



**So, you want to propose a new member? Fantastic!**

Firstly, you need someone who also knows the applicant to second the application. Both you and the seconder must be members of 3 years standing, ie an Inport Member, Senior Member, Life Member or Honorary Member.

*If possible, please refrain from proposing or seconding a family member.  
General Committee and the Membership Committee have requested this.*

You will find an application form and a copy of these guidance notes here [Membership Application Form - pdf format](#) or you can obtain a paper copy from the Office. The form is largely self-explanatory, but please ensure it is fully completed, otherwise it will not be possible to process the application, and it will not be accepted by the Office. If the applicant is self-employed, please expand on this and provide a brief description of their business.

Please give as much detail as you can as to why you consider your applicant would be a valuable member of the Club. Preference will be given to active sailors or those who have a desire to take up sailing. We have many members who do not sail, yet make valuable contributions to the Club, so non-sailors are welcome. If your candidate falls into this category, it is especially important to explain to the members of the General and Membership Committees what contribution he or she will make.

The final step before submitting the application is to ensure your candidate is introduced to a member of the General Committee who will also sign the bottom of the form. You can find a list of the members of the General Committee on the Club Notice Board in the back hall, or on the Club website.

Leave the form into the office. The process thereafter, is set out in detail in Rule 19. Normally, it should take between 4 and 8 weeks - in the last fortnight of which, the name of the applicant, together with your name and that of the seconder, will appear on the Club Notice Board.

*It is customary for applicants to refrain from visiting the Club during the 14-day display period, but if they do please ensure they are correctly signed in.*

Assuming the application is successful, an election will take place at the second General Committee meeting after the application is submitted. Both the candidate and you, as proposer, will be notified on the next working day after that meeting.

The Club holds "New Members' Evenings" from time to time, as numbers warrant, to formally welcome the new member into the Club. Both you and the successful candidate will be invited to the next such evening, although he or she is, of course, entitled to use all the facilities, once they have paid their subscription and received their entry card. Please encourage your candidate to come along and try to attend yourself. It is traditional for the new members with their proposers and seconders to dine at the Club that night, although this is of course optional.

Since you have proposed the candidate, you are in some sense responsible for their behaviour for the first year of their membership. Please take the trouble to explain the Club Rules and Protocols to them. Whilst this is not a rule, it is an accepted and expected practice in the Club ethos.

But above all be proud of bringing a new member into the Royal Ulster YC Family!



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E.Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

( if retired please state previous occupation)

Category of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Details of Sailing Experience (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to any Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I Have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ Years.

Brief details of His/Her suitability for Membership \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposer (Block Capitals) \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ Years.

Brief details of His/Her suitability for Membership \_\_\_\_\_

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Seconder (Block Capitals) \_\_\_\_\_ Seconder (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of General Committee Member to Whom Candidate has been introduced \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Both Proposer and Seconder should be full members of at least three years standing.**