



Goldbug's Wake

East Cooper Outboard Motor Club ~ Founded 1956

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Bylaw Change Vote (3rd notice)

At the September and October regular meeting Commodore Walter Kaufmann proposed and discussed a New Board Member position called "Dock & Deck Chairman" This will require Bylaw change and will be voted on at the regular meeting on December 17th. See [attachment](#) for proposed Bi-Law Changes

Beneficent Group News:

The BG Board honored our commitment to fund local charities in November at the [55th Annual Goldbug Turkey Shoot](#) to [East Cooper Meals on Wheels](#) and [Wreaths Across America](#) via [Marion Marauders Society](#).



presentation by **Chris Momeier**, Chairman, East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group

NEXT MEETING
Monday Night
December 17th
7pm

Remember to bring cash for the 50/50 donation - that helps the club pay for the food and drink provided FREE to members at ALL meetings!

[Goldbug Event Calendar](#)

The Annual
OYSTER
ROAST
February 23rd

Time: 3pm
Location: Bird Deck
This Event open to
Members and
Family only

OFFICERS

Walter Kaufmann
Commodore, ([Email](#))

Norm Engard
Vice Commodore, ([Email](#))

Danny Hughes
Past Commodore

John Gourdin
Secretary

Joey Gladden
Treasurer

Cherry Thomas
House Committee Chairman

Randy Howe ([Email](#))
Entertainment Chairman

Jerry Barnett
Membership Chairman

Mike Murphy
Member at Large, ([Email](#))

Robbie Forbes
Member at Large, ([Email](#))

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NOTICES:

- The following link will take you to all the Goldbug Christmas party photos. <https://qq0u.app.link/e/VUemuMISvS>
- Thanks to Larry Eppersimons
- FIREWOOD!** : Remember if you or anyone you know is cutting trees or if you see a pile of available wood that can be used in the fire pit - please bring it to the club.

ECOMC CALENDAR

Date	Event
Monday, December 31, 2018	New Year's Eve Camp Out at Goldbug
Tuesday, January 01 2019	New Year's Day Bring Covered Dish
Saturday, February 23, 2019	Oyster Roast 3pm
Friday, March 22, 2019	Ladies Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, April 20, 2019	Spring Fling
Saturday, May 25, 2019	Memorial Day weekend 5/25 thru 5/27
Thursday, July 4, 2019	Independence Day
Saturday, August 24, 2019	Annual Banquet
Saturday, August 31, 2019	Labor Day weekend 8/31 thru 9/2
Friday, November 1, 2019	Turkey Shoot 10/30 thru 11/20
Monday, November 25, 2019	*No monthly meeting in November
Sunday, December 8, 2019	Cookies with Santa
Saturday December 14, 2019	Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 31, 2019	New Year's Eve

Log onto www.goldbugisland.com for news and other information.
If you do not have a member login email Mike Richardson at mrichardson@atlanticelectric.com

See [attachment](#) pages 3 thru 10 below for proposed Bi-Law Changes

ECOMC BY-LAWS 12.17.18

17 December 2018

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EAST COOPER OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INCORPORATED

***** BY-LAWS *****
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Amended: 10/7/57, 10/21/57, 12/16/57, 5/19/58, 7/21/58, 7/17/58, 2/15/60, 12/19/60, 7/17/61, 8/21/61, 6/26/72, 3/1/78, 6/1/78, 11/1/85, 12/1/86, 7/17/89, 3/16/92, 7/20/92, 9/1/92, 7/19/93, 10/18/93, 9/19/94, 2/20/95, 3/27/95, 6/01/96, 10/19/98, 7/19/99, 2/19/2001, 3/15/2010, 7/18/11, 10/15/12, 9/8/17, **12/17/18 proposed changes**

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE AND NAME

Section 1 The purpose of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club, Incorporated (ECOMC) is to serve the interests of boat owners, to promote the safe use and conservation of our natural resources, to own and operate a private boat landing and related property, to provide a means of raising funds for scholarships for needy students, and for contributions to charitable organizations as defined by IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).

Section 2 Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

Section 1 The elected officers of the club shall include the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Membership Committee, Chairman of the House Committee, and Chairman of the Recreation and Entertainment Committee, **and Chairman of the Dock and Deck Committee.**

Section 2 A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Commodore, and shall consist of the Commodore, the Immediate Past Commodore, and one other past Commodore. Each nominee must accept his nomination before being submitted to the membership. Nominations shall be listed in the monthly newsletter prior to the presentation by the Executive Committee at the July meeting. If there are no objections or other nominations from the floor, those nominated shall be accepted by the membership. If there are nominations from the floor, an election for those positions shall be held at the August meeting. Elections shall be by secret ballot, and a simple majority of the votes cast shall decide the selection of the nominees. All incoming officers shall be installed at the annual banquet in August. They shall hold office until adjournment of the next annual meeting or until their successors are qualified and elected.

