

By-Laws of the

# TILC

## Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc



Formerly “The Outboard Club of the Tonawandas Inc.”

Organized January 7, 1957

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Up to date as of April 15, 2023

### **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND NAME**

#### **Section 1 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc. is to encourage the sport of boating; to promote the science of seamanship and navigation; to serve the interests of boat owners; to prevent the pollution of neighboring recreational waters; to stimulate interest in boating among the citizens in the area served by the club; to develop a fraternal spirit among boating enthusiasts; to provide a medium of exchange of boating information; to take proper action against discriminatory legislation and taxation affecting the lawful purposes of the corporation; to own or lease real and personal property for corporation uses; to develop more adequate boat storage and dock facilities; to do all things which will tend to serve present owners of boating equipment and to further interest in boating generally and to do any and all things necessary or proper in connection with, or incidental to, any of the foregoing purposes.

## Section 2 – NAME

The name of this club shall be “TONAWANDA ISLAND LAUNCH CLUB, INC.”

## **ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the TILC shall be comprised of the following specific groups: Active, Associate, Junior, and Mariner

**\*\*All membership placements held prior to April 15,2023 will not be altered by this bylaws change and those memberships will retain the rights and privileges of that placement. (Grandfather Clause )**

### Section 1a – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP in the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, Inc. shall be open to only married couples who are interested in boating. Active members maintain full club privileges and rights.

### Section 1b – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any unmarried children, age 23 and over, of active members who have maintained 5 years of continuous Active Membership prior to the child’s application for Associate Membership. Associate Members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an Active Member, except they shall not be eligible for elected office. They do have full voting rights. Associate membership status requires a request by the member, board recommendation and membership approval. Junior members or others who become eligible for associate membership shall have initiation fees waived and will not be required to be placed on the waiting list. Associate members automatically become Active Members upon marriage of that member. Associate Membership requires full dues payment.

### Section 1c – JUNIOR MEMBERS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP is open to the children, under the age of 23, of an Active Member. Junior Members shall not be eligible for elected office or have voting rights. A Junior Member upon attaining the age of 23 may apply for Associate Membership (or Active Membership if eligible under the grandfather clause listed above). If a Junior Member should marry, they shall be eligible for immediate entry as an Active Member upon completion of the membership process regardless of the active count. No initiation fee shall be required upon their application for Active Membership. If a Junior Member should own his own boat and wishes to use the Club launching and docking facilities, he must pay the amount equal to membership dues as annual launching and

docking fee.

## Section 1d – MARINER MEMBERSHIP

MARINER MEMBERSHIP shall include members above 70 years of age who no longer use docking or launch facilities, but wish to continue as members in the TILC. These members must have maintained 7 years of continuous, "active" status prior to the request for Mariner placement. They shall not have to pay dues and/or assessments. They shall not have voting rights or be eligible for office. They shall not count toward active membership. Mariner membership status requires a request by the member, board recommendation, and membership approval. Mariner members shall pay annual dues of \$50.00 plus tax.

## SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP CHARTER

The membership charter shall be closed at eighty-five (85) active memberships with further applicants for new membership to be put on a waiting list until an opening occurs. Married children of current members (with 5 years of continuous active membership) shall be eligible for immediate entry as an Active Member upon completion of the membership process regardless of the active count. No initiation fee shall be required upon their application for Active Membership.

## Section 3 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership in the Club shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. The membership application, in its approved form, shall contain signatures of both applicants and an agreement to abide by the By-Laws of the Club, including a statement of desired interests and participation for the good and welfare of the Club.

## SECTION 3a - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application for membership shall first be referred to the Membership Committee for Investigation and approval; secondly, to the Board of Directors for approval and thirdly, to the general membership for approval. **It shall require the majority of members present at a general membership meeting for application approval.** If the application is approved, the applicant shall receive written notice and become a member upon payment of dues effective the month of acceptance.

## SECTION 4 – MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING shall:

1. Have written true and accurate information on the TILC application form
2. Demonstrate active participation in club responsibilities (i.e. – meetings,

functions, and work parties.)

