

Michigan Sailing Club  
Rules Redraft Extras

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During the rules redraft, we discovered several policies that should probably be located somewhere other than in the club rules.

It has been club policy to post rules and policies not in the Michigan Sailor on a bulletin board at the club. We will continue that practice with the policies below until we can take whatever action is appropriate to publish these policies in their proper place (i.e., update The Michigan Sailor, amend the constitution, etc.)

We believe that the following issues should be considered part of the Rating System, rather than listed with the club rules:

1. Skippers are authorized to sign up to four items on a member's Helm or Skipper rating.
2. A Helm--rated member who has passed the Weather and Open/Close Club portions of the Skipper rating may petition the Executive Board for a Helm--key rating. If granted, the member may possess keys to the club and hold the club open for sailing in winds of up to 15 knots.

We believe that the following issues should be dealt with in the constitution. We're maintaining a list of minor updates that we want to propose for the club constitution; we'll offer these for approval then.

3. Two signatures are required on all disbursements from the club's Holding and Operating accounts.
4. The minimum age for paying dues is 18. This does not apply to full-time college students.

We believe that the Private Boat Storage Policy is simply too long and involved, and that it has immediate impact on too small a group of members, to deserve printing in the premium space at the front of The Michigan Sailor, so we propose simply keeping it posted at the club (and, now, on the club web site).

The same is true of the following policies, which govern the relationship between the club and the Racing Team.

5. The UM Intercollegiate Sailing Team is a separate UM--recognized organization.
6. The following policies govern the relationship between the Team and Club:
  - a) The Club supports the Team by charging dues at ½ student dues rate per team member for the applicable season.
  - b) Team members enjoy the rights and responsibilities of Club membership.
  - c) The Racing Team is authorized to keep its team-owned boats at the club.
  - d) When team-owned boats are sailed, the safety boat must be rigged and staffed.
  - e) The Racing Team may not use the club after dock-out each season until that season's team member dues have been paid in full.

- f) Members of the Racing team may borrow 1-2 club Lasers for regattas at other universities subject to permission of the executive board.