

Constitution of University of West Florida Sailing Club

Adopted the 14th day of August, 2006.

Article I – Name

The University of West Florida Sailing Club shall be known as the UWF Sailing Club.

Article II – Purpose

To ensure an active and healthy sailing atmosphere, the UWF Sailing Club provides the means and methods of the activity. The Sailing Club serves as UWF ambassadors to the intercollegiate district SEISA, the Pensacola Yacht Club and the Pensacola community, and the world of sailors and soon to be sailors at the university. It is the duty of UWF Sailing club to teach sailing techniques and engage sailors in recreational and sport sailing.

Article III – Membership

Membership shall be divided into three categories: guest member, full member, and team member. Any student of the university, faculty member, or others associated with the university holding a valid Nautilus card is eligible for guest and full member status. Becoming a full member of the club only requires payment of \$5 dues and at least one presence at the Pensacola Yacht Club, a fund raising event, a regatta. Team members are full members having filled an application for the UWF Sailing Team and paid \$10 dues for team member status. Team members must register with SEISA at the CollegeSailing.org website. Only University of West Florida undergraduate students in good standing are allowed to become team members.

All members are encouraged to attend meetings and events with the UWF Sailing Club. Full members are encouraged to learn how to sail both as crew and also as skipper. Full members are encouraged to learn to instruct guest members and new members how to sail. Team members are expected to participate in weekly practices unless school or work inhibits the member from doing so. Team members are expected to attend a regatta to which the member has expressed commitment. Team members failing to meet expectations are subject to suspension or other reasonable punishment. Team members failing to meet expectations may appeal to their peers on the UWF Sailing Team.

Article IV – Meetings

For the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 semesters, meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays at 5 p.m. in University Commons room 260 unless otherwise specified. The meetings may be cancelled or moved to another room, but these will be announced. Executive and team meetings may be called as needed. The time and day will be subject to circumstances.

Practices will be held at Pensacola Yacht Club. UWF Sailing Team will have scheduled and sometimes impromptu practices on weekdays. Saturday sailing, in conjunction with Saturday Open Sailing for Outdoor Adventures, is a leisurely setting for promoting the growth of experience for new sailors. Sailing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will have a focus on guest members. Sailing outside open sailing times (including Sundays and holidays) is reserved for full and team members so long as a Sailing Attendant is present or has granted permission.

Article V – Executive Board

The executive board shall be comprised of five offices: Commodore, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fleet Captain.

Office of the Commodore shall be charged with procedural duties as expected of UWF sports clubs and SEISA, as well as communication with UWF officials.

Office of the Vice President shall be charged with recruitment, advertisement, and communication with UWF students.

Office of the Secretary shall be charged with the maintenance of membership roster and status.

Office of the Treasurer shall be charged with the maintenance of account balance for both SGA given money and funds raised independently.

Fleet Captain shall be team member charged with responsibility for selecting regattas and participants, arranging accommodations and travel, and ensuring positive UWF Sailing Team representation. Fleet captain is in charge of UWF Sailing Team.

Article VI – Elections

Elections for officers require a majority vote from present members. Procedure for elections shall be a nomination, a second, a speech from each nominee, a vote, and an acceptance. In the case of multiple candidates for the same office, elections will take place after candidates have left the room. The nomination and election process may take place on the same day if a vacant office necessitates prompt elections. Otherwise elections for the 2007-2008 offices shall take place in February 2007 over the span of a week.

Article VII – Funds

In addition to appealing to the Sports Club Council for SGA allocated funds, additional funding may be sought in the form of dues and fundraisers. Monies made from dues and fundraisers will be held in a club account at the Bank of Pensacola. Access to the account will be given to the officers of the Sailing Club as well as the advisor.

Article VIII – Affiliations

UWF Sailing Team shall adhere to the rules of SEISA.

Article IX – Advisor

The advisor for the Sailing Club shall be staff or faculty at UWF or a graduate of the sailing club with a vested interest in the club. The club executive board officers will approve of the advisor.

Article X – Coach/Manager

A voluntary coach position may be available to any qualified and willing person. Coaches must have college sailing experience or coaching experience and be able to attend team practices. Team members shall approval of coaches and have the ability to dismiss one.

Article X – Ratification

The Constitution of University of West Florida Sailing Club shall be approved by a majority vote of present members.

Article XI – Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be presented verbally at any weekly meeting. The proponent for the amendment shall write the amendment and announce it to all club members via the mailing list. At the next weekly meeting, the amendment shall be discussed and approved or disapproved by a majority vote of the present members.