

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 an active member sponsor, you'll be introducing the prospective applicant(s) to our other members. This is best done in the traditional manner of monthly social events, our seminars, 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. For those who found us by inquiring about the club, give yourself a chance to get to know them and have them attend more than a few events before submitting their application.
- Introduce the prospective members to all Flag Officers (they do the voting) and to our members.
- Explain that this is a member-operated club where everyone pitches in.

Email your letters of recommendation that reflect the applicant's relationship to you as their mentor, and their demonstrated interest in participating in this member-operated club. Our bylaws state that new member applicants should 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.

Per our bylaws: All new members will be expected to serve on at least two planning committees for a social event within the first two years of membership, and to provide at least one full day of regatta service every two (2) years.

Awards Collation Communication Gardening House Membership Race Seminars
event planning for Social Regatta Yearbook WSA

Email the completed application to:
Karen Pizzaruso pkpizz@verizon.net

Once the Membership Chair receives the completed paperwork, 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.