



# BLAIRGOWRIE

## YACHT SQUADRON INC.

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## By-law

Title: **Membership Category Eligibility**

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### 1. Background

This By-law is made under Rule 6 for the purpose of recording the conditions, rights and entitlements applicable to the various categories of BYS membership.

BYS has been a family friendly sailing club for over 60 years, and the General Committee are keen to ensure that the culture of the club is not affected by membership growth associated with our new and exciting member facilities.

The conditions for each membership category below are designed to ensure that the mix of member categories within the overall total membership is maintained; that the focus of the club be on active participation in sailing and water based activities; and that the strong volunteer spirit of BYS be maintained.

The Social membership of BYS is capped at 200 Members, and as of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, BYS is no longer accepting applications for the Social waiting list.

Crew membership has a cap of 100 Members which has not yet been reached.

### 2. Application for Membership of BYS

Applications for membership of BYS are welcome at all times and will be processed as per the membership nomination process outlined in Rule 5.2

#### ***Nomination for Membership***

5.2.1. *A candidate for membership, other than an Honorary Member, must be proposed for membership by a Senior Member and seconded by another Senior Member. The proposer and seconder must have been Members for not less than one year at the date of the proposal.*

5.2.2. *A nomination for membership must:*

5.2.2.1. *be in writing setting out the candidate's full name, residential and email addresses and any other information prescribed by the General Committee for the time being;*

5.2.2.2. *contain an undertaking by the candidate to be bound by the Rules and By-laws; and*

5.2.2.3. *be signed by the proposer, the seconder and the candidate.*

### 3. Election to Membership of BYS

Nominations for membership of BYS will be submitted for determination by the General Committee as per the election to membership process outlined in Rule 5.3

5.3.1. *The Secretary must cause the candidate's name and intention to be elected as a Member to be published in a manner circulated to Members generally not less than fourteen days before the General Committee is requested to determine the nomination.*

- 5.3.2. *A candidate proposed for membership must attend an interview as required by the General Committee.*
- 5.3.3. *The nomination must be submitted to the General Committee for determination, and:*
- 5.3.3.1. *the candidate will be elected to membership and to a Category by a Special Resolution of the General Committee;*
  - 5.3.3.2. *the result must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting;*
  - 5.3.3.3. *the minutes need not record the votes of the General Committee members unless a member specifically requests that his or her vote be recorded in the minutes; and*
  - 5.3.3.4. *the General Committee may determine not to disclose the reason for a refusal for election.*
- 5.3.4. *A candidate not elected to membership by the General Committee may not be nominated for membership for at least one year after the date of refusal.*

#### 4. Programed Sailing Event Definition

A programmed sailing event is defined within the BYS membership year as

- A race in the BYS Sailing Program
- A Junior Sail Training session in the BYS Sailing Program
- A Youth Sail Training session in the BYS Sailing Program
- An Adult Sail Training session.
- A Tackers course, counting as two programed events (sessions)

Note, a Session is usually a half day or approximately 3 hours.

#### 5. Conditions for election of a Senior, Subsequent Senior and Student Member

Restricted memberships of BYS are available to the above categories of new members.

Applicants will be assessed based on their ability to demonstrate that they will participate in 10 programmed sailing events each membership year, as defined in 4, above.

**Participate means to:**

**sign on to a race and to compete as either a Skipper or Crew, or;  
sign on for duty when your name has been included in the published BYS Roster, or;  
be recorded as actually attending a sail training session as a participant.**

The assessment will be made based at the family unit level where there is more than one member in the family applying for membership.

**For clarity**

- A single Senior Member must participate in 10 programmed sailing events per membership year
- A Senior and Subsequent Senior joining together, must have one member, or both members in aggregate, participate in 10 programmed sailing events per membership year
- A Family Unit application must have one member, or all family members in aggregate, participate in 10 programmed sailing events per membership year
- A Tackers course will count as two programmed events

The General Committee may decide in its own right, or accept a request by a member or prospective member to vary these conditions. Variations will be considered in special circumstances only and are always at the sole discretion of the General Committee.

#### 6. Conditions for election of a Junior Member (8-17 years)

A Junior aged 8-17 joining alone, must have an existing Senior or Social Member provide a written undertaking, in a form approved by the General Committee, to be responsible for the conduct of the Junior Member.

Other than the requirements of the BYS Rules, there are no restrictions on the admission of a new member into this category.

## **7. Conditions for election of a Crew Member**

Crew membership is capped at 100 Members; currently 50 BYS Crew memberships are available.

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.

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

## **8. Conditions for election of a Social Member**

Social membership of BYS is currently capped at 200 Members, and a lengthy Social Waiting List is in place.

When a Social Membership vacancy arises, the General Committee will exercise its discretion to offer Social Membership to an applicant on the Social Membership waiting list.

After 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, BYS is not accepting applications for Social Membership, however an interested party may leave their name and details and this will be recorded in date order.

## **9. Conditions for election of an Honorary Sailability member**

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

To be eligible for election to BYS as an Honorary Member the Sailability Volunteer must participate in 10 Sailability Sailing sessions per membership year. Former BYS members are not eligible for election as Honorary Sailability Members.

## **10. Conditions for Social Members transferring to Senior Membership**

After 15th October, 2015 a Social Member wishing to transfer to Senior membership will be required to meet the conditions of this Policy as a Senior Restricted Member, and will be required to apply to the General Committee stating the reasons for the member category upgrade. The General Committee, at its discretion, may review and approve this application.

## **11. Failure to meet the conditions of a membership category**

A member who fails to meet the minimum requirements of a membership category will be asked to explain the reason to the General Committee. Should the explanation be unsatisfactory, their membership may be suspended or cancelled in accordance with the BYS Rules in effect from time to time.

## **12. Onus to record participation**

The onus is on the Member to ensure that their participation in a qualifying event is recorded as per the current BYS process. The current process (as amended from time to time) for recording participation will be available on the website or can be obtained from BYS.

For Season 2016/17 the process will be a Notice of Sailing Participation form lodged with the Sailing Office on the day of the sailing event.

## **13. Berth holders are exempt**

The membership unit of the registered berth licensee/s in the BYS Safe Boat Harbour are exempt from this Policy after retaining a BYS Berth licence for 3 years as a Berth Licensee Senior Member.

## **14. Sunset**

After completing a prescribed number of years of restricted membership under this policy, a Member may, at the discretion of the General Committee, be invited to renew as an un-restricted member.

The number of years of restricted membership is regularly reviewed by the General Committee and amended from time to time. The current prescribed period is three (3) years.