



## **Associated Yacht Clubs Fleet Captain Rules**

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- Section 1. The purpose of this committee shall be to promote cruising class boating through the A.Y.C., sanction A.Y.C. cruising class functions, and promote boating safety.
- Section 2. The committee shall consist of at least one delegate from each power boat club, preferably two.
- Section 3. If no delegate wishes to serve on this committee, their club committee may submit two A.Y.C. club members to serve.
- Section 4. The appointment to this committee shall be made by the A.Y.C. Commodore and the Vice Commodore shall serve as chairman of this committee.
- Section 5. There shall be a Fleet Captain of the Year award made annually.
- Section 6 - Commodore and Fleet Captain Protocols the Commodores and Fleet Captains shall meet in the month of January to affirm or revise Fleet Captain Rules for the current year. (Rules to be forwarded to the Webmaster as soon as possible thereafter.) The Commodores and Fleet Captains shall meet in the month of September to vote for Fleet Captain of the Year, but only the Fleet Captain shall have a vote. They will also review current rules for any possible recommendations to be voted on at the January meeting.
- Section 7. A skipper with dual membership must declare one club at the start of each boating season as to his/her club preference.
- Section 8. The visiting Fleet Captain or the Assistant Fleet Captain that the club has appointed in the absence of the Fleet Captain at the A.Y.C. functions, will keep a log of visiting boats from his/her club and fill it out at each host club and have it verified by the club's Fleet Captain. All participant's eligible for a poker card must check-in with their Fleet Captain prior to the Fleet Captain's meeting (usually @ 10:00 AM). The host Fleet Captain will keep a log at

his/her club's sanctioned function and have it verified by the visiting Fleet Captain. They will be used as cross-reference. These logs are to be returned to the A.Y.C. Vice Commodore no later than the September A.Y.C. meeting.

- Section 9. An "Attendance Award" shall be presented annually to the A.Y.C. club attending the most sanctioned functions, by any means. The visiting club must keep a log and have it signed by the host club Commodore or by the officer he/she appoints for verification.
- Section 9a. A "Mileage Award" shall be presented annually to the A.Y.C. club cruising by boat to an A.Y.C. sanctioned function.
- Section 9b. A "Greatest Number of Boats Award" shall be presented annually to the A.Y.C. club who has the highest number of boats to an A.Y.C. sanctioned function.
- Section 10. Cruising Class means any boat except inflatable's and jet skies.
- Section 11. A boat attending one of the A.Y.C. poker runs must remain at the event for a minimum of four (4) hours to obtain a poker card. Protests on the time spent at any A.Y.C. poker run by the host club, must be submitted to the chairman of the power boat committee. Protests must be submitted within two (2) weeks of the event.
- Section 11a. An A.Y.C. vessel that experiences a mechanical break down while en-route to a poker run may still qualify for a poker card or perfect attendance award, if the member attends that event via any other means, for a minimum required four (4) hours or eight (8) hours respectively. This exception is allowed once per year.
- Section 12. The captain of any A.Y.C. boat that takes his/her boat to all scheduled poker runs and remains for a minimum of eight (8) hours will receive an appropriate flag.
- Section 13. Visiting Fleet Captains will report the number of cruising class boats from their clubs. They will give the names of the boats and total number of people on board to the host club's Fleet Captain or a designated officer. The A.Y.C. Fleet Captain will give out only one (1) A.Y.C. Poker card for each boat. He/she shall put the date and boat name on each envelope. The envelope is not to be opened before the designated date on the envelope or it will be invalid.
- Section 14. Members of the clubs next door to the actual club hosting the sanctioned event (i.e. Bay View Yacht Club next to Toledo Yacht Club, Maumee River Yacht Club next to Toledo Sailing Club and River View Yacht Club next to Point Place Boat Club or Ottawa River yacht Club), can get a poker card and qualify for perfect attendance upon concurrence of the A.Y.C. Vice Commodore and the Fleet Captains of both clubs and who have attended a poker run on either

side of the run in question and met the requirements at that time. They shall be awarded a poker card and credit for perfect attendance.

- Section 15. Members of a host club of scheduled events may get a poker card. You must provide the host Fleet Captain with the required information at the time the poker cards are given to the visiting club's Fleet Captain.
- Section 15a. A cruising boat of a host club of a poker run can receive mileage credit for that run by attending all the other poker run events, totaling the mileage and dividing by the number of the other poker runs.
- Section 16. Travelers to and from poker runs, in the event of low water, and called low water or Small Craft Advisory/Warning called by the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain, the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain shall award a poker card to the skipper(s) who attend a poker run on either side of the run in question, and met the minimum requirements for attendance at that run.
- Section 16a. A low water call may be declared by the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain after consulting with the host club Fleet Captain, when the water level is below plus (+)24 over low water datum at noon on Friday and/or Saturday of the scheduled A.Y.C. POKER RUN. If the host club has low water at their club then low water rule for all clubs is in effect. If the host club has good water then each club that wants to use the low water rule must contact the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain and the host club Fleet Captain to receive permission to use the low water rule for that poker run.
- Section 16b. A member with a sailboat that wishes to attend a Poker Run event, but is unable to navigate to the event due to the inability of the sailboat's mast to clear obstacles, may earn a "flag eligible" attendance credit for that event by (a) Mooring in the nearest navigable marina to the event. (b) Attending the event at the site for a minimum of 8 hours, *and* (c) Checking in with the host club fleet captain to obtain signoff in the member's respective club A.Y.C. fleet captain book.
- Section 16c. An UNSAFE BOATING call may be declared by the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain after consulting with the host club Fleet Captain, when the Coast Guard calls for a Small Craft Advisory or Warning at noon on Friday and/or Saturday of the scheduled A.Y.C. POKER RUN. Each club that wants to use the UNSAFE BOATING rule must contact the A.Y.C. Fleet Captain and the host club Fleet Captain to receive permission to use the UNSAFE BOATING rule for that poker run.
- Section 17. Members of a club that hosts a regatta on the same week as a poker run must attend the poker run a minimum of four (4) hours to receive credit for eight.
- Section 18. Fleet Captain of the Year shall be awarded to a single Fleet Captain selected by the Fleet Captains during voting. In the event of a tie vote, the individuals will have a

run-off vote. Prior to the second vote taking place, the AYC Commodore shall provide, in a sealed envelope, their vote to the Power Boat Chairman. The AYC Commodore's vote shall only be opened in the event the run-off vote results in a Second tie. The result of the run-off vote shall ONLY recognize the winning Fleet Captain and make no mention of ballot count or if the AYC Commodore's ballot was utilized.