



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB (as amended DECEMBER 2004)**

### **ARTICLE I.**

The Club shall be known as the KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB.

### **ARTICLE II.**

The object of the Club shall be to promote the sports of yacht racing, cruising, fishing, motor boating, and other marine activities, and to afford its members opportunities for participation in these activities. *In no way shall the Club's activities seek to deprive individuals of their civil rights, nor shall the Club propagate extremist activities or advocate violence against others or the violent overthrow of the government of the United States.*

### **ARTICLE III.**

Any resident of USAKA, at least fifteen years of age, who professes an interest in sailing, motoring, fishing, or other similar water sport, and who is willing to actively support the spirit and purpose of the Club, may be accepted as a member.

### **ARTICLE IV.**

The elected officers of the Kwajalein Yacht Club shall be:

Commodore  
Vice-Commodore  
Yeoman  
Purser  
Quartermaster

These officers shall constitute the Executive Board, the governing body of the Club.

Commodore – The Commodore is the executive officer and shall preside over all meetings of the Club. He/she shall be responsible for the enforcement *the constitution and by-laws* of the Club.

Vice-Commodore – The vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore and in his/her absence, shall officiate in his/her stead.

Yeoman – the Yeoman shall take the minutes of Club and Executive Board meetings and prepare and maintain all Club correspondence.



Purser – The Purser shall be responsible for *maintaining* all financial records and transactions of the Club.

Quartermaster – The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the physical assets of the Club.

*The by-laws of the Club may specify additional duties of officers as becomes necessary.*

#### **ARTICLE V.**

The officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall assume office on 1 January for a one-year term. The election shall be by a simple majority of the members voting.

#### **ARTICLE VI.**

A checking account shall be maintained at *a locally situated bank of a majority of the members' choosing* for the retention of such funds as may be received from dues, fees, and other sources. The use of *such funds* shall be as the needs of the Club dictate. All expenditures of Club funds shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Purser and one other member of the Executive Board. No liability shall be incurred nor any expenditure made in excess of the liquid cash assets on hand. *All applicable laws and regulations shall be met as they pertain to Club financial activities. In no case shall liability for debts of, or claims against the club be extended to individual members.*

At the time of each election or re-election of a Purser, but at least annually, an audit shall be conducted of all financial transactions of the Club since the date of the completion of the last audit. *The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable USAKA regulation governing Private Organizations at USAKA. A report of all audits shall be made available to the membership and forwarded to USAKA as required.*

In case of dissolution of the Kwajalein Yacht Club, the monies and property of the Club shall be turned over to the Commanding Officer, USAKA, for donation to the Army Emergency Relief Fund

#### **ARTICLE VII.**

The constitution may be amended as the membership of the Club deems necessary. An amendment must be proposed by a Regular member at a Regular or Special meeting and shall then be voted on at the next Regular meeting. It must be passed by two-thirds of the Regular membership present. No amendment shall be effective until approved in writing by the Commanding Officer, USAKA.