

VCSC PROPOSED BYLAWS: SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

The proposed bylaws do not change the basic character of VCSC. They update the governing document to reflect how the Club operates today and address current legal, insurance, financial, pr

ivacy, and technology needs.

1. Updates the Club's mission and identifies VCSC as a California nonprofit public benefit corporation operating under federal 501(c)(4) status.
2. Modernizes the Board structure. The Charter Master, Social Media and Communications Coordinator, and Drawings and Raffles Coordinator are appointed voting Board positions.
3. Removes obsolete positions and practices, including the Royal Star Charter Master, Historian, mailed newsletters, printed membership cards, apparel sales, and routine distribution of the membership roster.
4. Updates membership requirements, including access to current governing documents, annual waivers for participation in covered activities, current contact information, and modern privacy protections.
5. Recognizes email, the Club website, social media, Zoom meetings, and electronic records as normal methods of Club communication and administration.
6. Clarifies Board meeting, quorum, voting, appointment, vacancy, and officer-authority procedures.
7. Updates financial controls, including Treasurer responsibility, backup signing authority, bank reconciliation, spending approval, required filings, and limits on self-approval of reimbursements.
8. Modernizes Club charter procedures, including Board-approved charter plans, adult-only regular charters, full payment deadlines, waivers, guest participation, cancellations, transportation responsibilities, and the vessel operator's control of marine operations.
9. Distinguishes monthly no-purchase-required opportunity drawings from California state-registered raffles and clarifies prize inventory, accounting, and reporting duties.
10. Adds current conduct, safety, insurance, waiver, privacy, and risk-management authority, while allowing detailed operating procedures to be maintained in Board-approved policies that can be updated without rewriting the bylaws.