



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

RMYC "Enchantress" ▪ Sandbanks ▪ Poole ▪ Dorset BH13 7RE

Guidance Notes for Membership Candidates

The principal object of the Club is to promote and facilitate the sport of motor boating and yachting. Accordingly, the General Committee have decided that membership will be granted only to boat owning candidates or those who can demonstrate past or present authentic boating interests. At present the Club does not accept Social Members.

- No member is eligible to propose or second a candidate for membership unless he or she has been a voting member of the Club for more than two years.
- The Proposer and Secunder should have known the prospective candidate personally for at least one year.
- No member shall either Propose or Second new member applications more than twice in one calendar year.
- Privileged Lady members are not eligible to propose new members.

The procedure is then as follows: -

1. The Proposer obtains from the Office
 - (a) A Membership Application Form, and
 - (b) A copy of the current rates of Entrance Fee and Subscriptions which may require explaining to the Candidate
2. A guest can only be signed into the Club a total of six times a year. The committee recommends that applicants for Ordinary membership who have spouses/partners should apply for Family membership.
3. He then invites the Candidate to complete the particulars (fully please, including telephone numbers). Candidates who have retired should give details of profession prior to their retirement.
4. The Proposer should ensure the Candidate has a Secunder.
5. Both Proposer and Secunder should then write letters of recommendation to accompany the Application Form, which should be returned to the Office. The application cannot proceed until both letters are received. Candidates should note that extracts of their application form may be displayed on the Club noticeboard
6. The Chairman of the Membership Committee will convene an Interview Committee to meet and interview prospective members; he will request that the Office contact the Proposer to see if it is convenient for the Candidate(s) to attend on that date at the appointed time. Spouses/partners of applicants for Family membership must also attend.

The Interview Committee will consist of at least two members, one of whom will be the Chairman of the Membership Committee, or in his absence, a Flag Officer.

7. The name, address and occupation of the Candidate, together with the names of their Proposer and Secunder, is posted on the Club Noticeboard for a period of at least 10 days (Rule 15(b)).
8. On the day of the Interview, the Proposer must bring his Candidate(s) along to the Club where he or she is responsible for him or her, during the visit. If the Proposer is unable to attend that date, the Secunder should accompany the Candidate(s) in his stead. For Family membership applications partners must also attend the interview.

After the Interview: -

The Chairman of the Interview Committee will report to the General Committee at the next meeting for their ratification or otherwise. If approved, the Candidate will be notified directly and invoiced, and will receive his Membership pack on payment of the dues. If not approved, the office will inform the Proposer and it is his duty to advise his Candidate/s.