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ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The members of the Club shall consist of six classes, viz.: active, life, probationary, junior, contributing and honorary.

SEC. 2. The roll of active members shall comprise those now on the active list, and such probationary and junior members as may hereafter be elected to active membership.

SEC. 3. Any member after a continuous active membership of ten years, may become a Life member, by ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting. Active members having served five years, may become Life members on the payment in full of five years' additional dues then existing and only then by ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting. Any person so elected shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an active member, and shall be subject to all provisions of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, except as to dues and other pecuniary liabilities: *Provided* that no person shall be elected to life membership so long as the active membership is less than 70; and *provided further* that any person who shall be indebted in any amount whatever to any department of the Club

shall not be eligible for election to Life membership, except that in the event of a person or persons being proposed for Life membership at the June or December meetings, said person or persons shall not be considered indebted to the Club for dues for the ensuing six months; and *provided further*, that the Club may, by a unanimous vote at any regular meeting, decide to consider as an active member within the meaning of the previous provisions of this Section, any member who shall have been upon the roll of membership and resigned and subsequently re-elected, the full amount of dues for the elapsed period being paid. This shall only take place upon motion at one meeting to be acted upon at the next.

SEC. 4. All members, except those elected to honorary or contributing membership, during the first year of their membership shall be probationary or junior members.

SEC. 5. Contributing members shall consist only of those who pay a fixed annual sum in lieu of all other dues and assessments; junior members shall consist only of those who are elected while under the age of 21 years. A junior member who has arrived at the age of 21 years, and desires to remain in the Club, shall at the next stated meeting, provided he has served as a junior member for at least one year and provided he is not indebted to the Club for any amount, be proposed by the Secretary for active membership, and shall be balloted for at the next stated meeting, the proposition in the meantime having been posted in the Boat-house. If the applicant be rejected then he shall cease to be a member of the Club.

SEC. 6. The honorary roll shall consist of those reported to the Club by the Membership Committee as worthy of that honor, and the adoption of such report by a two-thirds vote of those present at a stated meeting. All names proposed by said Committee must be at a regular monthly meeting of the Club and same printed on the Secretary's notice of the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

SEC. 7. Probationary, junior, contributing and honorary members shall have no vote nor hold any office in the Club, nor shall they be entitled to keys to the Boat-house. They shall conform to all the By-Laws and Rules of the Club. Contributing and honorary members shall not be entitled to closet room in the Boat-house, and shall not be entitled to the individual use of any boat.

SEC. 8. All the estate, real and personal, belonging to the Club shall be owned by and vested in the active and life members alone, share and share alike. No member shall be allowed to transfer his share. An active or life member being expelled or resigning or an active member becoming an honorary or contributing member, shall be held to have thereby forfeited and surrendered to the Club all his right and interest in the property and franchises thereof.

SEC. 9. Propositions for the election and reinstatement of any member shall be made in writing by an active or life member at a stated meeting and referred to the Committee on Membership, who shall report at the next stated meeting, when the candidates shall be balloted

for. The name and occupation of the candidate shall have been posted in the Boat-house in the meantime.

SEC. 10. A probationary member continuing for the period of one year, and desiring to remain in the Club, shall, at a stated meeting at the expiration of said period, provided he is not indebted to the Club for any amount, be proposed by the Secretary for active membership, and shall be balloted for at the next stated meeting, the proposition in the meantime having been posted in the Boat-house. If the applicant be rejected, then he shall cease to be a member of the Club.

SEC. 11. In balloting for probationary, junior or contributing members two (2), and for active members five (5), negative votes shall be equivalent to a rejection of the applicant.

SEC. 12. Resignations shall be made in writing at a stated meeting. They shall be accompanied by the Secretary's certificate of non-indebtedness, and the delivery of all property of the Club held by the member, before acceptance. They shall go into effect immediately upon acceptance.

SEC. 13. No person is eligible to membership who has been expelled from any other Club of the Schuylkill Navy.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain, who shall be elected annually.

SEC. 2. In addition to the regular officers as before provided, there shall be elected annually two (2) representatives of the Naval Board of the Schuylkill Navy, five (5) members to constitute a Committee on Membership, three (3) members to constitute a House Committee and four (4) members to constitute a Racing Committee with the Captain as chairman. A Log Keeper shall be appointed by the President, who shall serve for one year.

The President, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, Chairman of House Committee and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee shall constitute a Finance Committee.

ARTICLE III.

EXPULSION.