3. Demonstrate appropriate conduct as a member of the TILC
4. Pay dues and/or assessments according to club policy.

Failure to comply with these conditions **may result in Board review.** Recommendation of the Board **and** approval by a majority at a membership meeting may initiate loss of docking privileges, loss of club usage privileges and/or termination of membership. Termination of any member shall not release said membership from the obligation to pay all monies owing to the Club to the end of the membership. Termination actions require notification, electronically or mail, to the member prior to the membership meeting.

### SECTION 5a - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any member in good standing may request a **Leave Of Absence** for a maximum period of one (1) year. The membership must apply in writing, with approval contingent on recommendation of the Board of Directors and the approval of the general membership. All LOA's terminate as of December 31st of that year and membership will be terminated if payment of the next year's dues is not received according to the bylaws.

### SECTION 5b – Leave Of Absence (MILITARY)

A member may receive special considerations while serving in the Armed Forces for a term of enlistment not to exceed four (4) years or a government required obligation. The member shall not be required to pay the regular monthly dues and assessments. This member shall not have voting privilege but shall maintain all other club privileges. Military LOA requires a request by the member, Board recommendation, & membership approval. Any member in this category shall have ninety days (90) from the date of honorable discharge or release from active duty, whichever occurs first, to request reinstatement to active membership. This must be done in writing to the secretary.

### SECTION 6 - RESIGNATION

A member in good standing may resign from the Club at any time upon a notice, in writing, to the secretary. Termination of any member shall not release said member from the obligation to pay all monies owing to the Club to the end of the membership or responsibility/liability for the return of the clubhouse key.

### SECTION 7 - DEATH OF AN, "ACTIVE" MEMBER

If death occurs to an active member of the club, the surviving spouse may retain active membership upon payment of regular dues.

## SECTION 8 – DIVORCE

In the event of divorce, either party may retain active membership upon payment of regular membership dues. These will be considered 2 separate active memberships.

## **ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### SECTION 1 - MANAGEMENT OF AFFAIRS

The management of the affairs and properties of the Club, within budgeted money, shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of the elective officers of the Club and the immediate Past Commodore.

### SECTION 2 - TERM OF OFFICE

Members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the term during which they serve as an elective officer of the Club or until their successors are elected and installed.

### SECTION 3 - REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at a time and place designated by the Commodore. Newly elected officers shall be invited to attend the last meeting prior to installation. Installation date shall be selected by the board and published and should be held prior to February one.

### SECTION 4 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Commodore may call special meetings of the Board of Directors when sufficient notice is given to permit the Directors to be present.

### SECTION 5 – QUORUM

A quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members of the Board; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting

### SECTION 6 - EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES

The Board of Directors shall be limited to using budgeted funds but may use emergency expenditures to protect the assets of the club.

## **ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS**

## SECTION 1 - ELECTIVE OFFICERS

The elective officers of the Club shall be; a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected each year to serve one (1) year, and three (3) Trustees, one (1) of whom shall be elected each year to serve three (3) consecutive years.

## SECTION 2 – ELECTIONS

The officers of the Club shall be elected at the November membership meeting. The new officers shall be installed by the Trustees at installation (or general meeting) as selected by the board and shall hold office for the term as provided in Section 1 of Article 4 of the By-Laws or until their successors shall be elected and installed.

## SECTION 3 - CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Candidates for office shall be members in good standing only and shall be nominated at the September and October general membership meetings. Nominees must be present at the membership meeting and give verbal approval or rejection of nomination. Nominees' names may be submitted through the Nominating Committee by written acceptance of the nominee. All written acceptances must go through the Nominating Committee. Nominations shall be closed at the October meeting.

## SECTION 3a - ELIGIBILITY FOR Board of Directors

~To be eligible for the office of Commodore a member shall have served one (1) full term as a member of the Board of Directors prior to holding office of commodore A commodore may only serve for a maximum of 4 terms.

~ Other positions other than trustee are open to any active member of the club.

~To be eligible for the office of Trustee, a member shall have served one full term as an elected officer of the Club.

## SECTION 4 - COMMODORE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Directors; shall be a member, ex-officio, of all committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned by the By-Laws and by the Board of Directors. The incoming commodore shall prepare the annual budget for presentation and approval at the January Board Meeting. Budget will then be presented for approval at the first general meeting of the

membership for that year.

