

**OOPS!**

Your illustrious newsletter editor neglected to include the actual bylaws revision proposal in the December issue! Even after noting that there was to be a vote, the actual text of the proposal itself was left out. Sorry 'bout that! The consequences would have been that we would not have been able to vote on the matter until January (assuming that the matter isn't forgotten *again*) since advance publication of rule change proposals is required before voting, to give all members an opportunity to make themselves familiar with the proposal.

While the issue (exception to the automatic succession of XO to CO) could have waited and been dealt with prior to the elections at the January meeting, there's a larger issue of trust and accountability involved. A legitimate change proposal was delivered, and club leadership needs to follow the rules as much as anybody else does. So, we all get a bonus issue of the newsletter this year! Sorry for the mixup, and I promise that it might happen again!



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*- Dave Barry*

# Bylaws Change Proposal

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Change proposed to Section VII, Subsection A, Item 2.

Bylaw version: Adopted 09 January, 2002

Current rule reads as:

## VII. CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF ADMIRALTY

### A. Commanding Officer (CO)

1. Purpose: Watch over The Club, taking extreme care to maintain the spirit and morale of The Club.
2. The previous year's Executive Officer (XO) is automatically promoted to CO on January 1.
3. Duties and Responsibilities
  - a. Responsible for the overall activities of the organization.
  - b. Has authority to override decisions of Executive Officer, Technical Officers and Safety Officers, but if in so doing the CO must bring the issue to a club vote at the next regular meeting.
  - c. Report to the general membership, at the Annual Meeting of The Club, on the general state and condition of The Club.
  - d. Vice-Chairman of The Club Board of Admiralty.

Proposed change: Add text as noted in **bold** to VII., A., 2.:

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### A. Commanding Officer (CO)

1. Purpose: Watch over The Club, taking extreme care to maintain the spirit and morale of The Club.
2. The previous year's Executive Officer (XO) is automatically promoted to CO on January 1. **If the XO is unable to fulfill the duties of CO then an election will be held for the position of CO.**
3. Duties and Responsibilities
  - a. Responsible for the overall activities of the organization.
  - b. Has authority to override decisions of Executive Officer, Technical Officers and Safety Officers, but if in so doing the CO must bring the issue to a club vote at the next regular meeting.
  - c. Report to the general membership, at the Annual Meeting of The Club, on the general state and condition of The Club.
  - d. Vice-Chairman of the Club Board of Admiralty.

This should keep us square in the situation we are in now and will provide for potential issues for the future.

Note 1: "The situation we are in now" refers to the fact that the only way provided for the designation of a CO is by automatic succession of the XO. Since the XO's position is currently vacant, this proposal provides a backup mechanism for selecting a CO.

Note 2:  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the eligible membership must be present to vote on a proposed bylaws change. A majority of those present must approve the change for it to become enacted.