

Wickford Yacht Club Application Process www.wickfordyc.com

A prospective member is invited to get to know our community by socializing *as a guest at a minimum of two Wickford Yacht Club events. This gives you a way to meet members, learn about our WYC maritime heritage, the congeniality, spirit, and the committees, in our member operated club.

*Friday night 6 pm casual gatherings

*Seminars

*Monthly ticketed social event(s)

Once you have met our members, a potential applicant will need **two active** voting members to support the application for membership. For anyone applying without immediate sponsors, more visits will enable you to meet active members that you can ask to sponsor and mentor you. You will find that our members are more than willing to help.

Responsibilities of the Sponsors

The active member sponsor(s) will introduce the applicant(s) to at least two members our Board. The Board of Directors will sometimes ask to meet informally with a prospective member before they vote on the membership application. This gives YOU the chance to ask questions and see if our member-operated club is something you'd like to join.

WYC sponsors mentor the applicant through the application process and assume stewardship once the applicant becomes a member.

Checklist

Fill out the application along with your letter explaining your boating interest and reason to join.

Your two sponsors (not from the same family) will send their letters to the membership chair.

Posting Application for Review

After the Board reviews and approves the paperwork at their monthly Board meeting, the Membership Chair posts the application (*as directed by the Wickford Yacht Club By-Laws*) in a broadcast email to our members, and in our newsletter, *OVER THE WAVES*. Members are requested to comment.

Vote on Applications and Welcome New Member

Barring any objection from the members, the Board of Directors will vote at the following Board meeting a month later. You will be informed of their vote. Acceptance to the WYC begins upon payment of the initiation fee and the current annual dues and applicable fees.

Club Use by an Applicant

Once all completed paperwork is accepted by the Board, we consider the applicant as a provisional member, always accompanied by a member. A key, parking sticker(s), voting member privilege come in a full welcome packet after the invoice is paid.

Karen Pizaruso, Membership