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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday March 24, 2023 7:pm**

**LOCATION: VALLARTA YACHT CLUB**

1. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM OF AT LEAST 15 MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING**
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commodore Randy Hough
3. **LAST CALL FOR MEMBER AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** See Attachment 1 for ballotand Attachment 2 for voting instructions
4. **APPOINTMENT OF BALLOT COUNTERS**
5. **CLOSE OF VOTING**
6. **APPROVAL OF LAST YEAR’S AGM MINUTES.** See Attachment 3
7. **OFFICER and DIRECTOR REPORTS** (Member questions welcome)
   1. Commodore
   2. Vice Commodore
   3. Rear Commodore
   4. Treasurer
   5. Afloat Activities Director
   6. Ashore Activities Director
   7. Membership Director
8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS** (As soon as available)
9. **OPEN DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS AND BOARD**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**VALLARTA YACHT CLUB**

**Ballot for 2023-2024 Board of Directors**

**Would you prefer to vote electronically?  
 Please use this:** [**2023-2024 Electronic Ballot**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd84r_maHLY3c-3ma7PK2YF3kDO1Jxc_adDcZbWLpJElzlbuA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Please vote for one for each Officer or Director Position**

Commodore

* Randy Hough
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Commodore

* Bob Carr
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rear Commodore

* Sid Simpson
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

* Cliff Cook
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

* Karen Sattergren
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Afloat Activities Director

* Andy Barrow
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ashore Activities Director

* Leslie Mariko
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Communications Director

* Esther Zúñiga Lemus
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Junior Sailing Director

* Bart Goodell
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Director

* Charity Palmatier
* Write-in Candidate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number (Required)) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FAQ**

1. **Who can vote?**

Plankowners, Flag Members and Gold Flag Members. Just one vote per membership. If we get multiple votes from the same membership and they don’t agree, the last one received counts.

1. **How can I vote electronically?**

Use the link at the top of the Ballot. Just Click on it and fill out the ballot. The form will verify your email as your electronic signature.

1. **How can I deliver paper ballots?**

Hand carry them to the club or scan them and email them to [office@vallartayachtclub.org](mailto:office@vallartayachtclub.org)

1. **Can I nominate someone who isn’t on the ballot?**

Yes, from the time you get the ballot right up to nominating someone from the floor at the meeting. It can even be yourself. There’s a blank for nominations on the ballot. If you want the membership to know about your nominee before the meeting, send a note to [secretary@vallartayachtclub.org](mailto:secretary@vallartayachtclub.org) before March 10. I will notify the members about other nominees.

1. **What is the cutoff time for voting?**

For Electronic voting 5:00 PM on Friday March 24 For paper ballots, there will be a close of voting during the meeting after nominations from the floor.

1. **Can I change my vote?**

Yes. For Google Forms, you must be using the same device (computer, phone, tablet, etc) and browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, etc) as you originally voted on. For paper votes, mark your new ballot as “revised” and add date and time.

1. **What if I don’t know my member number?**

Contact the club at 322 297 2222 or by email to [office@vallartayachtclub.org](mailto:office@vallartayachtclub.org)

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**LOCATION: VALLARTA YACHT CLUB**

1. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM OF AT LEAST 15 MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING.**

There were at least 30 Members present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commodore Randy Hough called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.
2. **LAST CALL FOR MEMBER AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** There were no nominations from the floor.
3. **APPOINTMENT OF BALLOT COUNTERS:** The Commodore named Jeannie Benaroya and Marie Gardner as ballot counters. They counted both electronic and paper ballots.
4. **APPROVAL OF LAST YEAR’S AGM MINUTES. T**he Club’s Members and Directors unanimously approved the 2021 AGM minutes. Moved by Dick Locke and seconded by Dick Williams
5. **CLOSE OF VOTING:** All Members who were present had voted, so voting was closed at approximately 11:17
6. **OFFICER and DIRECTOR REPORTS** 
   1. COMMODORE: Randy Hough reported we have had a pretty good year, recovering from the COVID years of 2020-2021. We are almost back to 2019 levels. We have a very successful On-the-Water program. We have a new Ashore Director, Leslie Mariko. He suggested giving ideas for ashore events to her instead of him so as not to have two channels of authorizing events.

Andy Barrow has over 90 days of on-the-water activities planned for this season.

We have 44 new Members since Charity Palmatier became Membership Director. (Applause) . Randy would like to expand the role of the Membership Director to be more involved in Member retention. He requested that if anyone knows of someone who is ill or needs extra support, or is likely to resign from the Club to tell Charity who will work with the Rodolfo Trejo and Bob Carr to retain the Member.

He reported that Treasurer Bob Carr will tell us we have money in the bank, Dick Locke has been doing a wonderful job as Secretary. Also, Bart Goodell has expanded our Junior Sailing program beyond just Junior Sailing to include adult sailing lessons and weekend Regattas without requiring much assistance from Andy Barrow and Randy Hough.

