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CONSTITUTION OF

THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SAILING TEAM

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the University at Buffalo Sailing Team.

ARTICLE II

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the University at Buffalo Sailing Team is to promote sailing in the local community, establish and cultivate competitive sailing teams, and to create a venue for those interested in sailing, regardless of their skill level, to pursue their interests.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Any undergraduate student of the University at Buffalo may become a member of the University at Buffalo Sailing Team. This club honors the Student Association full participation policy of undergraduate students.
Section 2. Voting members: Only full-time and part-time undergraduate students currently enrolled at the University at Buffalo may become a voting member of the University at Buffalo Sailing Team. In order to become a voting member one must attend one club meeting and one club event per semester.

Section 3. Nonvoting members: Membership may also extend to any matriculated student at the University at Buffalo, however non-undergraduate members will not be voting members or be eligible as an officer. In order to become a non-voting member one must attend one club meeting or event per semester.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

Section 1. Only full-time undergraduate University at Buffalo students may be officers of the club. All officers must be in good academic standing according to the University at Buffalo to become and stay officers of this club. The elected officers of the organization, which shall serve as the Executive Board, shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. The President shall call and preside over meetings of the organization and all meetings of the Executive Board; shall notify members about regular and special organized events and meetings; shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member on all standing and temporary
committees; shall delegate responsibilities as see fit; shall ensure that practices are carried out regularly; and shall represent the organization in its official capacity.

Section 3. The Vice President shall exercise presidential office in the absence of the President, and shall assume presidential office upon vacancy. The Vice President shall carry out responsibilities as assigned by the President, including a direct role in the implementation of organization activities.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep a complete and accurate account of the Club’s funds, shall put in requests for the use of club funds, shall prepare the annual budget request packet with the President, and shall report to the President on all relevant financial matters.

Section 5. The Secretary shall take minutes at club meetings, shall maintain complete and accurate records of all club activities, and shall report to the President.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. There are two types of meetings: general meetings and formal meetings. General meetings inform members of upcoming events and changes in the club. General meetings will be informal and will generally be substituted with practice. Formal meetings shall be called for elections, and other such circumstances which require a
vote including, but not limited to, amendment changes, vacant officer positions, and impeachment hearings.

Section 2. In order to proceed during a formal meeting, quorum must be met. Quorum must be fifty percent of the voting membership.

ARTICLE VI
Elections

Section 1. Only voting members of the club may be eligible to nominate candidates, run for office, and vote in club elections.

Section 2. Elections will be conducted at the end of the fall semester of the current academic year (elections must take place before the last day of classes of the spring semester of the same academic year).

Section 3. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot, and will comply with all Student Association regulations relating to elections.

Section 4. Elections will preside in this order: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary. The candidate with the most votes will be elected, therefore there will be no run-off votes.

Section 5. Newly elected officers will take office immediately following the elections.
ARTICLE VII

Impeachments, Vacancies, and No-Confidence Motions

Section 1. Grounds for declaring a vacancy in an elected position are as follows:

(a) Violation of the Undergraduate Student Association (SA) policies
(b) Violation of the rules and regulations set forth in the current University student rules and regulations
(c) Failure to perform the duties of the office as set forth in this constitution
(d) If the incumbent has withdrawn from school or wishes to resign

Section 2. A two-thirds vote of the voting membership shall be required to declare a vacancy under subsections (a), (b), or (c) of Section 1. After the vacancy is filled the SA will be informed of the new officer(s).

Section 3. The President shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the voting membership at a formal meeting. The voting membership may either ratify the President’s appointee or open nominations for an election to fill the vacancy, at which election the removed incumbent may seek election to the office, same as any other member.
Section 4. If the President is impeached the Vice-president will assume the presidency and then follow procedure as laid out in Section 3 to fill remaining vacancies.

Section 5. Upon a written petition signed by twenty percent of the general membership, a motion shall be presented at the next general meeting to declare that the membership has lost confidence in the Executive Board, to dissolve the Executive Board, and to hold new elections. If the no-confidence motion is passed by a majority of the voting members present at the meeting, the Executive Board shall continue in office only until a special election can take place at a formal meeting which will be held no later than two weeks after the no-confidence motion passes. At that formal meeting, new elections shall be held subject to Article VI. Each of the outgoing Executive Board officers may seek election at that time, same as any other eligible member. The officers elected at the special election shall serve for the remainder of the terms of the outgoing Executive Board officers.

ARTICLE VIII
Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any voting member, provided a written copy of the proposed amendment is provided to the Executive Board. At the next Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board may propose alternative amendment(s) or may
declare its support or opposition to the proposed amendment.

Section 2. A formal meeting will be called during the proposed amendment, any alternative Executive Board proposals, and statements of Executive Board position shall be presented for examination by the membership. The voting membership shall decide among alternative proposals by majority vote. The final form of the proposed amendment shall be adopted upon a two-thirds favorable vote of the membership.

Section 3. Amendments to this Constitution may not violate any Student Association, University at Buffalo, Student Mandatory Activity Fee Guidelines, New York State, or Federal rules, regulations, or laws.

Section 4. Once passed, amendments and an updated constitution must be turned in to the Student Association Office and the Council Coordinator for review and approval.

Section 5. Amendments shall become effective only upon approval by the Student Association.