We the students, faculty and staff of the University of Rochester, do hereby establish the Sailing Club of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students Association recognition of this group.

**Article I: Purpose:**

The Purpose of the University of Rochester Sailing Club is to foster an interest in sailing at the university and marine safety through instruction and experience. This includes competitive intercollegiate racing and recreational sailing.

**Article II: Meetings:**

a. **Schedule of Meetings**

1) The Executive Board can call general meetings of all club members for any general business needed to be addressed. Any three general club members can request the Executive Board to call a meeting to address a grievance not answered or properly addressed by the Executive Board in said members’ opinion. The executive board must grant this request from three or more members. The Executive Board will call a general meeting prior to the end of each semester at which a motion for nomination and election of Executive Board members is called.

2) The Executive Board will set a regular Executive Board meetings schedule. These meetings are open to all members. The general operations of the club will be decided by a vote of the Executive Board.

b. **Validity of Meetings**

1) A general meeting is valid if a quorum of the current club membership roster is present. A quorum is defined as 50% plus 1 of the current club members.

2) An Executive Board meeting is valid if four of the seven Executive Board positions are present. The president or vice-president of the club must be present for an Executive Board meeting to be valid.

**Article III: Membership and Voting:**

a. **Eligibility**

1) All faculty, students and staff are eligible for group membership.

2) A member is anyone who has paid established membership fees and attends events or meetings deemed necessary by the
Executive Board for the benefit, development or safety of the Club.

b. Voting

1) Voting on any issue is valid only if the meeting is valid.
2) All members have one vote on each motion raised at a general meeting.
3) Only Executive Board members may vote at Executive Board Meetings.
4) All votes are decided by the majority vote.

Article IV: Officers and Qualifications

a. The Executive Board

1) The Executive Board consists of:
   - President
   - Vice-President
   - Business Manager
   - Secretary
   - Equipment Manager
   - Race Coordinator
   - Practice Coordinator

b. Duties of Officers

1) President: The President runs all meetings and oversees the fulfillment of the club’s purpose and goals. The President is the official representative of the club. This position includes assuring club representation at all Club Sports Council meetings.
2) Vice-President: The vice-president assists the President with his or her duties and runs meetings in the absence of the president. The vice-president will serve as the club’s parliamentarian and will enforce this constitution.
3) Business Manager: The business manager administers the finance of club, constructs yearly budgets, pays expenses out of the club’s account and collects dues and other revenue.
4) Secretary: The secretary takes minutes at meetings, administers the club web site and handles all club paperwork and publicity.
5) Equipment Manager: The equipment manager is in charge of the upkeep and storage of club equipment. He or she must keep an updated inventory of club equipment and recommend the purchase of equipment to the Executive Board.
6) Race Coordinator: Coordinates all race-related activity including transportation and all logistical activity. He or she will organize races per the recommendation of the Executive Board and keep a proper relationship with the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association.
7) Practice Coordinator: Coordinates all practice-related activity including transportation and all logistical activity.

c. Nomination and Election Procedure:
   1) A motion for nomination and election of Executive Board members is due at a general meeting called for this purpose as noted in Article II, section a. The only other time a motion for elections is due is when an Executive Board position is vacant.

d. Vacancies and Resignations
   1) A Vacancy of an Executive Board position will be filled at a general interest meeting called for this purpose.
   2) A vacancy can be made by the impeachment or resignation of an Executive Board member at a general meeting. A vote of impeachment is successful only when a majority of the entire club roster votes to impeach said officer.

e. Advisor
   1) A faculty advisor will be chosen by the Executive Board.

Article V: Finances
a. Dues Structure
   1) Dues will be determined by the Executive Board and will be kept at a minimal amount necessary for the achievement of the club’s goals as determined by the Executive Board.

b. Club Sports Council Subsidy
   1) The Sailing Club shall be partially funded by the Students’ Association Appropriations Committee (SAAC).

c. Fundraising
   1) Fundraising will be determined by the Executive Board within the rules of the Students’ Association and SAAC.

d. Donations and Gifts
   1) Donations to the club will be accepted per the Executive Board’s decision.

Article VI: Amendments
a. Adoptions and Ratification Procedure
   1) Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

Article VII: Adoption of Constitution
a. Club Adoption Procedure
   1) Two thirds (2/3) of the membership must approve the constitution at a general meeting.

b. Club Sport Council Adoption Procedure
   1) This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Club Sport Council.

c. Students’ Association Adoption Procedure
1) This constitution should not conflict with the Students’ Association Constitution.

Article VIII. Adoption of By-Laws
   a. Club Adoption Procedure
      1) By-Laws shall be adopted according to the same procedure of adoption of amendments as specified in Article VII of this constitution.

Article IX. Hazing Policy
   Any action by a club member meant to expose an individual to distressing, repulsive or alarming sensations or situations, forced consumption of liquor or drugs or any other actions that may cause physical or psychological harm will be defined as hazing and will result in expulsion from the club and notification of university officials.

Article X. Discrimination Policy
   University of Rochester Sailing Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity or financial status. Any act of discrimination will be reported to university officials.

This Constitution Adopted on the Fifth of September in the year two thousand two.

Club President:  Rebecca Neville

Vice-President:  Peter Sidor

Business Manager:  Aaron Severs

Student Association Speaker:  Ashley Connor

Amended on the Twenty-third of April in the year two thousand four.

Club President:  Robert Mygatt

Approved by Chairman of SA Policy Committee Tom Hayes