## SECTION 5 - VICE COMMODORE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vice Commodore shall exercise the function of the Commodore during the absence or temporary incapacity of the Commodore. Shall act as editor of the Shearpin and shall cause it to be electronically published monthly, prior to each membership meeting, containing news of importance to the membership. They, or their designee, shall work with the web site committee to maintain an accurate list of member emails. They shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 6 - SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Secretary shall keep minutes, correspondence, and other official reports of the Club. Shall send official letters when so directed by the Commodore, Board of Directors, or the general membership. Shall issue vouchers to the Treasurer for all approved expenditures. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 7 - FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES The

The Financial Secretary shall receive and record all dues, assessments and monies turned over by the Club Committees and shall turn over such monies to the Treasurer. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 8 - TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Treasurer shall have custody of all the monies received from the Financial Secretary of the Club and shall keep regular books of accounts. The treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Club in payment of the demands against the Club as ordered by the Board of Directors, within budgeted money. The treasurer shall take proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the Trustees, from time to time, as may be required, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club. The treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 9 - TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees shall prepare a quarterly audit and submit the same to the general membership of the Club. They shall maintain the storage of the Club corporate papers and seal and all other documents ordered there by the first (1st) and second (2nd) Trustees. Trustees shall also administer a separate bank account for the purpose of



accumulating and repaying the necessary monies for the property purchase and other major indebtedness. Withdrawal of funds from this account will require the consent of any two (2) trustees and directive from the Board of Directors. They will present the condition of all accounts at general membership meetings. ALSO:

~First year trustee shall also be responsible for the management of all aspects of yearly nominations and membership voting for board officers.

~Second year trustee shall be responsible for management of all aspects of the annual club installation and management of all aspects of the Commodore's Ball.

~Third year trustee shall be responsible for management of all aspects of the Flag Raising Ceremony.

## SECTION 10 - VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICE

Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the general membership at any membership meeting at which a quorum is present. The successor so chosen and qualified shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor and shall receive, after serving four (4) months, full credit for that office and shall be eligible for nomination to offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Trustee.

## **ARTICLE 5 - FINANCIAL POLICIES**

### SECTION 1 – MONIES

The monies held by the treasurer shall be deposited in the name of the Club in bank or banks as the Board of Directors shall designate and shall be withdrawn by check or withdrawal order signed by one (1) of the following officers; Commodore, Vice Commodore or Treasurer. Financial records of the Club shall be handled on a calendar year basis.

## **ARTICLE 6 - BUDGET**

### SECTION 1 - BUDGET SUBMISSION

The Board of Directors shall submit to the general membership at the first general meeting after installation a proposed budget of the expenditures covering the total anticipated expenditures for the new year. This budget shall be considered and approved, with or without revisions, subject to review and revision at any regular membership meeting thereafter. The Board of Directors and/or any paid employee of the Club shall not obligate the Club in excess of the approved budget. Line item changes within the budget may be made by board approval at any time, as they deem

appropriate. Membership approval is not needed in this regard. .

## **ARTICLE 7 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 - DUES**

The dues shall be three-hundred dollars per year plus applicable state and local sales taxes. A recreation fee as prescribed in Article 11, section 1 shall be added to this amount and is payable in advance. That dues may be paid in full or in two (2) installments - a minimum first amount as designated by the Board is due by the night of February 15th and the balance in full by the night of May 15th.

### **SECTION 1a - DUES, NEW MEMBERSHIP**

The dues on the new incoming membership shall begin the month of their acceptance by the general membership and shall be prorated as appropriate.

### **SECTION 2 - INITIATION FEE**

The initiation fee shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable with the application for membership. Any Initiation fee refund is solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 3 - DELINQUENT DUES**

Dues shall be considered delinquent if ~ (1) at least the minimum first payment by the night of February 15th is not met or (2) the balance in full is not paid by the night of May 15th. Second payments not postmarked by date above shall be penalized 10% of the balance due. Also, all fees and assessments to any membership shall make the membership delinquent if not paid by December 31st of the year these fees are incurred.

