

CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SAILING CLUB

- Article I Name:
The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Sailing Club (MCSC)
- Article II Purpose:
The purpose of the Middlebury College Sailing Club is to promote the sport of sailing at Middlebury College and to represent Middlebury College in inter-collegiate sailing competitions. It shall be understood that any sailing activities shall be the responsibility of the individuals concerned. The MCSC must meet all of the requirements for club sports set forth in the College Handbook. The MCSC shall also meet all policy guidelines set forth in writing by the College administration, CCAL and the SGA Finance Committee.
- Article III Membership: Membership is open to all Middlebury- College students.
- Article IV Section 1: Officers
There will be 7 officers of the Middlebury College Sailing Club. They must be Middlebury College Students. Officers shall hold their roles for no more than two consecutive years.
- Commodore:*
The Commodore will organize and lead meetings, act as the liaison to CCAL, coordinate all MCSC activities, including the hosting of regattas and participation in regattas as liaison between MCSC and governing bodies and oversee all actions of the sailing club. The commodore shall be responsible to exercise oversight over all fundraising and outreach activities. If all of the positions are not filled, then the commodore shall delegate the responsibilities among the officers.
- Vice Commodore:*
The Vice-Commodore will assist the Commodore in all activities, be the primary coordinator for any regattas or practices hosted by MCSC. and assume the duties of the Commodore in his/her absence.
- Treasurer:*
The Treasurer will be responsible for the maintenance and monitoring of all funds, will coordinate fundraising in conjunction with the Communications Director and will be the formal liaison between the MCSC and the SGA finance committee.
- Communications Director:*
The Communications Director shall coordinate all external communications of the club. He/she shall oversee the writing and distribution of the newsletter, act as liaison to alumni, parents and other donors, work with the treasurer on coordination of fundraising, and assist the commodore in communication related duties.
- Fleet Captain:*
The Fleet Captain shall be responsible for overseeing and initiating all boat and facilities maintenance. He/she will work with the Commodore to coordinate any facility issues.

Racing Team Captain:

The Racing Team Captain shall coordinate all activities and practices of the racing team. He/she is responsible for designating sailors for competition in conjunction with the commodore as well as organizing transportation to and from events.

Recreational Program Coordinator:

The Recreational Program Coordinator shall coordinate all activities and practices of the recreational program.

Section 2: Term of Office

Officers will hold office for one year commencing May 1 of the school year of election and terminating April 30 of the following year.

Section 3: Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the MCSC at any meeting of the Executive Board or general club for which the notice of that meeting states that his/her removal from office is proposed. A vote of three-fourths of the Executive Board or three-fourths of the club membership is required for the officer to be removed. Any officer may resign by filing a written resignation stating the time it is to become effective with the Commodore.

Section 4: Replacement of Officers: In the case where an officer cannot fulfill his or her duties, resigns, or travels abroad, a replacement will be appointed by the Executive Board and must be ratified by a simple majority of the club membership. If the club fails to ratify the appointee, a general election shall be held which will follow the election standards in Article V, Section 3.

Article V

Section 1: Officer Candidate Nomination: Elections shall occur during the second semester of the school year prior to March 15. One officer candidate per role will be nominated by the sitting executive board unless the board agrees that a position is unnecessary in which case it can be remain unfilled for the term in question. If a candidate receives a unanimous vote from the Executive Board, they shall assume the office. In the event a unanimous vote does not occur, nomination for general club election shall require a 2/3 majority for a certain candidate. In the event the executive board cannot reach a 2/3 majority, the position will be left unfilled and will be filled by a general election following the guidelines in Article 5, Section 3.

Section 2: Officer Candidate Election: Following nomination, the general club membership shall vote on nominees. Nominees shall be voted upon and elected as individuals and election shall require a majority vote of the club members present.

Section 3: General Election: In the event a nominee does not receive a simple majority of votes, a general election shall occur with nominations from the floor. If a candidate receives a majority, he/she shall take the position. If none of the candidates receive a majority, a run-off will occur between the two candidates who received the largest percentage of the vote. The seat shall go to the run-off candidate who receives a majority.

Article VI

Meetings: Meetings shall occur when called by the Commodore or Executive Board.

- Article VII Committees: The sole standing committee will be the Executive Board which will be filled by the officers of the club. The Executive Board will serve to run the everyday actions of the club and make decisions for the broader club. Decisions of great significance should be brought to the entire club for vote. Other committees may be appointed by the Commodore as needed.
- Article VIII Water Safety: In accordance with the College's Water Safety guidelines, all activity on the water must be supervised by a coach that has been approved by the College or by a hosting school's approved coach at ICSCA sanctioned events. The boats used under the MCSC must be less than 125 horsepower in accordance with Middlebury College's current insurance coverage unless prior approval is granted for that event.
- Article IX Operations: The MCSC recognizes that it is responsible for finding and maintaining its own storage facilities for all of its equipment. It also recognizes that it is responsible for procuring all its equipment, for example boats and tools.
- Article X Faculty/Staff Adviser:
The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the faculty or staff, as required. In the event the club wishes to change advisors, a general club referendum shall be given which must pass by a 2/3 majority of club members present. As always, a quorum must be present at the meeting to vote.
- Article XI Affiliations: The MCSC will be affiliated with the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association (NEISA) as well as the Intercollegiate Sailing Associations (ICSA). These regional and national bodies will oversee intercollegiate competition of the club.
- Article XII Discrimination Policy
This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury College Sailing Club.
- Article XIII Ratification:
A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.
- Article XIV Amendment:
A. The constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

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