SECTION 1. Any member failing to comply with any of the provisions of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, or resolutions of the Club, or any probationary or junior member, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be liable to expulsion.

SEC. 2. A resolution of expulsion, stating particularly the cause thereof, may be offered at any stated meeting of the Club, and acted upon at the next or a subsequent stated meeting; *Provided*, that a copy of said resolution, and a notice of the time and place of the stated meeting at which the same is to be acted upon, shall have been served personally upon the member for whose expulsion such motion was made, at least twenty (20) days previously thereto, except in the case of expulsion for pecuniary indebtedness, when the usual notice of meeting shall suffice.

SEC. 3. A two-thirds vote in secret ballot of the active and life members present at said stated meeting shall be sufficient to expel such offending member.

SEC. 4. The Club may at any stated meeting, upon motion and by a majority vote, expel a probationary, junior, or contributing member, without cause being assigned, and without notice; but the entrance fee or dues paid by him for the current term shall be returned, less any indebtedness.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION I. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Club, preserve order, appoint Special Committees, and perform all other duties naturally pertaining to his office, and enforce the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for such moneys as shall be ordered to be paid by the Club.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all meetings of the Club, notify members of their election and of propositions for membership, and of their arrearages, receive all moneys payable to the Club, and attest all orders on the Treasurer. He shall notify probationary and junior members of the expiration of the term of their election and attend to their proposal for active membership. He shall pay all moneys received by him to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall have the power of appointing an assistant who, with him, shall be exempt from dues during their term of office.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys collected by him, pay all orders drawn upon him signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, and keep a correct account of all moneys received and expended by him. He shall report annually the financial condition of the Club with a statement of its receipts and expenditures, and shall furnish a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$2,000, the premium for same to be paid by the Club.

SEC. 4. The Racing Committee shall have control of all rowing equipment, arrange for its care and preservation, and have authority to make all arrangements and regulations for the selection and training of all crews. No entry shall be made in regattas without the consent of the Club.

SEC. 5. The Captain must, at the next stated meeting succeeding any damage or loss to the Club property, report such damage or loss, its cause, and whether it has been the result of unavoidable accident or undue carelessness; such information to be furnished to the Captain by the acting captain of the crew, or the person causing such damage or loss.

SEC. 6. The Racing Committee shall have full power to make all arrangements and regulations for the selection and training of all crews, and in the formation of racing crews may select contributing members, as provided in these By-Laws; *provided*, that the Racing Committee shall at all times be subject to the orders of the Club. No entries shall be made in regattas without the consent of the Club.

SEC. 7. The Captain shall make a report at the stated meeting in January of the operations of the Club during the previous boating season.

SEC. 8. The Committee on Membership shall investigate the character and standing of all applicants for membership, and report on the same at the stated meeting following that on which the proposition was presented. They shall post in the Boat-house all propositions.

SEC. 9. The House Committee shall have charge and control of all Club property, and keep the same in good order and repair. They shall make no expenditure exceeding ten (10) dollars, without a vote of the Club, except for repairs to boats and oars.

SEC. 10. The Finance Committee shall submit for approval at the December meeting a budget for the next fiscal year. The Committee shall have power to veto any expenditures in excess of the budget.

SEC. 11. No officer shall have authority to obligate the Club for other than current expenses.

SEC. 12. The Finance Committee shall first act on all propositions to expend for any purpose amounts exceeding ten (10) dollars other than current bills and expenditures, without which authority property of the Club may be jeopardized and reported on before any action whatever shall be taken by the Club.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of the Club shall be held monthly. On the second Tuesday evening of each month, except when such date shall occur on a legal holiday, in which case meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be convened by the President at his discretion, or at the written request of five (5) members, the object of which shall be made known in the call by the Secretary; and at such meetings no other business shall be transacted than that for which such special meeting is called.

SEC. 3. At all meetings eight (8) active or life members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Notice in writing from the Secretary of the time and place of all stated or special meetings of the Club shall be sent to each active, life, probationary and junior member, at least three (3) days before stated meetings and twenty-four (24) hours before special meetings.

SEC. 5. Notice of a stated meeting, at which an amendment to these By-Laws is to be considered, shall contain a statement to that effect.

SEC. 6. Notices of special meetings shall specify the cause or object thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting other than that for which the same was called.

SEC. 7. Order of business:

1. Reading the Minutes.
2. Calling the Roll and Collection of Dues.
3. Nomination and Election of Officers.
4. Reports of Officers and Committees.
5. Resignations and Delinquents.
6. Propositions and Elections for Membership.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Delinquent Members.
10. Bills and Orders.

