



Dear Prospective New Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Bristol Yacht Club. Founded in 1899, Bristol Yacht Club has a long and established tradition for promoting excellence of sportsmanship and camaraderie in all aspects of yachting, on and off the water. We pride ourselves in being racing competitors around the marks, cruising companions along the New England shores, and compatriots on land. BYC's members are its greatest asset. We are proud of our unique sense of community and volunteerism built on friendships founded upon a common interest in boating.

Bristol Yacht Club welcomes applications for Intermediate Memberships for individuals between the ages of 19 and 29. Our guiding principle for membership is that you have a "demonstrated interest in yachting". We welcome all who embrace boating in its many facets to include cruising, racing, sail instruction, and their related social activities. Please take some time to peruse our website to see if your nautical goals can be achieved as a member of our club.

Applications for Intermediate Membership are processed in the order received.

For the Club to consider your application, please complete the following. Please feel free to contact me at any point in time for assistance in completing the process.

- A.  Application for Membership
  - signed by a Sponsor who has been a BYC Senior Member for more than 1 year
  - signed by Co-sponsor who has been a BYC Senior Member for more than 1 year
  - signed by a Current Member of the Executive Committee
  - signed by a Current Member of the Membership Committee
  - identified at least one social function that you have attended
  - signed and dated the application
- B.  ensured that your sponsor has written and submitted a Letter of Recommendation
- C.  attached a Yachting Resume/Letter of Interest

Send your completed Application Package to:

Membership Committee  
Bristol Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 180  
Bristol, RI 02809

Processing your application for membership involves several steps. This includes a review by the Membership Committee, a posting of your application within the clubhouse, and a vote of the Executive Board. We will notify you with the completion of each step in the process. The Membership Committee looks forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Alan Dimson-Doyle, Chair  
Membership Committee  
Email: [bristolyc.mc@gmail.com](mailto:bristolyc.mc@gmail.com)  
Cell: 508-631-0511



The Bristol Yacht Club does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, in membership selection, or any of its activities or operations.

Application for Intermediate Membership

Type of application (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement			
First Name:	Last Name:	DOB/Age (As of January 1):	
Address:			
City:	State:	9 Digit Zip:	
Home Phone:	Cell:	E-mail:	
<b>Boat Information</b>			
Name:	Make/Model:	Length:	
<i>Junior Members transitioning to Intermediate membership need not complete this section.</i>			
Sponsor:	Email/Phone:	Sponsor Letter Attached Yes ___ No ___	
Co-Sponsor:	Email/Phone:	Email Attached Yes ___ No ___	
Membership Committee Member:	Email/Phone:	Signature:	
<b>Social Function Attended:</b>		Date:	
<b>How did you hear about BYC?</b> Please check appropriate boxes: EBSF ___ ADULT SAILING ___ RACING ___ CURRENT MEMBER ___ OTHER: _____			
<b>Dues and Fees</b>			
Annual dues for intermediate members are scheduled according to age as of January 1. For those 19 – 24 years of age, dues remain constant. Beginning at age 25 annual dues increase incrementally until age 30. There are no initiation fees for intermediate members.			
Annual dues structure for Intermediate Membership (please check one):			
<input type="checkbox"/> 19–24 years old	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> 27 years old	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 years old	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 years old	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> 26 years old	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/> 29 years old	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> I have reviewed the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Bristol Yacht Club and agree to abide by them if elected into membership <input type="checkbox"/> I understand that annual dues are incremental according to my age and will increase annually until I become a Senior Member <input type="checkbox"/> I understand that I am subject to all fees imposed to members <input type="checkbox"/> A letter of recommendation from my sponsor has been submitted under separate mailing			
<b>Signature of applicant:</b>		<b>Date</b>	



### **Benefits of Membership**

**Club Atmosphere:** The Bristol Yacht Club is a relaxed, friendly place, away from the traffic and the crowds, yet located in the geographic center of Narragansett Bay. The professional staff is cordial, helpful, and member friendly. Our harbor-view deck, shaded picnic area, and sunny front lawn provide a relaxing and beautiful venue for members and visitors throughout the summer. Bristol's Fourth of July celebration featuring the oldest Fourth of July parade in the country along with a breathtaking "over the harbor" fireworks display, make for an especially fun and busy time at the Club.

**Facilities:** The clubhouse and waterfront are impeccably maintained. We have an outdoor barbecue area, children's slides and swings, a convenient parking lot, showers, a boat ramp, dinghy float space and racks, launch service, dockside water and ice, gear lockers, short term docking, and limited overnight docking for repairs and provisioning. Our magnificent clubhouse features two decks, a large multifunction room, and a full service bar equipped with a gas fireplace and HD TV.

**Membership Directory:** To gain access to the BYC Membership directory online you will need to register as a BYC member on the Website. [Click Here for Instructions on BYC Website Member Signup](#)

**Mooring area:** Our mooring area is a broad semi-circle east of the club dock with good water depth and excellent holding. The town of Bristol manages the area in a safe and efficient manner. The harbormaster's office keeps watch over the harbor and provides mooring-side pump out services. The Club operates two Coast Guard inspected launches from May through October. The Club also maintains two moorings for the exclusive use of members just outside of Potters cove on Prudence Island.

**Social Program:** The Bristol Yacht Club is a great place to enjoy the company of fellow members and to build friendships that last a lifetime. The Mother's Day brunch and the Father's Day lobster boil are long standing and very popular traditions. From May through October, the Club features a "TGIF" event each Friday night (every other week from October to April), which features terrific family dining at affordable prices. During the past few years, special events such as Caribbean Night and other theme type events have proven to be hugely popular. The annual children's Easter egg hunt and Christmas holiday party are a treat for both the children as well as the young at heart.

**Cruising:** BYC cruises are a popular way to enjoy boating with other members. Recent cruises have visited various ports in Buzzards Bay, Martha's Vineyard, Long Island and Down East Maine. Weekend cruises have sailed to Block Island, Newport, East Greenwich, Wickford, and Prudence Island.

**Racing:** On Tuesday nights we race one-designs. Wednesdays are PHRF "race nights," and on Fridays we race the club's Mercuries. Club members also participate in numerous "in the bay" and off-shore races. Hardcore world-class racers, bay racers, and club racers all come together for fun and good competition. There is a place for everyone.

**Youth sailing:** The Bristol Yacht Club has long been known for its commitment to youth sailing. The East Bay Sailing Foundation at the Bristol Yacht Club offers a comprehensive youth sailing program for members and area youths. Check them out on the web at [www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org](http://www.eastbaysailingfoundation.org)

**Frostbiting:** For several decades, the frostbiting fleet of Penguins and Lasers has called the Bristol Yacht Club home. Each Saturday during the winter months, up to a dozen hearty sailors can be found racing on Bristol Harbor.

**Private Parties:** Members may rent clubhouse facilities for private parties such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, graduation parties and business meetings.



**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

*(Current Intermediate Members applying for Senior Membership and Former Senior Members seeking reinstatement, who left in Good Standing, need **NOT** complete the Letter of Recommendation.)*

Please ask your sponsor to write a letter of recommendation to the BYC Executive Committee. The letter should include the reasons why the sponsor believes you are a strong candidate for BYC Membership.

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_



SPONSOR'S NAME

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Please print

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Signature

DATE

**YACHTING RESUME**

Please write a resume of your yachting experience, and an explanation of why you wish to become a member of the Bristol Yacht Club. This should amount to approximately 250 words, and provide clear evidence of your interest in yachting.

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APPLICANT'S NAME

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(Please print)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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