

# CONSTITUTION, CORE VALUES, AND TRADITIONS OF KELOWNA YACHT CLUB

## Section 1: CONSTITUTION

### Constitution

The purposes of the Society are:

1. The name of the Society is “Kelowna Yacht Club”
2. The objects of the Society are:
  - a. The development and encouragement of boating;
  - b. To construct and/or maintain boat stalls, breakwater, shelter facilities, storage quarters, club houses and other buildings or facilities;
  - c. To hold or stage regattas, races, dances and other forms of sport or entertainment;
  - d. To promote boating safety and education on Lake Okanagan, British Columbia; and
  - e. To do all things that are conducive to the purposes of the Society in promoting the betterment and the enjoyment of pleasure boating on Lake Okanagan, British Columbia, for the benefit of all those persons who desire to subscribe to this purpose.

This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.

A copy of our Constitution can be [found here](#).

## Section 2: CORE VALUES

### Core Values

A lot has changed since 1945, but our core values remain the same. At the Kelowna Yacht Club, we are all about embracing the Lake Lifestyle. Our Core Values are:

- Enhancing the Member Experience by offering innovative events, amenities and, services to our members.
- Creating a robust volunteer experience both in the Club and in our Community.
- Preserving Sustainability by implementing risk management initiatives and ensuring environmental growth and success.

- Upholding our constitution of being Stewards of the Lake and encouraging safe boating on Okanagan Lake.

## **Section 3: TRADITIONS OF THE CLUB**

### **Traditions**

As Canada's largest freshwater marina, the Kelowna Yacht Club is so much more than an outstanding marina home to over 1,000 boat slips. With roots dating back decades, we have become a community fixture that extends well beyond boating and socializing. We are a non-profit organization that is very involved in a range of activities that help our community thrive. The Club prides itself in being "Rich in history. Embracing the future." Club traditions come in many forms including the ones below.

#### **1. Events.**

The Club holds many traditional events throughout the year including but not limited to; Wassail, the Kelowna Boat Show, Sail Past, Commodores Ball, Canada Day, Invasion, Blind Fishing Derby, Children's Christmas Party, Member Christmas Party, New Member Orientation, Blossom Time Regatta, and the Commodore's Cup.

#### **2. Sailpast.**

This is the Commodore's review of the Power and Sail fleets. Sailpast dates back over 200 years to the world's oldest Yacht Club in Cork, Ireland. We continue to celebrate our history with the naval tradition of Sailpast which continues to be accomplished by the fleet passing in front of the Commodore's flagship; giving and receiving a salute from the Commodore.

Our long-standing tradition is that it is customary to send a note to the Commodore if a Member is unable to attend with their regrets.

#### **3. Past Commodore's Cups.**

Each Past Commodore is presented with a silver cup at the end of their term. This cup is for the exclusive use of that Member while they are a member of the Club.

#### **4. Ringing the Bell in the Member Lounge.**

Ringing the bell in the Member Lounge is an offer to buy a round of drinks for everyone present. This is an old naval tradition.

#### **5. Legacy Fund.**

The Legacy Fund provides an exciting opportunity for members to participate in celebrating the Club and enhancing its future. Funds support the acquisition and display

of historic Kelowna Yacht Club memorabilia, art, furniture, and commemorative displays for our members and the public's enjoyment and to enhance the ambiance of the clubhouse.

**6. Club Burgee.**

Each Club has its own unique burgee which represents being a member of that Club. The Kelowna Yacht Club burgee is a triangular-shaped flag in gold, black, and red. It is flown from the second position of authority after the national flag although, neither ensigns nor burgees should be flown while racing. When visiting other Clubs or sailing around the lake, Members should display their Club burgee to identify that they are a Member of the Kelowna Yacht Club.

Around the Club, you will find many burgees that have been provided to the Club through an official burgee exchange when one of our members visits another club or when one of their members visits our Club.

