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*Founded 1956*



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## 2021 Board Members

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*Randy Howe, (Email)*  
Vice Commodore

*Walter Kaufmann*  
Past Commodore

*John Gourdin, (Email)*  
Secretary

*Joey Gladden, (Email)*  
Treasurer

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843-296-4838  
House Committee Chairman

*Robbie Forbes, (Email)*  
Entertainment Chairman

*Mark Law, (Email)*  
843-793-8390  
Membership Chairman

*Matt Williams, 843-452-9325*  
Dock & Deck Chairman

*Dave Kauffmann, (Email)*  
Member at Large

*John Curry, (Email)*  
Member at Large

*Jerry Barnett,*  
Commodore Emeritus

Chris Momeier, 843-614-1813  
ECOBG Chairman, (Email)

### Nominations for 2021/2022 Board:

#### Section 1

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#### 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.

### 2021/2022 Nominees Are:

- Commodore: Randy Howe
- Vice Commodore: Dave Kaufman
- Secretary: John Gourdin
- Treasurer: Joey Gladden
- Membership: Mark Law
- House: Chance Nilsen
- Entertainment: Doc Holiday
- Dock & Deck: Matt Williams
- M.A.L. 2-year term: John Curry
- M.A.L. 1-year term: Larry Eppersimons

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**KEEP GATE LOCKED**

**DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN**



Parking Reminder:

- Members with guests going out on your boat for the day, when at all possible, please have them park their cars off premise and have them ride with you.
- Members and guests just visiting the bird deck to stay awhile, please park in the turkey shoot area behind bird deck.
- Members remind your guests, for now, if they have to park in front of the bird deck please double park.

Club Rentals, Contact:  
[destinationgoldbug.com](http://destinationgoldbug.com)

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[rent@destinationgoldbug.com](mailto:rent@destinationgoldbug.com)

Work Parties: - Contact:

- Mark Law, 843-793-8390
- Matt Williams, 843-452-9325
- Chance Nilsen, 843-296-4838

Standing Committee Positions are always open; please contact any board member to become more involved in YOUR club.

- If you would like to participate more and become a Board Member, please contact Vice Commodore Randy Howe 843-708-7356

### 2021 CALENDAR of Events

*All scheduled events are subject to change due to Covid19*

Date	Event
August 21, 2021	Annual Banquet, Bring Canned goods
November 2021	No Member Meeting
November 03 - 24, 2021	Turkey Shoot
December 05, 2021	Cookies with Santa
December 11, 2021	Christmas Party
April , 2022	Spring Fling, Bring Canned goods
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Birthdays:

Regular Members July Birthdays (1940 to 1994)

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| James Avinger Jr.       | David G. Bouchelle        |
| Gerald Joseph Bresnihan | Paul A. Curry             |
| Edward Hammer Darby     | Robert L. Dayhoff         |
| Thomas J. Gladden Jr.   | John K. (JK) Gourdin VI   |
| Evan R. Jarman          | Thomas Meredith           |
| Christopher Mullen      | Allan Prescott            |
| Robert B. Rogers        | Mark T. Scruggs           |
| Malcolm T. Shealor      | George W. Sisson Jr.      |
| Thomas H. Smith Jr.     | Anthony F. Tuk            |
| Rick Wannamaker         | Jennings O. Beau Wise Sr. |
| Calvin J. Woods         |                           |



Beneficent Group:

- Anyone wishing to make a direct donation to the East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group can send a check to the following Address:  
East Cooper Outboard Beneficent, Inc  
PO Box 225  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465  
Memo: "BG Donation" or "BG Donation in Memory Of ....".
- **Narcan** : the brand name for a drug called **naloxone** that blocks the effects of an opioid overdose can be obtained from **South Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition** (SCHRC) at 843-906-4846

Firewood:

No firewood needed at this time

Facebook:

Goldbug Members can join the **"ECOMC MEMBERS ONLY"** private Facebook group to share pictures, news, or anything to benefit the club. Maybe you have something to sell or looking to buy. Perhaps you need a partner to fish with. That's the purpose of the group. Remember - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post, and only members can find this group.