### **SECTION 3a - DELINQUENT DUES ACTION**

All delinquent memberships shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall notify the delinquents by mail or electronically, and the Directors shall make recommendations to the general membership of those delinquents memberships as to appropriate action..

### **SECTION 3b - GOOD STANDING MEMBER**

All memberships active within the guidelines listed in Article 2, Section 4 shall be

considered members in good standing as determined by the Board of Directors..

#### SECTION 4 - MOORING FEE, ANNUAL

The mooring fee for slips shall be five hundred fifty dollars plus tax per year. The fee may be paid in two (2) installments, one-half due by January 15th and the balance when members' boat goes in the water or by May 15th, whichever comes first.

### **ARTICLE 8 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

#### SECTION 1 - PLACE, DATE AND HOUR

The place, date and hour of all membership meetings shall be sent, in writing or electronically to each active membership as directed by the Board of Directors, and all such meetings shall be held as designated in the notice. Only adult members in good standing shall be allowed to attend such meetings.

A member in good standing who is single, widowed or divorced may, if he or she desires, have one adult significant other person accompany him or her to a meeting. The significant other person who accompanies a member to a meeting will not have voting rights and must be informed not to offer opinion during a meeting.

#### SECTION 2 - ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held on a date selected by the Board of Directors..

#### SECTION 3 - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meetings shall be held on the second Saturday, in months as selected and published by the Board of Directors. Dates may be changed when appropriate by the Board of Directors with 30 day notification to the membership.

#### SECTION 4 - SPECIAL MEETING

Special meetings may be called by any twelve (12) members in good standing upon petition in writing and presented to the Commodore and/or Secretary, stating the purpose of the meeting and giving seven (7) days notice; time and place to be agreed upon by all parties. Only the purpose stated on the petition shall be transacted and all twelve (12) who signed the petition shall be present at the meeting.

#### SECTION 5 - A QUORUM

A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall consist of memberships represented by 30 members in good standing. Any action taken at a regular or special meeting, without a quorum shall require a majority vote of those qualified voters present and a majority vote of the presiding Board of Directors for motion to pass.

### SECTION 6 - QUALIFIED VOTER

A qualified voter shall be an adult member of active membership or Associate membership and shall have the right to cast one (1) vote.

### SECTION 6A - VOTING AT MEETINGS

Voting at all membership meetings may be via voice or by show of hands, but any qualified voter may demand a secret vote whereupon such secret vote shall be taken by ballot.

### SECTION 6b - VOTING FOR OFFICERS

Voting for elective officers of the Club shall be by secret vote and shall be taken by ballot.

### SECTION 6c - TELLERS OF BALLOTS

Tellers of the ballot shall be appointed by the Commodore prior to the time of the ballot and shall consist of one (1) Trustee and two (2) members from the general membership who shall receive and take charge of all ballots.

### SECTION 6d - LEGAL BALLOT PROCEDURE

Legal ballot procedure shall require: Each qualified voter to acknowledge receipt of the ballot; Ballots to be issued in accordance with the roster of the active or associate membership and no extra ballots are to be issued.

### SECTION 7 - INSPECTORS DUTIES - OF ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Three inspectors of election shall be appointed by the Commodore prior to the opening of the nomination for elective officers of the Club and shall consist of one (1) Trustee, as Chairman and two (2) members from the general membership. The inspectors shall explain, to the membership, the duties of the offices to be filled and the qualifications necessary to accept nomination. They shall screen all accepted nominations for the required qualifications and shall post the names of qualifiers for the general membership's review. They shall act as tellers of the ballot as provided in Section 6c of

Article 8 of the By-Laws.

### SECTION 7a - WHO MAY SERVE

A nominee for elective office cannot serve on this committee.

## **ARTICLE 9 - COMMITTEES**

~~ Committees should be aware of the budget and not plan events that  
indebt the club beyond budgeted monies without Board approval.  
Committees shall report at General Membership meetings.

### SECTION 1 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Commodore shall appoint all committee chairman for the major and all other committees necessary for the welfare of the Club.

