



## New Membership Application: Sponsor Instructions

Active members introduce the prospective applicant(s) to our Board and to other members.

- Prospective members are encouraged to attend and participate in more than two social *and/or* on-the-water functions before their paperwork is accepted. For applicants who found us by inquiry, take the time to comfortably know them.
- Introduce the prospective member(s) to Board Officers for a conversation.
- Multiple visits are strongly encouraged if there wasn't a previous WYC connections.
- Establish an understanding that this is a member-operated club where everyone pitches in.
- The prospective member(s) will send Membership their completed application with visit dates, and a letter of intent explaining their reason for joining.
- Be advised that there may be a Membership wait-list.

**Mentor/ sponsors**, (not from the same household), please E-mail Membership your detailed letters of recommendation that reflect the applicant's relationship to **you**, their interest in our member-operated club, and any skills that would benefit the club.

During this period, keep them up to date on the activities that are open to guests.

Our bylaws require that new applicants should have past yachting experience and the intention to continue that experience, and or the intention to participate actively in WYC's yachting and social activities.

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

Once Membership receives the completed paperwork, the WYC Board of Governors may invite the applicant(s) to meet with them informally. This is a way for both parties to get to know each other before their name(s) are posted to the WYC members for their input. Barring a serious objection from a WYC member(s), the Board will vote upon the application for acceptance.

Upon payment of the **1<sup>st</sup>** invoice, the new member(s) will be part of our WYC community.

- As a mentor, continue to introduce the newest member to other Wickford Yacht Club members, work with them on social events, encourage their participation in one or more of our committees, and stay connected with the applicant to see if they have any questions. Our Board of Governors will also reach out to them.

Per our bylaws:

*All new members will be expected to serve on at least **2** planned social events within two years of membership, and provide at least **1** full day of regatta service every two years.*

**New Members are the lifeblood of our club and are welcomed by all of us.**

