

Membership Application Guide



Becoming a Member of the Guernsey Yacht Club (the 'Club').

As a private members club since 1890 the Guernsey Yacht Club has a rich heritage founded on those who have, or have had, a love of the sea be it sailing in dinghies or yachts or motor boating or more recently rowing on the sea. The Clubhouse today is a friendly place where like-minded people enjoy each other's company in comfortable surroundings.

The Membership Application Process

Step 1. Complete an Application Form Existing Members, each of at least two years standing, who wish to propose and second for membership a like-minded friend or couple personally known to them, are invited to complete an Application Form nominating their friend or couple for membership. Printed copies of an Application Form are available from the Bar in the Clubhouse or can be printed off the Club's website.

In the event that an applicant does not know any members, they may meet two Committee members in lieu of a proposer and seconder.

Step 2. Disclosure Process Once a completed Application Form is received by the Club Secretary (duly signed by the proposer, the seconder and the applicant(s)) the first page of the applicant's Application Form will be displayed on the Club's Notice Board for at least fourteen days (but always until Step 3 below has been completed) during which time any Member shall be entitled to make representation in writing to the Main Committee about the application for membership.

Step 3. Introduction Process It is the responsibility of the proposer and the seconder to understand their expectations from the Club and make connections with the relevant sub-committees or members.

Step 4. Approval Process Once Steps 2 & 3 have been completed the Application Form will be tabled for consideration at the next monthly meeting of the Club's Main Committee whereat three votes against an application shall be deemed to make the applicant(s) ineligible for membership. Main Committee meetings usually occur in the second week of each month.

A person whose election to membership has been refused may apply again not less than one year after the date of refusal. All information about representations received and negative voting within a Main Committee meeting remain confidential to that committee and will not be recorded nor disclosed elsewhere.

Step 5. Becoming a Member On the assumption Step 4 finds in favour of the applicant(s) the Club Secretary will by email inform the proposer, seconder and applicant(s) of such fact and deliver to the applicant an invoice for their first year's subscription fee and if applicable, any Entrance Fee payable. The Secretary will also provide a Direct Debit Mandate to be completed for the collection of future annual subscriptions.

As soon as that invoice is paid the applicant(s) become Members of the Club and their details will be inscribed in the Club's Register of Members.

Membership Cards are usually available for collection from the Clubhouse within two weeks of a new name being inscribed as a Member. An email will be sent to the new Member advising that their Membership Card is ready for collection from the Bar in the Clubhouse.

Membership Fees for 2025

The Club offers various types of membership and the current annual subscription rates are shown below. Our membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December whereupon renewal of a subscription falls due within the following January. The Club's Articles provide that a Member shall automatically cease being a Member if they fail to renew their subscription by 1 February in any new year.

Whilst current Members have voted to waive during 2025 the payment by new members of an Entrance Fee; such could otherwise become payable again by any Member failing to pay their renewal subscription timely. However, Members who elect to pay their annual subscription by Direct Debit avoid this risk as the obligation to collect and renew a Member's subscription rests with the Club **and the amount the Club will collect by DD is discounted by £10 of the subscription rate.**

IT PAYS MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR SUBSCRIPTION BY DIRECT DEBIT.

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions are:

Single Membership

Entrance Fee: £118, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £168 (but thereafter £158 if paid by Direct Debit)

Joint Membership ²

Entrance Fee: £156, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £274 (but thereafter £264 if paid by Direct Debit)

Junior Membership ³

Entrance Fee: None payable.
Subscription Fee: £48 (but thereafter £38 if paid by Direct Debit)

Student Membership ⁶

Entrance Fee: £25, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £53 (but thereafter £43 if paid by Direct Debit)

Senior Single Membership ⁵

Entrance Fee: £118, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £116 (but thereafter £106 if paid by Direct Debit)

Senior Joint Membership ^{2 & 5}

Entrance Fee: £156, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £179 (but thereafter £169 if paid by Direct Debit)

Overseas Single Membership ⁴

Entrance Fee: £25, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £53 (but thereafter £43 if paid by Direct Debit)

Overseas Joint Membership ^{2 & 4}

Entrance Fee: £33, but waived for new Members joining in 2025
Subscription Fee: £79 (but thereafter £69 if payable by Direct Debit)

Family Membership ⁸

Subscription Fee: contact club@gyc.org.gg for calculated amount

Notes to Membership.

1. The Members at each AGM held in Oct/Nov are able to vote to waive Entrance Fees for applicants in the following year. They were waived for 2021 & 2022 in response to COVID and have been waived again for 2023, 2024 & 2025 but there is no indication that this will become a trend for the future.
2. Joint membership applies to couples who are married or otherwise have been in an established long-term relationship and cohabiting for at least a nine month period.
3. A separate Junior Application Form is required for junior applicants whose 18th birthday occurs in the year of joining.
4. Overseas Members must spend less than four months per annum in Guernsey to qualify.
5. Senior Membership applies to members who attain, or are over, the age of 65 years in the year of joining. If already a member, you can request the Club Secretary to amend your membership to Senior, when you attain the age of 65 years.
6. Student Membership is open to applicants aged 18 years and over who are in full-time education in Guernsey or elsewhere.
7. The direct debit discounted Membership rate is not available to new Members in their year of joining. However, applicants, on becoming a Member, will be asked to submit a completed direct debit mandate to allow collection of future subscriptions by this means. Future payments will be collected at the discounted rate current at the time of collection. Direct debit subscriptions will be collected within January each year.
8. Family membership must comprise of a Junior member plus at least one parent whereupon the aggregate of the above applicable 2025 subscription rates shall be discounted by 15%.