### SECTION 2 - COMMITTEES

The standing committees shall be the;

#### SECTION 2.1 - BYLAWS

The Bylaws committee shall maintain an update of all bylaws issued by the club. The committee will maintain a written archives of all bylaws documents. They shall oversee the management of bylaws changes to insure their legality under our corporate charter. The committee shall produce current bylaws documents for the Board of Directors and the membership upon request. They shall keep an accurate record of legal changes of wording with dates. The committee may recruit members when needed.

#### SECTION 2.1A ~DOCK RULES SUB COMMITTEE

\_A sub committee of the Bylaws committee shall be the DockRules. Bylaws will oversee the Dock Rules of the club and maintain accurate records of the dock rules document and oversee and record legal changes to this document. The committee may recruit members when needed.

#### SECTION 2.2 - CRUISE MASTER

Cruise Committee shall plan and organize cruises of interest to the Club

membership. Cruise Master shall also be responsible for organization of all aspects of the annual Cruise Dance. The committee may recruit members when needed

### SECTION 2.3 - DOCK MASTER

The committee shall consist of a Dock Master appointed by the Commodore and up to two assistants appointed by the Dock Master.

The Dock master and or a committee member shall have authority over transient slips and may make decisions for the convenience and welfare of the club. The Dock Master shall have the sole responsibility of the rental of unused assigned slips with the prior approval of the assignee as defined in the dock rules. Should a rental slip become available it shall be the responsibility of the Dock Master to offer that slip to members on the priority list by order of rank. The Dock Master and/or his committee shall carry out any other such duties as may be assigned by the commodore. Committee will report to the Board regularly and will provide documentation of current lists of dock assignments and changes, and report updates to the Board in a timely fashion.

### SECTION 2.4 DOCK MAINTENANCE

This committee shall be responsible for all maintenance on both the main docks and the floating docks. The committee shall oversee the planning and removal of the floating docks. They shall keep the Board of Directors informed of dock conditions and concerns and make repairs as approved by the Board of Director. The committee may recruit members when needed

### SECTION 2.5 - ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Committee shall be a catalyst for planning and organizing social activities for all ages. They will be a resource and support for members planning social activities. The committee may recruit members when needed.

### SECTION 2.6 - EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The committee shall oversee all aspects of exterior maintenance. The committee will repair and/or correct any deficiencies found concerning the exterior of the building. The committee will keep the Board of Directors informed of conditions and concerns. The committee may recruit members when needed.

### SECTION 2.7 - FAMILY PICNIC COMMITTEE

The Family Picnic Committee shall plan and organize a Family Picnic at the club for all ages. They shall handle date selection and total operation of events for that day. The committee may recruit members as needed.

### SECTION 2.8 - GALLEY

Galley shall oversee the operation of the kitchen and notify the interior maintenance committee when needed. They shall be a catalyst for foods offered at general membership meetings. The committee may recruit members when needed.

## SECTION 2.9 - GROUNDS

The Grounds committee shall oversee the landscaping of the club. They shall report to the Board of Directors on conditions and needs and may recruit members when needed.

## SECTION 3.0 - HOSPITALITY

This committee shall fill the need to bridge the area of personal recognition of membership accomplishments and club support for memberships in distress. They shall be responsible to keep the Board informed and communicate club support to memberships when appropriate

## SECTION 3.1 - ICE BOOM

The Ice Boom Committee shall consist of three members to include a chairman. Responsibilities of this committee are to oversee the installation and removal of Ice Boom and assure proper maintenance of the same. The committee shall keep the Board of Directors informed of conditions and concerns. The chairman may call on members as needed.

## SECTION 3.2 - INTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The committee shall oversee all aspects of the interior maintenance. The committee will repair and/or correct any deficiencies within the building structure and utilities. The committee will keep the Board of Directors informed of conditions and concerns. The committee may recruit members when needed.

## SECTION 3.3 - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Committee shall consist of three (3) or more members. They shall screen all applications for membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to the merits of each application. They may conduct membership drives when the Membership Charter is open. They shall welcome visitors and new members, presenting new members to the general membership and keep a roll call ledger of all members present at the membership meetings. They shall keep an up-to-date roster of all active memberships.