ARTICLE VI.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. Nominations for officers and members of Standing Committees shall be made at the stated meeting in December and posted in the Club House twenty (20) days previous to the election. Nominations to fill vacancies shall be made at the annual meeting. No one shall be eligible for election whose nomination has not been made at the December meeting, except where all candidates nominated for an office have withdrawn or where sufficient number have withdrawn to prevent the filling of all offices.

SEC. 2. Elections shall take place at the stated meeting in January, with the exception of one representative to the Naval Board, who shall be nominated at the stated meeting in June and elected in July.

SEC. 3. All elections shall be by ballot.

SEC. 4. No member in arrears to the Club for dues, or in arrears to any department of the Club, shall be entitled to vote at an election of officers, or be a candidate for any office in the Club. A member is in arrears when at the close of Order of Business, "Collection of Dues," he owes any amount whatever.

SEC. 5. Vacancies occurring from any cause in any office or Standing Committee shall be filled from nominations proposed at a stated meeting, by an election held at the next stated meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The entrance fee of probationary and junior members shall be five (5) dollars, and shall accompany the application. It shall be returned to the applicant in case of his rejection.

SEC. 2. The entrance fee of active members shall be five (5) dollars, subject to the same provisions as for probationary members.

SEC. 3. Contributing members shall pay the sum of eight (8) dollars per year in advance and upon approval of the Board of Governors the Willows Assn. of the Malta Boat Club shall include membership in that Association. Six dollars of the said sum shall be paid by the Malta Boat Club to the Willows Assn.

SEC. 4. Probationary and active members shall pay twenty-four (24) dollars per year, one-half semi-annually, in advance, on January 1st and July 1st. Junior members shall pay ten (10) dollars per year, one-half semi-annually, in advance, on January 1st and July 1st, but if admitted between these dates, such members shall pay at the rate of one dollar per month in advance until January 1st or July 1st, as the case may be. When a member shall have permitted a bill for dues or other charges to remain unpaid for thirty days, the Treasurer shall at once notify him that if the bill be not paid before the next stated meeting of the Club, that his name will be posted in the clubhouse as a delinquent member. Should the amount charged against the delinquent member remain unpaid at the next stated meeting of

the Club, a motion may be made to expel him. Under no circumstances shall any member be carried over from one semi-annual dues period to another.

ARTICLE VIII.

ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. It shall require a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a stated meeting to levy an assessment. The Secretary shall notify all members subject to such assessment within five (5) days from the passage of the resolution authorizing it; and if such assessment be not paid within two (2) months from the time it was made, the member shall be liable to expulsion; *provided*, that no assessments shall be levied without one (1) month's notice of the same, such motion to be placed on the Secretary's notices of the Club's meetings.

SEC. 2. The cost of repair for the breakage of any Club property may, by majority vote of the Club be imposed upon any member or members responsible for the same, and such charge including any fines which may be imposed for infringement of rules and regulations shall be entered upon the Treasurer's record and shall constitute an obligation to the Club the same as dues.

ARTICLE IX.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

SECTION 1. Any person who may have ceased to be a member of the Club by reason of non-payment of dues, fines, or assessments, may be

eligible for re-election to membership by a unanimous vote of the members present at a stated meeting; *provided*, however, he shall have first paid all sums due the Club at the time he was deprived of membership, and legal interest thereon to the date of payment; *and provided also*, that all motions for reinstatement be laid over for one (1) month.

SEC. 2. Any active member who may have left the Club while in good standing may, upon application, be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting; *provided*, he has been an active member for at least one year; dues to commence from time of reinstatement.

ARTICLE X.

IMPROPER CONDUCT.

SECTION 1. Any member who shall be charged and found guilty of ungentlemanly conduct or actions detrimental to the interests of the Club, shall be liable to expulsion, or such other punishment as the Club may deem proper to inflict.

SEC. 2. Any infringement of the Rules and Regulations, including the wearing of other than the regulation Club uniform, shall be brought to the attention of the Club and fines and such other penalties imposed as the Club may deem proper.

ARTICLE XI.

UNIFORMS.

SECTION 1. The Uniform of the Club shall consist of a white jersey with a six inches square

blue Maltese cross on the breast; and navy blue knee trunks. And, if desired, a white canvas hat with a miniature of the club pennant—white Maltese cross on a blue ground—on the front; navy blue stockings; and a blue sweater with a two and one-half inches square Maltese cross on the left breast.

