



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB
RMYC “Enchantress”, Sandbanks, Poole, Dorset, BH13 7RE
Guidance notes for new membership candidates

The principal object of the Club is to promote and facilitate the sports of motor boating and yachting so new applicants should either own a boat or show a genuine boating interest (either past or present).

Types of Membership available:

- **Junior Membership.** Applicants must be aged 18 and over, but under 25 years of age.
- **Ordinary Membership.** Applicants should be over 25 years of age. (Joining fees and annual subscriptions are discounted for applicants between 25-30 years of age.)
- **Family Membership.** Entitles the applicant and his/her spouse or partner, plus their children under the age of 18, to the privileges of membership at a beneficial subscription rate compared with accumulated individual rates. (Joining fees and annual subscriptions are discounted for applicants between 25-30 years of age.)
- **Probationary Membership.** Candidates who, for any reason, are unable to have their application proposed or seconded by full members of the Club, may apply for Probationary Membership.
- **Cadet or Overseas Membership.** Contact the office for details of cadet or overseas membership.

Procedure for applying for Junior*, Ordinary or Family Membership:

1. Ask the office for a membership pack and complete the application form in full.
2. Your Proposer and Seconder should complete the relevant sections of the application form and send letters (or emails) of recommendation to the office. Proposers and Seconders should have been a voting member of the RMYC for more than two years and known you personally for at least one year.
3. When the application form and letters of recommendation from the Proposer and Seconder have been received, you will be invited to attend an interview with the Membership Sub-Committee. Spouses/partners of applicants for Family Membership must also attend the interview.
4. On the day of the Interview, the Proposer or Seconder must bring their Candidate(s) along to the Club.
5. The Interview Committee will normally consist of three members, one of whom will be the Chair of the Membership Committee or, in their absence, a Flag Officer.
6. Following your interview, Candidates’ names will be put forward to the next meeting of the General Committee for consideration.
7. Please note: The name, town and occupation of the Candidate(s), together with the name of their Proposer and Seconder, are posted on the Club noticeboard and the Members’ section of the website for a period of at least 10 days before the interview (Rule 12).

**Existing cadet members, or if you are moving up to junior membership from being part of a family membership will need to complete an application form, but you won’t need to attend an interview or pay the one-off joining fee.*

Procedure for applying for Probationary Membership:

8. Applicants should submit a completed application form, supported by two written character references, at least one of which should preferably be from a responsible officer of a club or organisation of which the Candidate is a member.
9. References should be addressed to the Chair of the Membership Sub-Committee and should accompany the application.
10. You will be invited to attend an interview (see point 3 overleaf), following which your name will be put forward to the next meeting of the General Committee.
11. Please note: The name, town and occupation of the Candidate(s) are posted on the Club noticeboard and the Members' section of the website for a period of at least 10 days before the interview (Rule 12).
12. If your application is approved, you will have use of the club facilities for a period of no more than 15 months which will allow you to get to know at least two club members who will be willing to write two letters in support of your application for full membership at the end of the probationary period.
13. You will then need to complete a new membership application form and send it to the office with your letters of support. A second interview will not be required.

After the Interview:

- If approved by the General Committee, the Candidate will be notified in writing and invited to submit the appropriate joining fee and pro-rata subscription to the Club. Membership will commence upon receipt of acceptance and fees.
- If the Candidate is unsuccessful, the Office will write to inform the Proposer and it is his/her duty to advise his/her Candidate(s). If no Proposer from the Club has recommended the Candidate(s) the Office will write directly to the Candidate advising them of the Committee's decision.