

**Ensign Fleet #70
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ARTICLE X
Meetings

- Section 1:** Membership and Committee meetings shall be held as called by the Fleet Captain, a minimum of one per calendar quarter during the sailing season.
- Section 2:** The date and location of the next regular meeting shall be announced by the Fleet Captain by mail and e-mail.
- Section 3:** The annual Fleet meeting will be held in October of each year. Annual meetings will follow the rules of a regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI
Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1:** Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority of all questions of parliamentary law unless in conflict with these bylaws, with the bylaws of the Association, or with the laws of the State of Michigan

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

- Section 1:** The bylaws may be amended, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a regular or annual meeting of the Club, provided written notice of each proposed amendment, or proposed new bylaws, has been posted publicly two (2) weeks prior to the club's meeting.
- Section 2:** All proposed amendments to these bylaws are subject to final approval by the PYC.

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- Section 2:** No Club officer shall receive compensation for serving as an officer.
- Section 3:** The Treasurer's books will be reviewed at least annually by the Committee. A review shall be completed no later than 30 days following the end of the fiscal year. A review is also required when there is an incoming new Treasurer. The review shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting.
- Section 4:** The Treasurer, and at least one other member of the Committee, shall be authorized to sign checks to expend the Club's monies for Committee approved expenses. Two signatures shall be required on checks.

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- Section 2:** It shall be the duty of the Committee to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Club between meetings of the regular membership.
- Section 3:** A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for a Committee meeting.
- Section 4:** Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by a Committee appointment.
- Section 5:** Committee vacancies that occur between elections shall be filled by Committee appointment. The term served by the appointee is the remainder of the term of the Committee member being replaced.

ARTICLE VIII
Duties of Officers

- Section 1:** The Fleet Captain shall:
- a) be the chief administrator of the Club,
 - b) preside over all the club's Regular and Committee meetings,
 - c) be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee,
 - d) appoint, with Committee approval, the Chairpersons of Committees,
 - e) schedule facilities usage with the PYC Facilities Use Committee.
 - f) negotiate for the Club's Committee approved contracts, such as equipment and instruction,
 - g) sign for Committee approved contracts.
- Section 2:** The SECRETARY shall:
- a) record the minutes of Meetings of the Committee and of the membership,
 - b) be in charge of all of the Club's records, other than the Treasurer's,
 - c) prepare any reports required by the Association.
 - d) At a regular meeting, present the previous regular meeting's minutes. The regular meeting's minutes must be approved by the Club's membership.
 - e) Post required notices.
- Section 4:** The TREASURER:
- a) is the chief financial officer and shall be responsible for collecting the dues, if any, of the members and other monies, as required,
 - b) shall pay Committee-approved bills owed by the Club,
 - c) shall present a financial report at each Committee and Club membership meeting,
 - d) shall retain the Treasurer's records.

ARTICLE IX
Fiscal and Finance

- Section 1:** The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

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Section 6: A good standing member is a member who is enrolled in the Club and whose dues are current.

ARTICLE V
Executive Committee

Section 1: The Club's elected Executive Committee, hereafter referred to as "the Committee", shall consist of the officers of the Club: a Fleet Captain, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: All officers must be members of the Club.

Section 3: Each officer shall hold office for a term of up to one year and may be elected for not more than three consecutive terms.

Section 4: The Committee shall consist of a maximum of three members, each elected to a one year term.

Section 5: The membership of the Club may vote to remove a member of the Committee. The process of removing a member of the Committee is the same as that used for amending the bylaws, see Article XII, section !.

ARTICLE VI
Nomination and Elections

Section 1: Election of Committee members shall take place at the annual (October) Fleet meeting. No less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting the Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson. Additional committee members shall be selected from the membership by the Chairperson.

Section 2: The slate of Committee candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed to all Club members at least two weeks prior to the Club regular membership meeting at which the Committee will be elected.

Section 3: A majority of the Club members, present and voting, in person or by proxy, shall elect the new Committee. Proxy votes shall be written or emailed to any member of the current Committee in advance of the annual meeting

Section 4: No Committee member may serve on the Nominating committee.

Section 5: The elected Committee shall take office on January 1.

ARTICLE VII
Governing Body

Section 1: The governing body of the Club is the Committee. Members of the Committee, and volunteers acting under rules established by the Club are not legally responsible for accidents or mishaps occurring in the activities sanctioned by the Club, on PYC grounds or other facilities.

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ARTICLE I
Name

NAME: The name of the organization shall be: **Ensign Sailing Club Fleet 70**, hereinafter referred to as "the Club", a nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE II
Mission

MISSION: The mission of the Club shall be the promotion, for its members, of activities and education of woodworking knowledge and skills.

ARTICLE III
Authority and Limitations

Section 1: The Club will operate as an instrumentality of the Pentwater Yacht Club, hereinafter referred to as "PYC", in compliance with its bylaws and regulations, but will not conduct business or obligate funds in the name of the PYC.

ARTICLE IV
Members

Section 1: Membership shall be open to any person who is a paid up member of PYC, owns or crews on a Pearson Ensign.

Section 2: No eligible person shall be denied membership to the Club because of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.

Section 3: Dues, and fees, if any, for Club membership will be set by the Club's Committee and approved by the Club's membership. Annual dues and user fees will be published in the OPERATING PROCEDURES, or meeting minutes.

Section 4: Any member of the Club, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of the Club and to participate in all club events upon compliance with adopted regulations and bylaws.

Section 5: At meetings of the Club, decisions may be made by a majority vote of those members present and voting.