SEC. 2. The Fatigue Uniform of the Club shall consist of a white canvas hat; white duck trousers, and a blue flannel coat shirt, edged with white with a two and one-half inches square Maltese cross on the left breast.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. By-Laws may be enacted, amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting and notice of such enactment, amendment or repeal having been posted in the Boat-house and submitted at the next preceding stated meeting, due notice thereof having been given to every member.

SEC. 2. Not effective after June 1, 1914.

RULES

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Government of the Club-House.

1. The Club-house and property contained therein are under the charge and control of the House Committee.

2. Members in abbreviated uniforms must use the corner stairway in going to and from the Locker Room.

3. Women guests cannot be served with refreshments.

4. A register shall be placed in the Library. Members must at all times register their names and names of guests.

5. Members must not reprimand the janitor for any laxity of duty. Any complaint they have must be made to the House Committee, which will investigate.

6. Members seated in front of the house must observe the same decorum displayed while indoors.

7. In the absence of any of the House Committee, all the duties and responsibilities of their office shall devolve upon the senior active or life member present.

8. Any member or members wilfully or carelessly damaging any of the property of the Club shall be required to pay the amount of such damage, and on a refusal to do so shall be liable to expulsion.

9. The Boat-house shall be closed at eleven o'clock P. M., except on nights of meetings or entertainments being held.

10. The House Committee shall have power to make such rules for the government of the Club as they deem proper.

Rules for the Use of Boats.

1. Members using boats *must at all times* wear the uniform prescribed by the Club.

2. When ladies form part of a boat's complement, the Dress or Fatigue uniform must be worn. *This rule is imperative.*

3. Racing craft, viz.: single shells, double shells, pair-oared shells, four-oared shells, pair-oared gigs, four-oared gigs, centipede shells and eight-oared shells, cannot be engaged in advance.

4. Boats subject to engagement in advance are the six and four-oared barges, single and double ladies' gigs.

5. When a member or members desire to engage a boat, he or they shall name the boat, day and hour in writing, in a book provided for that purpose. At the expiration of thirty minutes after the time stated in the notice of engagement, should the member or members not be at the Boat-house, the engagement shall be void. No member or members shall have two or more engagements unfilled on the book at any one time.

6. Working boats, single and double, cannot be engaged in advance. They are at the service of the members at all times. But the rule, first come, first served, shall apply.

7. No boat shall be engaged upon review or regatta days or upon any legal holiday.

8. On review and regatta days and legal holidays, no guest shall occupy a seat in any boat to the exclusion of a member.

9. On regatta days, the barges must remain at the slip till within a half hour of the time of starting regatta, unless they have their full complement of oarsmen and passengers.

10. No one but the captain of a crew shall hail passing boats.

11. In all boats containing a coxswain, he shall be in command. In other craft, the bow oarsman shall be recognized as in authority.

12. A log book shall be kept by the Club, and it shall be the duty of the Captain of each crew, before the boat leaves the slip, to enter its name, the names and positions of the members of the crews, and the names of the guests, if any; and on the return to the boat-house, the place rowed to, the number of miles rowed and any damage, should it occur, to boats and oars.

13. In all boats leaving the slip, the majority of the crews must be Club members, except in case of ladies' or double working boats.

14. Members will be held responsible for damage to boats while in their possession.

15. Members arranging special crews shall post notice of the same on the bulletin board at least six days prior to the date of the intended row.

16. Any member or members taking out a boat at a time when such boat has been engaged by any other member or members, shall be subject to such penalties as the Club may determine.

17. No member of the Club shall be permitted to row in any of the boats unless in the proper uniform of the Club. Any member offending shall be subject to such penalties as the Club may determine.

18. The Captain has the power to order any boat out of service when needed for training purposes.

19. The Captain and Racing Committee shall have full control of the members while wearing the uniform of the Club, and any infringement of these Rules shall be by them reported to the Club at the next stated meeting.

20. In the absence of the Captain and Racing Committee, all the duties and responsibilities of their office shall devolve upon the senior active or life member present.

21. Any member or members wilfully or carelessly damaging any of the boats or rowing paraphernalia shall be required to pay the amount of such damage, and on a refusal to do so, shall be liable to expulsion.

22. Boats belonging to individual members will not be admitted or stored in the Boat-house without the consent of the Club.

23. Boats shall not leave the Boat-house after nine P. M.