

Candidate Information Flyer

Sloop Tavern Yacht Club
Executive Board Elections for 2022



Nominated for: Commodore

Mike Scribner

STYC Member Since: 2019

Boat Name: Befuddled Too

Bio: *I have served as your Vice-Commodore for the last two years and look forward to the new challenge of the Commodore role. Having only been in the Seattle area for about 5 years and involved with the club for nearly half of that; I have come to respect and love the STYC community. Without the Sloop I would probably not still be here, the friendships, camaraderie, and yes...The sailing have meant so much to me personally. I can only hope to give back some portion of what has been given to me by the Sloop community...We aren't the fanciest sailors, (nor the soberest), but we sure do have a heck of a lot of fun; I can't wait to see where 2023 takes us.*



Nominated for: Vice-Commodore

Jennifer Flannery

STYC Member Since: 2020

Boat Name: Gotcha

Bio: *I learned how to sail in 2019! I fell in love with it immediately and bought my first boat. I heard racing was the best way to learn more about sailing and was connected with STYC. Over the past few years I have been fortunate to race on many different boats and continue to grow as a sailor. Sailing has taught me so much about myself and given me a community I am truly grateful for. I love STYC because it encourages inclusivity and supports sailors of all communities and experience levels. I plan to continue building a community between cruisers and racers and focus on putting more butts in boats! I love the club and want to continue giving back to it!*



Nominated for: Treasurer

Brian Davies

STYC Member Since:

Boat Name:

Bio: No Bio Submitted

Nominated for: Secretary

Beth Schoenberg

STYC Member Since: 2020

Boat Name: Octopus Time

Bio: *After a life on land, I discovered sailing about 2 years ago. We took a week-long, live-aboard course that covered ASA 101, 103, and 104, and I was hooked! We ended up buying Octopus Time, selling our house in Snoqualmie, and moving to Ballard so we could be closer to Shilshole. One of the pieces of advice that our sailing instructor gave us was to look up the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club if we wanted to get involved with the sailing community in Seattle, so that was one of the first groups we contacted. Our first event was the holiday party just 2 years ago - since then, we've gotten involved in cruises, social events, and, even though it wasn't originally part of our plan, even a few races. I love how supportive everyone is for those of us just getting started in sailing, and how willing to share their time and knowledge. I look forward to being able to give back to the organization by serving on the board.*

Nominated for: Board Member at Large Positions 1 & 3

Rick Meldrum

STYC Member Since: 2021

Boat Name: Ignitor

Bio: *I came to Sloop Tavern after purchasing Ignitor from Ron, especially after knowing the history of the club being started in the tavern. Although I am relatively new to sailing, I have raced outrigger canoes from one man canoes up to 12 person teams for 6 person boats. I raced in Hawaii in both short and long distance races as well as coaching by the local HS outrigger team. I would love to contribute to the community anyway I can, while continuing to reach out to other combat veterans like myself who need that refreshing breeze while on the water.*



Duncan Chalmers

STYC Member Since: 2018

Boat Name: 20 Degrees (Wylie 34')

Bio: *I have been racing on sailboats since 1992 in Cleveland, San Francisco and Seattle and joined STYC in 2018 to race and cruise with this great sailing community! Over the years, I have raced and cruised 20 Degrees with the club, as well as volunteering on Race Committee, Program Race Committee in 2019 and helped setup for social events. I am on the ballot for Board Position and hope to provide both my sailing expertise and experiences with the Club to continue to build and improve this wonderful community.*



Shez Tucker

STYC Member Since: 2016

Boat Name: Red Hot

Bio: *Hi my name is Shez Tucker. I live on my sailboat with my wife Michelle and our dog Atlas at Shilshole. We have a Red C&C 39 called Red Hot and we use it to enjoy this beautiful backyard of ours. I've been sailing now for 15 years I think. We are transplants from Kansas City where we learned to sail on a 1000 Acre lake. Owning 3 different boats in the course of 8 years. I fell in love with sailing and decided that bigger waters were in our future. We sold everything and moved to Seattle in 2016 bought our boat and the rest is history. I have been an officer in several other sailing clubs and just want to help out where it's needed.*

Morris Lowitz

STYC Member Since: 2016

Boat Name: Keala / Uproar

Bio: *I have been sailing on and off for almost 20 years but did not get serious until 7 years ago when I moved to Seattle. Immediately after getting my J-80 UpRoar I joined STYC and began racing Ballard Cup and other events. Over the last few years as I have gotten to know more and more club members I have only fallen more in love with this club. STYC is truly a special organization, working hard to have as many people as possible discover the joys of sailing on the sound. I really want to give back to this great organization buy taking on a board role to insure that the club continues to provide the great events that it does!*



Dave Sinson

STYC Member Since: 2017

Boat Name: Aquavit

Bio: *My father put me on a Sunfish when I was 4. I joined the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club when we found Aquavit, an International Folkboat, in 2017. Since then, Jenn and I have enjoyed racing, cruising, race committee, and social events with the club. I am interested in supporting these activities with Sloop members and promoting the club to meet and encourage more sailors to join us.*



Bylaws

The STYC Executive requests approval from the membership to update the bylaws to improve clarity surrounding who on the executive board is allowed to vote on motions as well as who is allowed to make motions when the executive board is in session.

Old Language:

Section 2. *Board meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and will require at least fifty percent (50%) of Board members present to constitute a quorum; excluding the immediate past Commodore.*

Updated Language:

Section 2. *Board meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and will require at least fifty percent (50%) of Board members present to constitute a quorum for motions to be passed; excluding the immediate past Commodore.*

(a) *Only sitting board members may make motions, second motions, vote on motions, or move that open motions be tabled.*

Reason for Request:

The executive board is asking the membership to approve this update to the STYC Bylaws; the executive board has voted (at the November board meeting) and approved this update to be moved to the ballot. Per the requirements outlined in our bylaws, any bylaw changes are subject to a vote/poll of the entire general voting membership.

The intent of this update is to clarify who on the executive board has the ability to vote on motions, initiate motions, second motions, and table motions. The current language is unclear and may be interpreted that anyone present at the executive board meeting may make a motion while the executive board is in session. While this has not proven to be a substantial impediment to board activities; the current executive board feels it important to clarify roles and responsibilities for future executive boards.

The goal of this bylaw update is to improve the expediency of executive board motions/votes by preventing any confusion/discussion surrounding the roles and responsibility outlined above and in our bylaws.

[Link to our current bylaws](#)