He reported that Dan Green who is chair of House Committee and Vice Commodore and a long-time Board Member will be retiring but has offered to oversee maintenance of our boats.

* 1. TREASURER: Bob Carr reported that we are now in excellent financial condition. At the end of February, we had $1.8 million pesos in the bank. Thanks to the efforts of Charity and others, between November 2021 and the end of February we have collected almost $2.1 million pesos in Membership and initiation fees.

While we are in good condition now, there will be challenges through the summer season.

In response to a question about financial reports, he stated that he can not provide timely reports because our accounting firm is slow with reports. We don’t have the full 2021 report yet and we don’t have a report for February.

Randy complimented Bob not only for the work he did as Treasurer but for his handling of marks and ground tackle for regattas. He also complimented Liz Barrow for handling our flag inventory and being sure that flags are available for regattas.

* 1. VICE COMMODORE: Dan Green reported that the House Committee has been busy adjusting to varying COVID restrictions for the last two years. Effective last week we can go to 100% occupancy, but our tables must be maintained a proper social distance apart from each other. We continue to monitor temperatures, login, hand sanitizer and sanitization of tables.

He reported that the SOS program collected $72, 000 to keep our staff paid in 2020 and into March of 2021, a real achievement that amazed some members of large, prestigious clubs.

He also reported that we are able to give our staff a 12% pay increase in March. They had not had a raise for two years (with a couple of adjustment exceptions) and the Consumer Price Indices for Mexico and the US have gone up. Mexico’s went up 5.9% and the US’ 7%.

We have to pay rent to Paradise Village in US dollars. Paradise Village did not collect rent for four months in 2020. Also, while they were entitled to increase our rent for 2022 by 7%, they only increased 5%. They also gave us a 50% discount for two months of 2020.

He said he really enjoyed being on the Board of the Club. He never intended to be an officer of a yacht club.

He especially enjoyed the founding of the Junior Sailing program in 2005. The Junior Sailing program brought the Club into prominence for sailing events. We started Wesmex in 2006. The success of Wesmex caused two major regattas (Optimist North American and J-24 Worlds) to move from Acapulco to VYC in 2007.

Since then we have had a major international event every other year since then.

That’s exceptional for such a small club.

He encouraged all to think of their unique talents and volunteer to use them to help the Club.

He received a standing ovation.

* 1. AFLOAT DIRECTOR: Andy Barrow reported that this year has been particularly challenging, not because of problems in the Afloat program, but because of its success.

During 2021 we were asked by the Mexico J70 classes to run a few of their monthly regattas. They agreed to make a donation to the Club for every weekend we ran races for them, as well as to use the Club as a venue for their Saturday after-race parties. We also requested that at least one crew Member be a VYC Member. VYC volunteers would provide the manpower on the water. After a few months, the J70 class decided that they wanted VYC to run all their 10 monthly regattas.

In the fall of 2021, the Puerto Vallarta Capri 37 class asked VYC to run their races under a similar arrangement, including the donations to the Club. They use the club for post race activities.

Including the regular monthly regattas for Jr. Sailors, WesMex, Banderas Bay Regatta, the ILCA World championships and a few others, VYC has about three times the number of sailing race days to support in 2022 than in previous years. Not only have our volunteers stepped up, but our increased on-the-water activity has attracted new Members who want to be involved. Increased activity on the water has also generated activity in the Club in the form of after-race parties and gatherings, generating funds for the bar and restaurant.

VYC has always had a reputation for holding high-quality sailing events, and now we are in a position of sailing class associations **asking us** to host their events,as seen by our second hosting of the ILCA Dinghy World Championships (formerly known as Lasers) and our selection for the J70 North American Championships in 2024. That’s a huge deal. It’s the fastest growing sport boat in the world.

**Major Events**

In 2021, the Club hosted, for the 4th time, the Optimist North American Championships. While COVID protocols required us to cancel some of the group events, the event attracted 143 competitors from 14 different countries.

We also held our two Signature Events: Banderas Bay Regatta and WesMex International Small Boat Regatta. BBR had been canceled in 2020. The 2021 event was very well received by all participants, despite our inability to have the big parties that BBR is so famous for.   
  
WesMex 2021, under Linda Green’s expert leadership, also did very well, with 81 competitors and coaches registered.

The 2022 WesMex wasn’t one of our biggest Wesmexes, but it was certainly one of our most complex events. For the first time, the new Olympic class of Kiteboarding was included in the event, in addition to the Olympic foiling sailboards, ILCA Dinghies, Optimists, and C420s. Again, the event was restricted by COVID protocols, but was a great success, and thanks again to Linda Green for her hard work. (applause)

There are other, smaller events we hold every year, like the *Regata de la Revolucion,* the four-day Vallarta Cup, VYC’s participation in Banderas Bay Blast, monthly regattas, and a few others. We’ve been very, very busy!