Section 3 Any vacancies that occur during the year may be filled by special ballot, at any meeting of the membership, provided notice of such an election has been given at least ten days previously, and documented on the notice for the election.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 Commodore - It is the duty of the Commodore to preside over all meetings, and to enforce the regulations and laws of the club. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2 Vice-Commodore - It is the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties and officiate in his absence and be responsible for the tracking of dues owed and distribution of keys and stickers.

Section 3 Secretary - It is the duty of the Secretary to attend all club meetings and make a written report of all club business. He shall keep a list of all members and advise them of all scheduled meetings and functions. He shall also be responsible for the monthly publication of the "Goldbug's Wake", the official newsletter of the ECOMC.

Section 4 Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for all matters pertaining to the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of all ECOMC funds, as required by the Executive Committee and by law. He shall make regular reports of all transactions, as requested by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all tax returns and corporation reports as required by federal, state, and local tax authorities.

Section 5 Membership Chairman - It is the duty of this Chairman to be responsible for the receipt of all applications for membership in the club. He shall make a complete investigation of each candidate for review by the Executive Committee and the membership. He shall also keep a current roster showing the order of candidates awaiting interviews for consideration as members.

Section 6 House Committee Chairman - It is the duty of this Chairman to regulate the use of the club by members and non-members. He shall be responsible for any outside contractor, example, a Rental coordinator to execute said duties for the club, with the approval of the Executive Committee .He, with his appointed sub-committee members, and with approval of the Executive Committee, shall set donation rates for organizations and/or individual users of the club, shall collect these donations and associated security deposits, and shall be specifically responsible for the maintenance of the club property, relative to the use by those organizations and/or individuals. He shall also assist with the organization of all work parties and supervise all contract work.

Section 7 Recreation & Entertainment Committee Chairman - It is the duty of this Chairman to be responsible for coordinating all social activities of the club. Subcommittees may be appointed by the Chairman as needed for:
A. Regular Meeting Committee - to provide food and beverages at the monthly meeting.
B. Annual Banquet Committee - to provide food, beverages, and make other necessary arrangements.
C. Camping Trip Committee - to make necessary arrangements for the annual camping trip.
D. Special Events Committee - to plan for oyster roasts, cookouts, cruises, etc.

Section 8 Dock and Deck Committee Chairman - It is the duty of this Chairman to be responsible for the maintenance of the Bird Deck, Grounds surrounding the Bird Deck, Docks and Boat Landing. To include the organization and oversight of all work parties related to normal maintenance and preparations for special events such as Turkey Shoot, Spring Fling, and Oyster Roast. Chairman will provide board with cost estimates for all major repairs.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Committee Chairman, House Committee Chairman, Recreation & Entertainment Committee Chairman, Dock and Deck Committee Chairman, Immediate Past Commodore, Commodore Emeritus (if elected), and two members elected from the membership, (Members At Large), serving staggered two year terms. The Executive Committee shall have general authority over all standing committees.

Section 2 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly, at a time and place designated by the Commodore, and at any other time as he shall direct. Five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 The Executive Committee may approve, only by unanimous vote, an application for membership that is to be presented to the general membership. Other issues on the agenda shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

Section 4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend any member for just cause, and shall report this at the next regular meeting of the club with their attached recommendations.

Section 5 The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies that occur in their numbers by special ballot, at any meeting of the membership, provided notice of such an election has been given at least ten days previously, and documented on the notice for the election. Executive Committee members elected by this process shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

Section 6 The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of their meetings/proceedings and make these reports as deemed proper to the membership. Discussion on elections of members and/or charges preferred against members shall be deemed strictly confidential. They may at any time require a report to be submitted to them by other sub-committees.

Section 7 The Executive Committee shall not have the right to borrow money or to issue bonds for the club; but such rights shall be vested in the members who may authorize such notes or bonds by a three-fourths vote of those present at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Executive Committee shall have the right to borrow money, on notes, for capital improvements to the club's property, and to issue bonds or deliver mortgages as security, upon the favorable vote of two-thirds of the members voting at any meeting of the membership.

