition will be on a case by case basis. The Board reserves the right to decline the petition.
- 3. All boats must be plugged into appropriate sized breaker protected outlets. No boat owner will hard wire into a pedestal. If a violation occurs the boat may be unplugged, and the Board reserves the right to levy a charge of \$300.00.

D. Penalties:

- 1. Any member found non-compliant with any section may be required to remove the watercraft from the harbor, surrender their dock certificate, up to and including loss of membership. Any expenses incurred by the Club due to noncompliance by a member will be billed and owed. All monies will be owed to the Club by the member. If a membership is revoked or the member resigns the money owed will be withheld as a charge up to the full reimbursement of the membership certificate, if any reimbursement is available. Any expense incurred above and beyond any potential membership reimbursement, SRYC or any party representing SRYC, reserve the right to seek legal remedies to secure such payment.

E. Summer Storage Fees:

Any Watercraft Stored on trailer will be charged Summer Storage Fees – All members using the Club property for summer watercraft storage will be required to pay a fee. This paid fee will entitle the member the use of the ramp privileges at no extra charge to them. Members storing watercraft shall notify the Dock Chairperson using the same process as bidding on an open slip (Article XI, Section 2, Item D, sub c) for storage in the east parking area. Upon acceptance of bid and payment of storage fees, member shall be issued an annual sticker. All trailers shall be identified with member's name. Summer storage fees shall cover storage from April 1st to October 31st.

Current Summer Storage Fees

Watercraft on Trailer: 0-13 feet in Length = \$150.00
 Watercraft on Trailer: 14-21 feet in Length = \$200.00
 Watercraft on Trailer: 22-45 feet in Length = \$250.00

- F. Effective 17 May 2026, there will be no live-aboards unless prior approval by the Bridge and Board of Directors.



VI. RESTRICTIONS

- A. No riding of bicycles or motorbikes on docks.
- B. No carpeting on docks.
- C. No open flame fires or charcoal grills used on docks or boats.
- D. No discharging of heads, holding tanks, waste or garbage into the harbor.
- E. No dock boxes or other additions to docks without the approval of the Dock Chairman and upon review by the Board of Directors.
- F. Children under 13 years old must wear a life vest while on the docks.
- G. Children less than eight (8) years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- H. Dock carts are to be promptly returned to shore when not in use. The dock carts are not to be used to haul petroleum products.
- I. Power cords are to be disconnected at the pedestal when the boat leaves the dock.
- J. No items will be left on the dock walkways or dock fingers.
- K. Members will not be allowed to run boat heat or air conditioners unless staying on their boat.
- L. No fueling shall be completed, except at the gas dock.
- M. Members will not be allowed to run boat heat or air conditioners unless staying on their boat. Members must notify Rear Commodore if using dehumidifiers on their boat during the week.

VII. SPECIAL RULES

- A. The Harbor Master shall act as the general authority for all information relative to the use, abuse and maintenance of the docks and dockside facilities.
- B. No modifications or handrails can be made to the docks without the approval of the Dock Chairman. If the member changes his dock, fails to renew or otherwise does not retain the dock, the addition must be removed unless approved by the Chairman to be retained.
- C. All dock owners are responsible for the general area immediately in front of and to the side of their respective docks. This includes all power cords, water hoses, lines, etc.
- D. Any disputes that can't be settled between the Dock Chairman or the Harbor Master and the Member, will be settled by both parties appearing before the Board of Directors.
- E. The Grounds Chairman must approve all picnic tables, flower boxes, etc., installed by Dockers.



- F. Assigning of winter storage in-water docking to be approved by the Dock Chairman.
- G. Effective May 1, 2006, no member shall use an antifreeze product containing ethylene glycol within their boat unless used in a closed cooling system.
- H. Any club member requesting to be towed or requesting the use of the club boat will accept full responsibility for any damage to the club boat, his or her boat or any other boat in the harbor.

BAR RULES

- 1. Hours of Operation: Monday thru Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

NO ONE UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) SHALL BE SERVED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. BARTENDER HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE

NO MINORS ALLOWED WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION AND NONE ALLOWED AFTER MIDNIGHT

THE BUILDING MUST BE EXITED BY THE ABOVE TIMES AS IT PERTAINS TO USE AS A BAR AND SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

- 2. Clean Up. Leave the bar clean by washing glasses and cleaning the bar area. We do not have a janitor to clean the bar or the clubhouse.
- 3. Minors may be seated at the bar only when accompanied by an adult.
- 4. A Member is responsible for their guests at all times. No pets are allowed in the clubhouse. Only members, significant others, and hired bartenders are allowed behind the bar.
- 5. Events. A signed request must be made by a member to the Bridge & Board of Directors for use of the building for an event or meeting. The Bar Chairperson must be informed at least one week in advance if a bartender is required for an event. Any non-member bartender must have the approval of the bar chairperson or the Board of Directors. Clubhouse reservations do not prohibit members from using the club facilities.
- 6. All bartenders must learn to use the cash register.
- 7. Bartenders may keep their tips, unless accruing work hours.
- 8. Club Event Prices. Price increases, as set by the Bridge and Board, will go into effect one half (1/2) hour before scheduled event time. If paper products are used (plates, napkins, plastic spoons, etc.), they are to be replaced or an additional fee shall be imposed.
- 9. Member Event. Clubhouse reservations shall be for club members and their extended family. The term extended family is defined as significant other, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter. All other house reservations will be considered a non-member event. A deposit will be required for all member events as follows:



25-50 people, \$35.00 / 50-100, \$50.00 / 100+, \$100.00

The deposit will be refunded if the building and grounds are left clean and the bar is restocked.

10. Non-Member Events. Must be sponsored by a Member. All bar pricing and house fees to be set by the board of directors. A non-refundable setup fee is required as follows:

25-50 people, \$50.00 / 50-100, \$100 / 100+, TBD

11. Outside Alcohol. No beer kegs or outside alcohol will be allowed to be brought into bar areas, unless approved by Bar Chairmen.

GAS DOCK RULES

NO PUBLIC USE WILL BE PERMITTED—without a member's presence.

1. Normal operation will be during daylight hours unless approved by a Member of the Bridge, Board or the Gas Dock Chairperson.
2. All active Members in good standing will be allowed use of the gas dock pump.
3. Current acceptable methods of payment will be cash, check, from an active Member, payable immediately with Gallons and dollar recorded for the current price posted in the clubhouse, receipt to be entered into the GAS BOOK and gallons used with calculated pricing.
4. Payment is due upon completion of the filing. Using the Gas Dock Record Book, record the date, member name, and gallons pumped, and total dollar amount. Payment with a gas receipt copy is then placed in an envelope, marked gas, and deposited in the safe while recording in the gas drop books.
5. An Active Member may pump gas for a guest or acquaintance. The Club member is responsible for dispensing, payment and proper recording of the transaction, at the published Club price.
6. The Gas Dock Chairman will be in charge of the operation including inventory, finance and monthly reports presented to Rear Commodore for board presentation.
7. A Gas Dock Record Book and monthly reports will be maintained as records.
8. The Bridge and/or Board members, along with the Gas Chairman, will set fuel prices at the supplier's invoice plus an additional markup of .30 to .35 cents. To ensure clarity and consistency, all final fuel prices presented to members will end in either a zero or a five.



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