



International Order of the Blue Gavel

District 15

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be named District 15 of the International Order Of the Blue Gavel.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The District is established and chartered as part of the organizational structure of the parent organization to provide an administrative coordination body for the Chartered Chapters of the San Diego area, and such other functions as may be from time to time assigned by the International organization or evolve from the needs of the participating Chapters.

The District will encourage and support the establishment of an International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary. (2012)

ARTICLE III - AUTHORITY

These By Laws, in accordance with and in support of, the By Laws of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, shall be the authority for and govern the activities of District 15.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1. The District shall consist of those Chapters in the San Diego area duly chartered by the International Order of the Blue Gavel.
2. At the time of the amendment of the By Laws the District consists of the following past and present Chapters: (2020)

Chula Vista Yacht Club
Convair Sailing Club (2012)
Coronado Cays Yacht Club
Coronado Yacht Club
Mission Bay Yacht Club (2020)
Navy Yacht Club, San Diego
Oceanside Yacht Club

Point Loma Yacht Club (2012)
San Diego Cruisers Association (2012)
Silver Gate Yacht Club
Southwestern Yacht Club
St. Margarita Yacht Club
Venture Yacht Club (2012)

3. As a matter of policy, the District welcomes, and will assist in the establishment of additional chapters; providing that the organization petitioning for membership meets the requirements of the By Laws of the International.
4. The District extends the invitation to participate in all District functions to all members and Chapters of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, particularly to members affiliated through District 50 who reside in the San Diego area.
5. At Large Membership may be extended to any Past Commodore of a qualified Yacht Club that is not affiliated with District 15, and to Past Commodores of District 15 Yacht Clubs previously qualified but not currently active. The At Large Member shall pay District and International dues. (2012)

ARTICLE V - DUES

1. Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors, due on the first of January each year. These dues shall be in addition to International and Chapter dues. (2020)
2. Membership cards shall be issued for each member upon payment by the chapter of International and district dues, and submission of a current roster. DRAFT CHANGES

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

1. The officers of the district shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and District 15 Director (and Alternate District Director when 'acting as'). (2015) (2020)
2. Three Representatives shall be elected by the District 15 Board of Directors from District 15 Past Presidents. (2012) (2015)
3. The Officers shall comprise the Board of Directors of District 15. (2015)

The Representatives shall assist in the liaison between the District and Chapters. As such they shall be responsible for ensuring the prompt submission of the International and district dues; for keeping the District informed of their Chapter's Officers, roster, activities, and other matters of mutual concern and interest; for assisting the district's various committees; for contacting Chapter members to encourage their attendance at District functions; and for such other matters in support of District activities as may be required. (2012) (2015)

4. The term of all members of the Board of Directors shall be for one year. The officers shall be elected at the September General Meeting of the Board of Directors, and their term shall be for the ensuing year, from January Annual Meeting of the Membership until the next January Annual Meeting of the Membership. Officers elected to serve on the District 15 Board of Directors shall follow, as possible, the following rotation of Chapters: (2020)

Chula Vista Yacht Club
Southwestern Yacht Club
Coronado Cays Yacht Club
Oceanside Yacht Club
Coronado Yacht Club
Point Loma Yacht Club
Mission Bay Yacht Club
Santa Margarita Yacht Club
Navy Yacht Club San Diego
Silvergate Yacht Club

When a chapter cannot or does not put forward a candidate within the rotation, the chapter reverts to the end of the rotation. (2012) (2015)

5. The Board of Directors, at the General Meeting shall elect a Director to represent the District on the Board of Directors of the International in accordance with Article V of the By Laws of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. The director's term shall be from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. An Alternate District Director may be elected to act for the Director in his/her absence. (2020)
6. The President shall be the chief Executive Officer of the District. He/She shall annually appoint a Committee on Nominations and any special committees or appointments as necessary. (2012) (2015)
7. The Vice President shall assist the President as required, and act for the President in his/her absence. (2012)
8. The Treasurer shall receive all International and District dues, pay International dues when received and due, maintain a District Roster, and make such other disbursements as required and authorized. The Treasurer is authorized to use District funds to maintain a limited supply of blue Gavel paraphernalia. However, Chapters are encouraged to meet the paraphernalia requirements through direct liaison with the International Supply Officer. (2012)
9. The Secretary shall perform the normal functions of a recording and corresponding secretary. (2012)
10. The Board of Directors of the district may, by majority vote, elect a member to fill any office coming vacant during its term. Appointees should, whenever possible, maintain the Chapter rotation delineated in Article VI, section 4.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. Board of Directors General Meetings: The Board of Directors of the district shall meet at least semi-annually. The first semi-annual Board General meeting shall in January of each year establish the calendar of events for the year, and such other business as may be brought before it. The second semi-annual Board General meeting shall be in September of each year be for the election the slate of district Officers, the District Director to the International, and such other business as may be brought before it. Additional Board of Directors meeting shall be scheduled to as required to administer the District Charter. (2012) (2015) (2020)

A Representation of any three (3) Chapters shall constitute a quorum for any meeting, providing the President or the Vice President is present. (2015)

2. Annual Membership Meetings: There shall be an Annual meeting of the Membership in January, which *may* include the Change of Watch ceremony and at least one other Membership meeting shall be accompanied by, or integrated with, a social event in order to promote the purposes of fraternal and social relations among the members. (2012) (2015) (2020)

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. (2015)

ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION

1. These Bylaws shall be in effect upon adoption by two-thirds vote of the board of Directors of District 15.
2. Amended and adopted unanimously this tenth day of September 1991.
3. Amended and adopted August 29, 2012.
4. Amended and adopted December 12, 2015.
5. Amended and adopted August 31, 2020.
6. Amended and adopted June 26, 2023

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