Photo Album:



*Goldbug Island has taken enhanced health and safety measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. Please follow all posted instructions while visiting our facility. There is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where other people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that could lead to severe illness and death.*

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Hats and Shirts have been ordered; No holds and no personal orders. First come first serve at meetings and designated times set by the house chairman - See Chance at the meeting for more information



**FRONT**



**BACK**



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## ECOMC House Rules

1. All members shall be issued yearly membership cards and decals. Membership cards must be shown to any member upon request and decals must be attached and displayed in the bottom driver's side corner of the vehicle windshield.
2. Members shall agree to abide by all established rules for club members and shall conduct themselves in a gentleman-like manner at all times.
3. Members shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of all family members and guests while on club property; Underage drinking is prohibited on Goldbug Island.
4. Members launching their boats may invite one guest vehicle/boat/trailer, and one other guest vehicle, provided that a membership card is placed on the dash of the guest vehicle/boat/trailer, and a note signed by the member is placed on the dash of the second guest vehicle.
5. Mature sons and daughters who are under the age of 21 years, and members' wives, whose place of residence is the same as a member's may use the boat landing without being accompanied by the member. Sons, Daughters and Wives are not allowed to invite guest boats. No son or daughter who is 21 years of age or older, may use the facilities except as a guest accompanied by the member. Sons, Daughters and Wives on club property without the ECOMC member present shall identify themselves to any member when requested.
6. The ECOMC is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property of members or guests while they are using club facilities.
7. Members shall have the privilege of using the club grounds, boating facilities, and of attending all social functions scheduled by the ECOMC.
8. Members shall have the privilege to use the club for private meetings or social functions upon request and approval of the Executive Committee (via the House Committee Chairman); payment of all associated security deposits must accompany the request.
9. Members are responsible for any cleaning and maintenance associated with private social functions or meetings held on club property, including (but not limited to) the disposal of trash, litter, and garbage. Failure to do this will result in the forfeiture of any security deposits held by the House Committee Chairman.
10. Members are responsible for the protection of club property from all damages while using the facilities.
11. Members responsible for insuring that vehicles under their control are parked in such a way so that they do not interfere with entry to, or exit from the club grounds and boat landing occupied vehicles or trailers are not permitted on the causeway leading to the clubhouse or boat landing.
12. Complaint(s) against the club by a member must be in writing and addressed to the Secretary. The member shall be invited to the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss his complaint(s), and to seek resolution.
13. Committee members are charged with the enforcement of all House Rules, as well as reporting any infractions to the Executive Committee.
14. The Executive Committee reserves the right to deny requests from any member for the use of the boat landing, dock, or any portion of the club property, where the personal safety of club members maybe in question. This includes the right to close all properties at any time for the purpose of repair, maintenance or improvements being made.
15. Members must participate in a minimum of seven (7) Work Parties and/or monthly Meetings or other activity focused on maintenance of the club's property or mission (e.g. Turkey shoot; building & dock maintenance, etc.) each year, from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> or pay an assessment in an amount determined by the board to remain a member in good standing. During their first year, Probation Members must attend six (6) meetings and participate in two (2) work parties.
16. Skeet shooting (shot guns only) is allowed on club property by members and their guest. A member or member's spouse must be present at all times when skeet are being shot. Skeet shooting is permitted only in the northeast quadrant of the club property. Skeet are NOT to be shot over the marsh at any time.  
No other firearms (e.g., pistols, rifles) are to be discharged on club property.
17. Members may temporarily store their boats on club property only in a location and for a duration approved in advance by the House Chairman.
18. Members may camp on club property for no more than one night with prior approval from the House chairman. No open fires are permitted except in designated burn area.
19. Members are allowed to take a maximum of 48 quarts of ice from the clubhouse ice machine prior to embarking on a boating outing. Members are allowed to use ice when renting the club at the sole discretion of the House Committee Chairman.
20. The Bird Deck is reserved for Members and their guests, and may not be reserved or rented except for special functions as may be designated by the Executive Committee. A Member and his guests may have functions at the Bird Deck up to a maximum of 10 people, but at no time shall the responsible Member leave guests at the Bird Deck without the presence of at least one Member. A Member using the Bird Deck is responsible for the actions of their guests, and is required to clean up the Bird Deck after its use. A Member who wishes to have a function of more than 10 members and guests is required to have prior approval from the Commodore or the House Committee Chairman. A Member may be disciplined by the Executive Committee for failing to follow these rules. Any member of the Executive Committee has the authority to shut down any event or activity at the Bird Deck that disrupts club rentals, club events, or is not (in that Executive Committee Member's belief) in the best interest of ECOMC and its other Members.



