

## Sponsor Instructions for a new Membership Application



Dear Sponsoring Member,

Congratulations and appreciation for proposing a prospective member. It is the passion for yachting that brings members to the Wickford Yacht Club, and the sense of community that makes this club so special.

As the sponsor, you'll be introducing your friends to the other members. This is best done in the traditional manner of monthly social events, our seminars, racing events (including Wednesday night racing) and the informal gathering on Friday nights.

- It is required that prospective members attend a **minimum of (2)** two social functions before their application is accepted.
- Sign the application and attach the **two** letters of recommendation from you and the co-sponsor that reflect the applicant's relationship to you as their mentor, and their demonstrated interest in participating and promoting the development of yachting in all its aspects. We expect all new member applicants to either have past yachting experience and the intention to continue that experience, or the intention to participate actively in the yachting and social activities of the WYC.
- Introduce the prospective members to our Flag Officers and have two of them sign their names on page 2 of the application.

Make sure that there is an understanding that we are a member-operated, all volunteer Yacht Club fostering comradery on and off the water. However, ownership of a boat is not required if we are within the 60% bylaws direction. Per our bylaws: *All new members will be expected to serve on at least two planned social event committees within the first two years of membership and to provide at least one full day of regatta service every two (2) years.*

- Refer them to the Membership Chair for questions on the fee structure or any other inquiries that might come up.

Send the completed application to:

**Karen Pizzaruso,**  
**31 Fishing Cove Rd.,**  
**North Kingstown, RI 02852**  
**[pkpizz@verizon.net](mailto:pkpizz@verizon.net) 401-295-1910**

**Or**, place in the "Membership" box in the club office.

Once the Membership Chair receives the completed paperwork from the applicant(s), the WYC Board of Governors may invite the applicant(s) to meet with them informally as a way for both to get to know each other before the name(s) are submitted to our members for their input. Barring any objections by Active or Senior Members, the Board will vote upon the application for acceptance.

New Members are the life blood of our club and are welcomed by all of us.

**No application will be considered until all the paperwork is completed.**