## SECTION 3.4 - PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

Property Improvement Committee shall consist of five (5) or more members, The Commodore, or his designee, shall act as chairman. the following chairman; Building External Maintenance, Building Internal Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance and Dock Maintenance will comprise this committee and any other member appointed by the Commodore. They shall plan and supervise the property improvement and maintenance. They shall prepare the meeting place for the regular and special membership meetings.

## SECTION 3.5 - PROPERTY PLANNING

The Property Planning Committee shall consist of five (5) members and shall include the most recent four (4) past Commodores and the current Property Improvement Committee General Chairman. The chairman of this committee shall be the immediate Past-Commodore. They shall formulate the long-range plans concerning the Club property and submit them to the General membership for approval. This committee shall strive to preserve the continuity of property improvement projects from year to year.

### SECTION 3.6 - SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Safety and Education Committee shall maintain a list of safety rules for Club properties and boating activities. They shall establish and maintain a first-aid kit on the Club property and other safety equipment ordered by the Board of Directors. They shall keep the general membership informed on all boating regulations and pending legislation, both state and local.

### SECTION 3.7 - SHIP STORE

This committee shall be a catalyst for the purchases and sale of apparel, emblems and any other items useful to the image of the club. They shall maintain inventory when appropriate. They may seek advanced payment for purchases upon approval of the Board but should sell items for reimbursement to the club. They will maintain accurate accounting for Board examination upon request.

### SECTION 3.8 - TRAILER LOT

Trailer lot committee shall be responsible for all matters involving the trailer lot. They will maintain accurate records of trailer placement and seniority, and waiting list seniority. They shall inform the board of needed action and concerns. They may recruit members when needed.

### SECTION 3.9 - WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and Means Committee shall plan and organize ways and means of raising funds for the Club. The committee may recruit members when needed.

### SECTION 4.0 - WEB SITE

The committee shall be responsible for the complete operation of the TILC website. They shall report to the Board on conditions of the website and any concerns. They may recruit members when needed.

### SECTION 5 - OTHER COMMITTEES

Other committees may be created by the Board of Directors as needed for specific projects or needs. These committees are usually not permanent in nature.

### SECTION 6 ~ VACANCIES

Vacancies of any committee chairman shall be filled by the Commodore and the



successor so chosen shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor and shall receive, after serving four (4) months, full credit for that office.

## **ARTICLE 10 - BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 - AMEND BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the qualified voters present, provided a thirty (30) day notice of such proposed amendment and/or amendments have been communicated to each voting membership with a notice of the meeting at which the proposed amendment and/or amendments are to be considered.

## **ARTICLE 11 - RECREATION PACKAGE**

### **SECTION 1 - FEE - REC. PACKAGE**

Each membership shall be charged a seventy five dollar (\$75.00) recreation package fee, which shall entitle them to fifteen (15) five dollar (\$5.00) certificates redeemable at face value at any scheduled social event sponsored by the Tonawanda Island Launch Club, including but not limited to the Cruise Dance, Commodore's Ball and Family Picnic. These certificates shall be valid only in the calendar year issued and shall be non transferable. This fee shall be billed with the yearly dues statement and payable by the May general membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE 12 ~ SELLING CLUB BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE**

In the event that an offer of purchase is made for the club assets and real estate, the following conditions must be met.

- A. Offer of purchase first must receive unanimous support of the Board of Directors to proceed ~**Failure to receive unanimous Board approval voids any further action.**
- B. ONLY after unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.**
- C. Offer of purchase shall be made public to all members of the TILC in writing, both electronically and by registered receipt mail.
- D. A special general meeting will be scheduled not less than 60 days from purchase notification.
- E. A ballot containing all conditions of the sale shall be mailed by a US registered receipt to every voting member. A 30 day window for the return of ballot shall be announced. Ballots postmarked

- after the closing date will not be valid.
- F. Passage of motion to accept the purchase offer requires 95% support of the voting membership.
  - G. Unreturned ballots shall be counted as a no vote.

## **ARTICLE 13 -AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

**PASSAGE OF THIS BYLAWS DOCUMENT PASSED April 15, 2023 IS HEREBY DECLARED THE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE BYLAWS OF THE TILC.**