



# BLAIRGOWRIE

## YACHT SQUADRON INC.

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## By-law

Title:	<b>Crew Membership</b>
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### 1. Background

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron has capped its Crew Membership category at 100 Members. The BYS Rules state that a Crew Member may remain in this membership category for a term of three years only.

This By-law addresses

- The application process for Crew Membership;
- The Entrance Fee applicable to Crew Membership
- The procedure for conversion to Senior Member after three years
- The obligations of the Crew Member with regard to sailing.

### 2. The specifics as per the Rules

A new Member aged 18 years or over is eligible to apply for Crew Membership. A former or current Member of BYS is not entitled to apply for Crew Membership.

The Crew Membership annual subscription is 45% of the Senior Member annual subscription and provides a discounted Entrance fee of 50% of the Senior Member Entrance Fee.

At the completion of 3 years as a Crew Member, the General Committee may, at its discretion, require that the Member either become a Senior Member, cease to be a Member, or permit the Member to continue as a Crew Member for a further term as determined by the General Committee.

For Crew Members joining after 1 May 2014, the balance of the discounted Entrance Fee is payable upon upgrade to Senior Membership after 3 years.

No further Entrance Fee is payable for Crew Members who joined prior to 1 May 2014.

Crew Membership does not entitle the Member to park in the BYS Members' car park, store a boat at BYS for racing, join the General Committee or allow the Member to vote at BYS General Meetings.

There must be no more than 100 Crew Members at any one time.

To qualify for Crew Membership, the new Member must undertake to become a permanent member of a crew on a boat registered with BYS for racing. This should be achieved before the end of their first summer sailing season. For the absence of doubt, this means the member may be a regular crew on

either a multi-handed off-the-beach yacht or keelboat. They may, under the sailing instructions, fill-in as skipper but may not be the regular skipper.

The General Committee, at its discretion, may challenge the eligibility of a Crew Member to remain in this Membership category.

### **3. Procedure**

1. A new Member applying for Crew Membership must complete a BYS application form and agree to attend a New Member Interview
2. At the New Member Interview, the prospective Crew Member must detail his or her sailing experience and background and their intentions for sailing at BYS
3. Crew Members are elected to BYS in accordance with the BYS Rules
4. The new Crew Member should present for sailing each race day, where possible, and endeavor to become a member of a regular Keelboat crew.
5. The new Crew Member can seek assistance from the Club Captain or the Sailing Operations Manager, if he or she is unable to secure a regular crewing position on a Keelboat racing at BYS.
6. If the Crew Member is unable to secure a regular position on a Keelboat crew, the General Committee may, at its discretion, revoke the Crew Membership, and offer other options for membership.
7. At the conclusion of three years as a Crew Member, the membership category will be upgraded to Senior Member by the BYS Office and the Member will be advised in writing of this change.
8. A Crew member may apply to the General Committee to retain their membership as a Crew member for a further year. The General Committee, at its discretion, will review each applications and advise the outcome.
9. The Crew member will be advised of his or her options regarding continued membership of BYS.

### **4. Review of Policy**

The Crew Membership By-law is reviewed annually by the General Committee.

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