



# BLAIRGOWRIE

## YACHT SQUADRON INC.

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## By-law

Title: **Honorary Sailability Conditions of Membership**

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### 1. Background

This document sets out the membership conditions and entitlements for BYS Sailability Honorary Membership.

Sailability Honorary Members are non-members who regularly assist with the organisation and delivery of the Sailability Program and are nominated each year by the Sailability Coordinators.

Honorary Membership of BYS is granted to Sailability volunteers who meet the requirements for membership, subject to BYS rules which include an annual review and election of proposed honorary members.

Membership will provide Sailability members with entitlements as listed in the Honorary Member and Visitor Conditions By-law. This membership does not permit Sailability members to participate in BYS races and those wishing to sail will need to apply for a BYS membership in an appropriate category.

Sailability Coordinators will cooperate with BYS to ensure that the spirit of this Honorary Membership is not exploited by former BYS members who join Sailability.

### 2. The specifics as per the Rules

Below is the extract from BYS Rules regarding Honorary Membership. Sailability Honorary Members are elected as per paragraph 6.5.1.2 below

#### 6.5.1 *The General Committee may:*

*6.5.1.1 classify a Member;*

*6.5.1.2 elect a non-member who has rendered special services to BYS or to the sport of yachting; or*

*6.5.1.3 elect a non-member where the General Committee considers that special circumstances apply to that person,*

*as an Honorary Member. That person will cease to be an Honorary Member at the end of the BYS Year and the General Committee may classify or re-elect the person as an Honorary Member for the next BYS Year.*

#### 6.5.2 *A person who is:*

*6.5.2.1 attending BYS for the purpose of an official meeting, conference, or function, or as a sponsor, or as a volunteer, or to promote the sport of yachting;*

*6.5.2.2 competing in, officiating in or sponsoring any yacht race or regatta organised or permitted by BYS;*

*6.5.2.3 a member of a yacht club recognised by the General Committee as a Reciprocal Club; or*

*6.5.2.4 a skipper or crew of a vessel registered for temporary berthing in the Safe Harbour,*

*and one guest nominated by that person, will be deemed to be elected an Honorary Member by the General Committee for the duration of their attendance at BYS.*

#### 6.5.3 *The General Committee may from time to time determine conditions applicable to Honorary Members.*

Each Honorary membership will expire at the end of the BYS Membership year and the Honorary Member may

or may not be re-elected for the next BYS year.

### 3. Conditions and entitlements of Honorary Members

Other than Members classified by the General Committee as Honorary Members under Rule 6.5.1.1. Sailability Honorary Members are **not** entitled to:

- (a) vote at general meetings;
- (b) have a boat at BYS for racing;
- (c) membership of the General Committee;
- (d) use the Club OTB fleet;
- (e) access to the car park within the Club premises;
- (f) join a BYS race as a crew member
- (g) sign in a visitor to the Bar/Bistro

Sailability Honorary members **are** entitled to

- (a) access the clubhouse while participating in, or in connection with the Sailability Program;
- (b) voluntary workers insurance;
- (c) after-hours access to Scotts' Shed facilities

Specific entitlements of Honorary Members are defined in the Honorary Membership and Visitor Conditions By-law which is available to all members on the BYS Website.

### 4. Sailability Honorary Member Participation Requirements

Section 5 below outlines the sailing participation requirements for new BYS Members, and accordingly it is reasonable and appropriate that to be eligible for election to BYS as an Honorary Member the Sailability volunteer must also contribute and participate in, at a minimum, 10 Sailability Sailing sessions per membership year.

These volunteer sessions are defined as assisting with the Sailability 303 Sailing program, which currently operates on Monday mornings, Tuesdays all day, weekends and at advised holiday times.

Attendance at Sailability volunteer sessions will be recorded by the BYS Sailability Coordinator.

These volunteers do not pay membership fees to BYS for this Honorary Membership and former BYS members are not eligible for election as Honorary Sailability Members.

### 5. BYS Member Sailing Participation Requirements

For information, at the HYGM in January 2016, BYS members voted to ensure all new Members are elected to BYS either as

- (a) **Active Crew Member** is a Crew Member who is regularly involved in the activities of BYS by sailing competitively as a crew on a keelboat or other multi-handed boat belonging to a Senior Member, for as long as they are a Crew Member;
- (b) **Active Senior Member** is a Senior Member who is regularly involved in the activities of BYS (either directly, with a Subsequent Senior Member or with a Family Unit) by either sailing competitively, in support of competitive sailing or participating in sail training, during the first three years as a Member; and
- (c) **Berth Licensee Senior Member** is a Senior Member who is a licensee or whose entity is a licensee of a berth in the Safe Harbour during the first three years as a Member and if the Member or the Member's entity ceases to be a licensee of the berth during the first three years, to remain a Member, that person must be an Active Senior Member for a further three years.

and that a candidate for membership must:

- (a) in respect of a nomination for Senior membership, undertake to be an **Active Senior Member** or a **Berth Licensee Senior Member**; or
- (b) in respect of a nomination for Crew membership, undertake to be an **Active Crew Member**,

in a form and subject to conditions as the General Committee for the time being prescribes.

The current participation requirements for a new member joining BYS is for the member to participate in 10

sailing events per membership year, by racing in a programmed race, attending Junior, Youth or Adult Sail Training or volunteering when rostered for duty in the official BYS Duty Roster.

## **6. Procedure**

1. In April each year the Sailability 303 Sailing Coordinator in charge of records will be asked to nominate those volunteers who have met the criteria and who intend to continue into the following season as active contributors to the program.
2. These records will in future be kept in the myCentre system administered by the BYS Discover Sailing Centre.
3. Only volunteers who have met the minimum participation requirements will be approved for nomination to the General Committee
4. These nominations will be considered, approved and elected by the BYS General Committee each year in accordance with the BYS rules.
5. The expected number of Sailability members eligible for Honorary BYS membership annually is 25.

## **7. Review of Policy and Procedure**

This By-law will be reviewed and updated in line with the Honorary Member and Visitor Conditions By-law.

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