

# SAND BANK YACHT CLUB TREASURE CAY – ABACO BAHAMAS

## ARTICLES & BYLAWS (Updated May 31, 2024)

1. The organization is designated as Sand Bank Yacht Club.
2. The purpose of the organization is to bring together compatible persons who have an interest in boating & are in Treasure Cay, Abaco Bahamas.
3. Qualifications for membership are:
  - a. Must be a resident in the Treasure Cay area in an owned or leased condo or house, or live on a boat located in the Treasure Cay area.
  - b. Must own a boat in the Abacos.
  - c. Must be able to attend a reasonable number of the SBYC functions per year.
4. The officers who shall act as a Board of Directors are to be composed of:
  - a. Commodore – Chief executive officer, is responsible for all policy decisions, ensuring the bylaws are followed, chairing the meetings, and supporting the running of the events.
  - b. Vice Commodore – Assistant to the Commodore & responsible for all matters pertaining to membership like meeting potential members and assisting with each member's process of acquiring membership. The Vice Commodore manages the membership rosters and mailing lists.
  - c. Rear Commodore – is primarily responsible for the parties and events. All board members support the Rear Commodore in event planning.
  - d. Fleet Captain – is the assistant to the Rear Commodore. Takes minutes of the meetings.
  - e. Past Commodore - adds a historical perspective to meetings and decisions, and assists as required. An advisor and voting member.
  - f. Treasurer – Keeps records on annual membership dues and payment of bills. The Treasurer supports the board in decision making by providing financial statements,. The Treasurer is a voting member.
5. All officers will assist with cruise & social functions. The members will decide, via vote, on matters involving large disbursements of funds. Normal operating expenses in the interest of the SBYC club can be authorized by the Board with appropriate statements submitted in support of any such expenditure.
6. All members who were Commodores prior to January 2004 are exempt from paying annual dues.
7. The terms of office will be for a period of one year with automatic succession in order of officers above (Art. 4). The official introduction of the incoming Fleet Captain is at the Change of Watch Banquet, which is the last Monday of January.
8. There will be at least two board meetings per season & one social function each month except during the summer season. One annual business meeting will be held after the Change of Watch.
9. A proposed member must be sponsored by two members. The application is submitted to the Vice Commodore. The Vice Commodore will present the application to the board to confirm qualifications. The qualified applicant(s) will then be invited to one and only one function and introduced to as many members as possible. The officers will act upon the application at the following meeting.
10. The maximum number of members (husbands & wives) will be 180. After that point, applicants will be put on a waiting list in the order of the date of application.
11. The one time initiation fee will be \$200. The annual dues will be \$75 per member (\$150 per couple), paid by March or the membership may be terminated.
12. Changes in the bylaws can be made by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a meeting of at least twenty voting members. Each member will have one vote.
13. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for adjudicating the meaning of any or all bylaws.
14. In the event a member in good standing, no longer owns a boat, the board supports continued membership.