



## **Tawas Bay Yacht Club General Membership Meeting – Nov. 2, 2019**

The Board of Directors proposes the following changes to the TBYC By-laws. Each of these shall be considered adopted if approved by two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

**PROPOSAL #1: Change to Article VII, Section 9. Social Membership, to cap the number of social members at 50% of the number of Full and Honorary Members. Current social members' status will not be changed to meet this cap.**

Current text:

Article VII, Section 9. Social membership. A Social member shall pay annual dues as determined by the general membership and does not pay any fees and assessments. A Social Member shall not be eligible to retain a slip, shall not be eligible to dry sail or use the ramp or boat racks, and shall not be eligible to be a member of the Board of Directors and may not sponsor another person for membership in the Club. In the event that a Social member desires full membership, the members shall pay the initiation fee that was current for the year in which the Social Membership was approved. The Social Member's seniority in all Club matters shall date from the acceptance of Full Membership.

Proposed text:

Article VII, Section 9. Social membership. A Social Member shall pay annual dues as determined by the general membership and does not pay any fees and assessments. A Social Member shall not be eligible to retain a slip, shall not be eligible to dry sail or use the ramp or boat racks, and shall not be eligible to be a member of the Board of Directors and may not sponsor another person for membership in the Club. In the event that a Social member desires full membership, the members shall pay the initiation fee that was current for the year in which the Social Membership was approved. The Social Member's seniority in all Club matters shall date from the acceptance of Full Membership. **The total number of Social Members shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the number of Full and Honorary Members. A Social Member in good standing cannot be compelled to change status for the sake of achieving this percentage.**

**PROPOSAL #2: Reinstate Associate Member category. If approved, this section would be inserted following Article VII, Section 8.**

Proposed new section X:

**Article VII, Section X. Associate Membership. An Associate member shall pay annual dues equal to dues set for Full Members and assessments. He/she shall be eligible to use the ramp for day use and store one small boat on racks. He/she shall not be eligible to retain a slip or dry sail and may not dock boats overnight or store boats or trailers on club property. An Associate Member shall not be eligible to be a member of the Board of Directors and may not sponsor another person for membership in the Club. In the event**

**that an Associate member desires full membership, the member shall pay the initiation fee that was current for the year in which the Associate Membership was approved. The Associate Member's seniority in all club matters shall date from the acceptance of Full Membership.**

### **PROPOSAL #3: Set voting power of Associate Members**

Current Text:

Article VII, Section 4. Membership in the club shall include the applicant and spouse. On all matters voted upon including the election of the Board of Directors, either person in the Full Membership, Junior Membership, and Honorary Membership may cast one vote per membership, and each Social Membership shall have one-tenth of one vote.

Proposed Text:

Article VII, Section 4. Membership in the club shall include the applicant and spouse. On all matters voted upon including the election of the Board of Directors, either person in the Full Membership, Junior Membership, and Honorary Membership may cast one vote per membership, **each Associate Membership shall have one-half of one vote**, and each Social Membership shall have one-tenth of one vote.

**In addition to the proposed changes to the by-laws, the Board proposes the following policy change:**

WORK PROJECT POLICY, Item 3

Current text:

Each Full Member will be required to complete one work project. Honorary members are exempt from doing a work project, but can do one if they wish. Board members' work project is considered to be their serving on the Board.

Proposed Text:

Each Full Member **and Associate Member** will be required to complete one work project. Honorary members are exempt from doing a work project, but can do one if they wish. Board members' work project is considered to be their serving on the Board.

**In addition to the proposed changes to the by-laws, the Board proposes the following fee changes:**

Fee change Proposal #1: Set House Minimum Charge to \$0 for all membership classes for the 2020 season.

Fee change Proposal #2: Increase Full Membership Initiation Fee from \$800 to \$1000.

Fee change Proposal #3: Increase Social Membership dues from \$125 to \$200.