



North West Venturers' Yacht Club

Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey, LL58 8YL

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please complete the form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to the Membership Secretary

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Personal details

Membership Class _____	Membership classes are: Family, Single, Single (U25) & Outport	
Surname _____	Complete shaded boxes ONLY if you are applying for Family membership	
First Name(s) _____	Partner's Surname _____	
Address _____	Partner's First Name _____	
Post Code _____	Children (Names & DoB) _____	
Occupation _____	Occupation _____	
Telephone (Home) _____	Emergency Contact _____	Mobile _____
Telephone (Business) _____		Email address _____
Mobile _____		Additional Email _____
Email address _____		
Additional Email _____		

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I agree to abide by the constitution of the NWVYC

Memberships

RNLI: Offshore: Yes/No
 Shoreline: Yes/No
 RYA: Yes/No

Club records are held in a computer based retrieval system and are not released to any other organisations or companies. Data is used solely to distribute Club materials and to enable contact with members. We also publish members' details in the Club Yearbook and web site which are available only to members. Prior to acceptance of your application to become a member, this form (as completed by you) will be displayed on the Club website for two weeks. If you object to the display of your details on the Club website or the inclusion of your details in a membership handbook, please tick the box

Signed Date

- An application for membership must be supported by two FULL (Family or Single) members of the Club.
- If you do not know any Club members yet, return the form, with cheque, to the Membership Secretary, who will contact you to discuss your application. Please attach a note giving some details of your sailing experience and any RYA qualifications which you hold.

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____
 Signed PRINT Signed PRINT

Boat Details

Boat Name _____	Manufacturer (e.g Beneteau) _____
LOA (ft) _____	Type (e.g. Oceanis 34) _____
Sail No _____	
MMSI No _____	Mooring Position (Give No. if in Strait) _____

Please enclose a cheque made out to NWVYC for the full amount

Cheques will not be presented until your application has been successfully processed (see reverse of form for the procedure).

	FAMILY	SINGLE	U25	OUTPORT	ASSOCIATE	Entrance Fee £ Subscription £ TOTAL £
ENTRANCE FEE	£70	£55	£40	£50		
SUBSCRIPTION ²	£135	£98	£35	70	INDIVIDUALLY ASSESSED	

For Club Use Only

Received	Displayed	Accepted	Banked (Cheque No)	Notified	Tag
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ORIGINS

The North West Venturers Yacht Club was formed in 1961 by a group of sailors who used to meet on the beach at Gallows Point. In those early days the average size of a club boat was about seventeen feet, and a twenty three footer was considered a "big yacht". Today, we have some one hundred and twenty member yachts, ranging from seventeen to fifty feet, with an average length in excess of twenty-eight feet.

Nevertheless the aims and objectives of the club have remained unchanged for forty years. These are to *promote cruising and encourage the development of navigational skills and seamanship.*

The club is affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association, but all members are encouraged to take out individual RYA membership and in particular, RNLI membership.

RUNNING THE CLUB

A Committee of Management is responsible for running the club, and all Club members are encouraged to become involved. The AGM is held at the Clubhouse at the beginning of November, and usually coincides with the bonfire night party.

Over the years, our clubhouse has been extended and improved. In 1995 we were able to carry out a major refurbishment thanks to a grant of £20,000 from The Foundation for Sport and the Arts. More recently major refurbishment of the heads took place earlier this year. The galley is available to all members when bad weather prevents them from cooking on board.

The fact that this is a Family Club differentiates it from others and attracts a high proportion of our members. We don't have a regular bar though we hold a number of Social events during season for which we hold a bar licence.

Working parties are held at the start and end of each season to keep the premises and surrounding area looking respectable. They are organised by the House Officer and we never turn away a volunteer! It does help if you can bring paint brushes, rags, garden implements etc.