Coming up is the ILCA Dinghy World Championship. This is the second time that VYC has hosted this event, the first being over a two-month period in 2016. That was an amazing and very exhausting event. This year the event will be a little shorter - about a month. The first of the three events which comprise the championship starts on May 21. Over the month we could see upwards of 500 competitors from all over the world in the three events.

**Challenges**

All of this activity puts pressure on the Club in two ways: hardware and people (software?).

Thanks to generous donations and Club purchases over the past several years, the Club has a large number of boats (about 30), marks, flags and other hardware to support racing and training programs. Some of our boats are also used by Members as a benefit of Membership. That’s another thing that brings people into the club as Members. Of course, our environment isn’t often kind to equipment, and we find ourselves maintaining, repairing, and often replacing equipment on a regular basis. Thanks to a grant from the Vallarta Sailing Foundation, the Club has obtained several new racing marks, as well as other equipment needed for regattas and training. Regardless, we continue to struggle to keep equipment operating. Thanks to Rodolfo and his team (and now Dan) for their hard work in this area.

As always, we depend on volunteers for most of the work on events. Anything from sitting at a registration desk to sitting in a RIB - there is a volunteer position that is right for just about anyone.

We have BBR coming up, chaired by Randy and managed by a small team of volunteers. He needs help. If you have any time at all to help, He is sure Randy can find a job for you.

Also, as we approach the start of ILCA Dinghy World Championships, we are again in need of people who are willing to volunteer for the event.

Personally, he joined the club 15 years ago because he could volunteer. He hopes you will too. (Applause)

* 1. ASHORE DIRECTOR: Leslie Mariko reported that COVID restrictions are finally opening up so we can have more ashore events. She has a goal to bring the parents of Junior Sailors more into the Club activities. She has met Carolyn Kelley who offered to help with publicity. Leslie asked her to act as a go-between with the parents to move forward to including them in activities.

We recently received five Mexican Train sets that Members can use at the Club.

She encouraged people to attend a party tonight and to watch “Captain Ron” at a Movie night. She also plans a repeat of the Mexican wine tasting party with a Mexican performer.

She is looking for a person with wood working experience to build a “Corn Hole” game.

She has an artist who will work with us to have art lessons.

She is ready to try all ideas

* 1. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Charity Palmatier thanked those all helped her attain 44 new Members. She gave special thanks to Bart Goodell and Andy Barrow, whose on the water activities brought in a lot of them. She thanked Linda Green for bringing in major events to the Club. (Applause) Those events generate Members. She called the Junior Sailing activities the Jewel in the Crown” of the Club. (Applause). She thanked Leslie for creating shore events. She thanked Randy Hough for his leadership.
  2. JUNIOR SAILING: Bart Goodell reported that our program is getting stronger every day. He thanked our employees who are coaching. That includes Kayla Hernandez our Head Coach, Carlos (Tata) Sainz who grew up in the program, and Gladys who is doing the challenging job of working with our beginners.

He said that one of his favorite aspects of the Club’s program is that individuals are sponsoring and paying fees for local children whose parents can not afford them. He thanked the sponsors and encouraged more supporters.

Randy Hough mentioned that we took three Hobies to Valle de Bravo for the first time.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Dick Locke announced the results of the vote. There were no write-in candidates, so therefore the nominees are elected. There were 25 total votes. Two of the nominees received 24 votes and the rest received 25. He also stated that he had been on the Board for 5 non-consecutive years in Flag Officer positions. He’d enjoyed it but it is time to retire.
2. **OPEN DISSCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS AND BOARD:** Marta Salcedo reported that years ago Vi Golnick asked her to join the Club. When Marta said she didn’t have a boat, Vi told her it doesn’t matter. She joined and is very glad she did. The Club is a special place for her. She was pleased to be on the Nominating Committee and also pleased that Ricki Williams and Karen Sattergren accepted positions. The will represent the small part of the Club Membership that doesn’t have boats or participate in on-the-water events.

Randy Hough thanked Marta and said that he appreciates when the “card ladies” (he hates to use that term) help out with jobs such as running the registration desk at regattas. He also recognized the new Flag Officers Karen Sattergren, Secretary; Ricki Williams, Vice Commodore; and Eric Bloomquist, Rear Commodore. He also mentioned several returning Club Members. He thanked the Club for electing him

Linda Green commented on Wesmex. The number of participants doubled in the last week before the regatta. Adding iQ foils and kites increased the complexity of the event.

We will try to run the ILCA Worlds to minimize the strain on volunteers. The races are simple and have only one course. The regatta will be a challenge because of its length, and we can use more volunteers. Some are flying back to participate.

1. **CLOSING REMARKS:** Randy Hough pointed out that the new deck furniture was possible to buy because the great response of VYC volunteers that made it unnecessary to hire as many race support crew members. The furniture was at Linda’s request. He recognized Rodolfo and said that one of his goals for the next term was to reduce Rodolfo’s workload and switch it to volunteers.(Applause for Rodolfo).
2. **ADJOURNMENT:** 11:05 pm