**7. Member Access.**

The clubhouse, including the lower atrium, washrooms, and showers is open to members 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**8. Men without Hats.**

Gentlemen are requested to remove their hats upon entering the Member Lounge in respect of fallen sailors. If asked to remove your hat and you do not comply, it's tradition to purchase a round of drinks for those in house. Gentlemen are permitted to wear hats while on the patio.

**9. Children.**

This is a family club and children, under parental supervision, are welcome in all areas of the Club.

**10. Commodore's Punch Bowl.**

The Commodore's Punch Bowl was presented by Les Orsi on October 2, 1971, at the 25th Anniversary celebration on behalf of all Past Commodores. The punch bowl is used every year at Wassail.

**11. Member Table.**

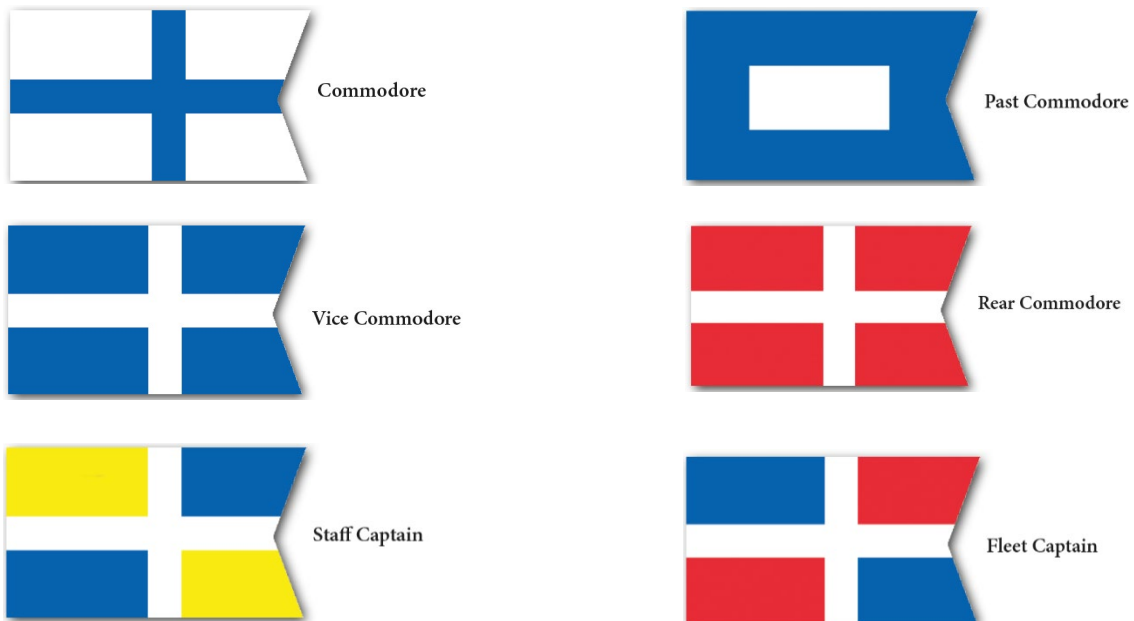
The Member Table is a round ship's wheel table, which is an 'open table' where members are welcome to join other members at any time. The table is a good way to meet other members on a casual basis.

## 12. Community Involvement.

As part of our commitment to helping people learn and grow, we actively contribute to our community. Some of our community initiatives include a fishing derby for the visually impaired, maintaining moorage buoys for the boating community's usage as well as moorage for Adaptive Sailing Association and the City's fire and rescue boats.

## 13. Flag Officer Flags.

The Club has six (6) Flag Officers and they each have their own identification flag. The Flag Officers of the Club are the Commodore, Past Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Power Fleet Captain and, Staff Fleet Captain. When a flag officer is on board a vessel, the appropriate flag is flown unless participating in a race. If you see one of these flags being flown on a vessel, you know who she is carrying.



## 14. Flag Protocol.

When a Club Member passes away, if notified before the service, the Club will lower the Flags in the deceased Member's honour. The Club also lowers their flags in accordance with the Province of British Columbia Flag Protocol, and under the direction of the Executive Director and/or Commodore