Section 8 The Executive Committee shall prepare and submit to the membership for their approval, at the annual meeting, a proposed budget for the total anticipated expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

Section 9 The Executive Committee shall require that all ECOMC funds are controlled and accounted for by either the Treasurer or another Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee shall require that all ECOMC funds are turned over to the responsible committee member for prompt deposit into authorized bank accounts in the name of the ECOMC. The Executive Committee shall specifically authorize all withdrawals or disbursements and shall require all disbursements to be made by check.

ARTICLE V - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 Each year, the Commodore shall appoint Chairmen for Standing Committees. Each Chairman shall, in turn, select three members to serve with him and shall report these names to the Secretary.

The duties of the Standing Committees shall be as follows:

~~A. Dock and Landing Committee - Shall be responsible for coordinating the care, maintenance and improvements to the dock and boat landing area.~~

Section 2 A. Grounds Committee - Shall be responsible for coordinating the care, maintenance and improvements to the club grounds.

B. Audit Committee - Shall be responsible for conducting the annual audit of all expenditures, giving this report to the membership at the annual meeting.

C. Committees for fund raisers and scholarships shall be responsible for the organization and execution of activities. The proceeds from which will be donated for scholarships to needy students and charitable causes within the meaning of IRS Section 501 (C) (3).

Section 3 All Standing Committee Chairmen will be subject to making a written/verbal report to the Executive Committee and/or the membership as requested during the monthly meetings.

Section 4 Members At Large will be responsible for Bereavement Duty. This includes notifying the Executive Board of ill or deceased members and sending Cards, Flowers and such when required.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 The fiscal year of the club shall commence on the first day of September and end on the last day of August. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the third Monday in August.

Section 2 Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the third Monday of each month, unless canceled at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Commodore or by a majority of the members upon giving three days' notice to the Executive Committee. The notice must state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting. No business, other than that for which the meeting was called may be discussed or transacted except by unanimous consent of the members present. Notification of special meetings or other communications may also be given by card or letter at the discretion of the Commodore.

Section 4 Any action taken at a regular or special meeting shall require a two-thirds vote by those present, unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws.

The following order of business shall be observed at all regular meetings:

- A. Report from the Secretary
- B. Report from the Treasurer
- C. Reports from the Committee Chairmen
- D. Report from Standing Committees

Section 5 E. Report from the Commodore
F. Unfinished business
G. Elections
H. Installation of officers and/or new members
I. New business
J. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in the ECOMC shall be open to all adult male East Cooper area residents who are interested in recreational boating, fishing, and the outdoors in general.

Section 2 Applicants for membership must be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall be continuous residents of the East Cooper area for a minimum of one year prior to submitting the application for membership. Sons of members, or grandsons of members who have no sons, may submit applications for membership at age eighteen, but must meet all requirements for membership at the time their applications are presented to the Executive Committee by the Membership Chairman.

Section 3 Application for membership in the ECOMC shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee via the Membership Chairman. The application, in its approved form, shall contain an agreement to abide by the By-Laws of the club. The application for membership must be made by a member sponsor, as allowed by Article VII, Section 5 and two endorsers, all of whom are members in good standing, and who has personal knowledge of the applicant. The application must be accompanied by a recent photograph of the candidate and contain all information requested on the form.

Section 4 The Membership Committee Chairman or Commodore shall present a new candidate to the Executive Committee for membership into ECOMC providing the membership cap for Regular and Probationary Members is less than 200. The Executive Committee shall evaluate the new candidate to determine if the Candidate is worthy to become a Probationary Member. The Executive Committee shall vote to approve the candidate to become a Probationary Member. Probationary Member's shall serve a probationary period of at least 12 months and have all the rights, duties, and privileges of a regular member except they are not allowed to vote at club meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine when the Probationary Member's probation period is completed or if the Probationary Member should be dropped from membership of ECOMC. Any club member with a reason why the Probationary Member should not be considered for regular membership must inform one of the Executive Committee members of his reasons. The Executive Committee shall re-evaluate the candidate to determine if the reasons given are substantial enough to warrant exclusion from ECOMC. The Executive Committee shall schedule a vote with the membership at the next regularly scheduled club meeting once the Probationary member has successfully completed his probationary period.

Section 5 Voting shall be by secret ballot, with a minimum of two-thirds of the votes cast in favor of the candidate indicating acceptance. After notification and payment of all required fees and dues, the candidate shall be considered as a member, with full rights and privileges.

Section 6 Each member shall pay an additional sum as designated, over and above regular dues, into the Island Development Fund, payable in full at the time membership is approved.

Section 7 There shall be no honorary memberships in the ECOMC.

