

## **2023 Membership to the Wickford Yacht Club**

You may apply for membership in one of WYC's membership categories by first associating and socializing as a guest of the current membership.

The objective of this process is for our members to familiarize you with our maritime heritage, congeniality spirit, goals, and how we operate as a member operated club.

We ask that you attend a minimum of two Wickford Yacht Club events. Once familiar with the Club and its membership, you, as a potential applicant, will need two active voting members who will support your application for membership and serve as your mentors. You'll find that our members are more than willing to help you.

It is the responsibility of these two active member sponsors to introduce you to our Board, Committee Chairs and familiarize you with the application process.

There is a WYC Membership Application form in the club's foyer, on our web site and directly from the Membership Chair. Your two sponsors will request that you complete the "Membership Information" portion and return the form, along with your letter to the Membership Chair who will present everything to the Board of Governors.

The application, as directed by the Wickford Yacht Club By-Laws, is then posted for our member's review.

The Board of Directors will sometimes ask to meet informally with a prospective member before the final vote. This gives YOU the chance to ask questions and see if our 60-year-old member-operated club is something you'd like to join. Acceptance is contingent upon receipt of the initiation fee, an assessment if current, and payment of the annual dues for that fiscal year. Upon receipt of payment, you'll receive a WYC Membership Packet.

Until membership is granted, applicants are considered as guests in the club. As such, they are not authorized access or use of WYC facilities without accompaniment by a current member.

Karen Pizzaruso, Membership Chair