17 December 2018

EAST COOPER OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INCORPORATED

\*\*\*\*\* BY-LAWS \*\*\*\*\*

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, 12/17/18 Approved

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, 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:

- 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 Upon presentation of a new candidate for membership, any club member with a reason why the individual should not be considered 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 the club. If the Executive Committee finds no reason to exclude the candidate, he will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. The sponsor/sponsors, but not the candidate, must be present for the voting.

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.)

Section 11 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.

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.

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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 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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*East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, Inc*

**\*\*\* BY-LAWS \*\*\***

September 18, 1997

AMENDED: 03/16/98; 6/24/99.

AMENDED: 09/28/17.

ARTICLE 1 - ECOBG PURPOSE AND NAME

Section 1 The name shall be EAST COOPER OUTBOARD BENEFICENT GROUP, INC., (hereinafter referred to as ECOBG).

Section 2 ECOBG is 100% owned by EAST COOPER OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INC., (ECOMC), a non-profit, 501(c)(4) corporation.

Section 3 ECOBG is organized exclusively for charitable purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of IRS code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and the funding of scholarships for needy students to the College of Charleston.

Section 4 No part of the net earnings of ECOBG shall inure to the benefit of , or be distributable to the members, trustees or officers of either ECOBG or the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club, Inc., or to any other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 3 of this Article. No substantial part of the activities of ECOBG shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, ECOBG shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or
- (b) (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 179(c)(2) of the IRS tax code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 5 Upon the dissolution of ECOBG, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which ECOBG is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 2 - ECOBG OFFICERS AND BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1 Board members shall be ECOMC members in good standing and shall be appointed by the ECOMC Board at the beginning of each fiscal year.



The ECOMC Board shall appoint a Board Chairman and not more than eleven (11) additional board members, thereby causing the ECOBG Board to consist of not more than twelve (12) members, each of whom shall have one vote. The ECOBG Board, if it so chooses, may appoint its members to serve as officer(s) as it considers appropriate and necessary for the conduct of its business. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings, enforce the regulations and By-laws of the organization, and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Duties of other officer(s), if elected, will be defined by the ECOBG Board at the time of election.

**Section 2** ECOBG board meetings meeting may be held concurrently with board meetings of ECOMC if desired and approved by the Boards of Directors.

**Section 3** A simple majority of board members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. All issues of ECOBG business shall be determined by a simple majority vote of those present.

**Section 4** The Board of Directors shall keep minutes of their meetings and proceedings and make these available to the membership of the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club, Inc.

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**ARTICLE 3 - BY-LAWS**

**Section 1** These by-laws may be added to or amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2** Notwithstanding Article 3, Section 1, no changes may be made to the by-laws which would alter the purposes of ECOBG as stated in **ARTICLE 1**.

**ARTICLE 4 - OTHER**

**Section 1** ECOBG shall establish and maintain a checking account and shall authorize the Board Chairman and any other one officer it may so choose to sign checks.

**Section 2** ECOBG fiscal year shall be September 1, to August 31.

**KEEP GATE LOCKED DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN**

*The end*