Section 8 A roster shall be prepared during each club year listing the names of all members, and made available to any member upon request.

Section 9 Any member may have his membership revoked at any meeting of the club for just cause, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, and provided that two-thirds of the members present are in agreement. The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend any member, suspend any member's privilege(s), or suspend the member's right to use the club ground or facilities who, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, has violated the By-Laws or House Rules of the club. This suspension can last for a period of no longer than one year, without review. The Executive Committee shall report any suspension at the next regular meeting of the club. (Although not identifying the member)

Any member who has been suspended or had his privileges suspended by the Executive Committee has the right to appeal the Executive Committee's decision to the full membership upon written notice to Commodore. The Commodore shall schedule a vote at the next regular club meeting where the membership may overturn or modify the Executive Committee's decision by a majority vote.

Any member of the Executive Committee has the authority to remove any person on club property, for just cause, for a period not to exceed 24 hours.

Section 10 There shall be a maximum of 200 regular members in the ECOMC, and a membership is not transferable. (Life members are not included in the 200 member limitation.)

Should a member in good standing die; his widow may within a reasonable time after his death, choose to exercise either or both of two options with regard to ECOMC:

1) She, and any children under the age of twenty-one whose place of residence is the same as hers shall be allowed continued use of club property, be permitted to attend appropriate social functions of the club, and continue to receive the monthly newsletter. She may have no voting privileges in ECOMC. Should she ever re-marry, these privileges shall be terminated.

Section 11 2) She may be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

If she chooses to exercise option (1), she shall be responsible for payment of ECOMC annual dues and fees. Furthermore, the member's son(s) who were on the "SON'S MEMBERSHIP LIST" at the time of the member's death may remain thereon so long as they meet all other requirements of the "SON'S MEMBERSHIP LIST".

If she chooses to exercise option (2), she shall be responsible for any dues required by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Life membership will be awarded to members who are 65 years of age, and have been a member in good standing of ECOMC for at least 20 years, and who shall make formal application to the Executive Committee for Life Member status.

Section 12 Life members shall NOT be responsible for payment of annual dues or assessments. Life members shall NOT be counted on the list of 200 active members. Life members SHALL be eligible to hold office, vote in all elections and receive all other benefits of ECOMC membership.”

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

Section 1 Membership fees and dues shall be set by the Executive Committee with the approval of two-thirds of the membership present at any meeting.

Section 2 Dues are payable on May 1st, and are considered in arrears if not paid by the 31st. Without exception, all dues that are collected will be held in escrow for the coming fiscal (beginning September 1st) year budget needs.

Section 3 Members who have not paid their dues by June 1st shall be suspended from the rolls and notified of suspension by certified, return receipt requested, mail. Should the member fail to pay his dues by June 15th, he shall be considered as a member "not in good standing", notified by mail, and dropped from the rolls.

Section 4 Any member under suspension, or any former member who has been dropped from the rolls for violation of the By-Laws or House Rules, shall not be permitted the use of club grounds, dock, or clubhouse, even when in the company of another member. If found to be in violation of this section, the offending member shall be requested to appear before the Executive Committee to provide an acceptable reason as to why he should not also be suspended from the club for violation of House Rules.

ARTICLE IX - RESIGNATIONS

Section 1 Resignations must be forwarded to the Treasurer in writing, be presented by him at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and shall become effective at that meeting. No refund of annual dues shall be made.

Section 2 No resignation will be accepted until the member is clear from all indebtedness to the club.

ARTICLE X - CORPORATE SEAL

Section 1 The corporate seal shall be a Gold Bug showing six feet with head facing left, having two eyes, two visible antennae and encircled by the club name as an appropriate border. A club flag, burgee, or shoulder patch must carry the same design.

ARTICLE XI - HOUSE RULES

Anyone may become a "member not in good standing" and may lose his membership for violating any of the House Rules.

* Specific examples include:

- Section 1
- A. The loaning of your gate key to a non-member
 - B. Leaving the gate unlocked when entering or exiting the club grounds.
 - C. Leaving the clubhouse dirty
 - D. Stealing club property
 - E. Using the club under false pretenses
 - F. Destruction of club property
 - G. Disrespect for other members while using club property

* A complete listing of House Rules is posted in the clubhouse.

ARTICLE XII - BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be repealed, added to, altered, amended, or suspended as follows:

- Section 1
- A. Notice and listing of any change, addition, or deletion, and the date of consideration must be **provided in written form** to the membership prior to the date of consideration; and
 - B. Any change, addition, or deletion must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

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