SAILING PROGRAMME

There is something in our sailing programme for most weekends during the sailing season - family cruises in company being the strongest feature. We have only a few races, because we are a cruising club which does a little racing - not a racing club which sometimes cruises: and if you do race, you aren't expected to know all the racing rules!

The 'formal' Summer Cruise traditionally sets off in July, though subject to prevailing weather conditions, it can arrive anywhere. In the past, members have cruised the waters of Scotland, Southern and Northern Ireland, Southern England, the Scillies, the Channel Islands, France and Spain. Help is always at hand for skippers and crew undertaking their first cruise, and groups of boats invariably organise their own 'alternative' passages as appropriate to their craft and holiday time available.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

There has always been a strong social content in the programme, with barbecues and similar events both at ports of call and at the clubhouse. In keeping with the tradition of so many clubs we also hold the slightly more formal event of an Annual Dinner, at which the club silverware is awarded to the successful pot hunters.

Food and drink is available for a small cost at parties held in the clubhouse.

Barbecues are held whenever the opportunity arises - and most members carry a portable BBQ in the locker!

We have an active Winter Programme to help allay withdrawal symptoms and to keep members in touch with each other.

PUBLICATIONS

The regular Club newsletter - *the Venturer* - provides background information to club events and sailing news in the area, generally providing continuity and a point of contact for those members who are unable to get to Gallows Point as often as they would like. Additional contact for up to the minute information is through the Club's web site at www.nwvyc.org.uk.

The Club's Yearbook contains lists of current members' details together with boat details - as supplied on the Application Form and via annual updates. It also carries basic guidelines to essential safety equipment, trophy information, the Club's racing rules, and the Constitution.

BOSUN'S STORE

All Imray publications (including the local pilot "Cruising Anglesey & adjoining waters"), charts, and Admiralty SC series charts and folios are available at discounted prices through the Bosun's Store. The Store also holds a wide range of Club clothing - shirts, sweaters, caps, ties, burgees etc. And, through our web site, you can get discounted goods from marine Internet suppliers.

DINGHY STORE

A very popular secure store for inflatables and outboards (stored at owners' risk) is available to all members. Members may request a place for a dinghy, or outboard, or both - but space is limited and it is likely that there will be a waiting list.

MEMBERSHIP

Five classes of membership are available to new applicants:

- **FULL (FAMILY):** Husband & wife (or Partners), with any number of children below the age of 18 years. All the family have the use of the facilities and both adult members have a vote in club affairs.
- **FULL (SINGLE):** Full membership of one person over 25 years of age. Full use of the facilities and a vote in club affairs.
- **FULL (under 25):** Full membership of one person over 18 and under 25 years of age. Full use of the facilities and a vote in club affairs.
- **OUTPORT:** For those who do not have a boat (or do not moor in the Menai Strait) and who wish to keep in touch with the club and its activities. Full use of Club facilities, but no voting rights.
- **ASSOCIATE:** For those who do not yet have a boat or regular sailing partner and wish join in with club activities. Limited use of Club facilities, and no voting rights. Limited to one year after which Full membership will apply (including joining fee). Associate membership fees are arranged by the committee on an individual basis, matching the subscription to the most appropriate class of membership.

Please note that families who sail together regularly will be expected to join as Family members. Regular non-family crew will join as a Single member. Occasional crew are welcome as guests - just sign them into the Guest Book.

More details about the club can be found on the web site - www.nwvyc.org.uk

Procedure:

1. Your Application Form and cheque should be sent to the Membership Secretary, whose address is printed at the top of the form.
2. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement and the form will be displayed on the Club website for 2 weeks.
3. Whilst your Form is being processed, you are invited to come along to any Club event (you will receive a Sailing Programme card with your letter) to get to know members and officers.
4. If no objections have been raised to your application within the display period, the Membership Secretary will send a Membership Pack to you and will bank your cheque. You are then formally a member of the North West Venturers' Yacht Club. In the unlikely event of there being a problem with your application, the Membership Secretary will phone you to discuss it.