



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 individual and family memberships. 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. BYC promotes a variety of cruising, racing, junior sailing, and social activities.

Applications for membership are processed in the order received. If there are no current vacancies, approved applicants are placed on a waiting list until such time a vacancy occurs.

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 Board  
 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.  enclosed a check for the initiation fee  
 Full Payment of \$2000.00  
 Initial 1/3 Payment (Must be age 39 or younger) (Fees may apply)
- C.  ensured that your sponsor has written and submitted a **Letter of Recommendation**
- D.  attached a **Yachting Resume/Letter of Interest**
- E.  dues are pro-rated and payable upon receipt of bill from club secretary and are as follows:  
Jan – Mar: \$975.00; April – June: \$731.25; July – Sept: \$487.50; Oct – Dec: \$243.75

Send your completed application 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 by the Executive Board. We will notify you with the completion of each step in the process. Your check for the Initiation Fee will be deposited when the application is received. A full refund will be made if you choose not to become a member. 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)  
508-631-0511



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Senior Membership Application

Type of application (check one): New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement \_\_\_\_\_ Transition from Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_

I. Applicant Information (print)

First Name: Last Name: DOB: Address: Occupation/Skills: City: State: 9 Digit Zip: Home Phone: Cell: E-mail: Spouse / Domestic Partner Name: DOB: Cell: E-mail: Child (under 18) #1: DOB: Child (under 18) #2: DOB:

II. Boat Information

Name: Length: Model:

III. Sponsor Information

Former Senior Members seeking reinstatement and Intermediate Members transitioning to Senior membership need not complete Section III.

Sponsor Name: Signature: E-mail: Co-Sponsor Name: Signature: E-mail: Executive Board Member: Signature: E-mail: Membership Committee Member: Signature: E-mail:

Social Function Attended Date:

How did you hear about BYC? Please check appropriate boxes: EBSF \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT SAILING \_\_\_\_\_ RACING \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Dues and Fees

I have attached my Initiation Fee payment payable to Bristol Yacht Club. \_\_\_\_\_ In Full (\$2000.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Partial (1/3) I have reviewed the BYC Bylaws and Rules. I agree to abide by them if elected into membership. I understand the annual dues of \$975.00. Above dues are subject to change based on annual increases approved at annual meetings. By signing this document, you agree to all rules and regulations set forth above in Senior Membership Application.

Signature of applicant: Date:

For Office Use Only Date application received by BYC Date recommended by the Membership Committee Date approved by the Executive Board Date admitted as a Member



## **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.

**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.

**EBSF:** The East Bay Sailing Association (EBSF) is Bristol Yacht Club's instructional sailing program. The EBSF was created by the BYC in 1995 to ensure sustainable leadership and financial stability to the club's junior sailing program. The EBSF was formed as a 501(c)3 non-profit to allow for tax deductible contributions and fundraising capabilities. The EBSF Board is comprised predominantly of BYC members and the board chairperson reports to and sits on the BYC Executive Committee. The EBSF provides sailing instruction to children and adults, maintains a fleet of Mercuries and J22's available for member use and promotes multiple competitive racing opportunities for the BYC membership.

**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. The letter should include the reasons why the sponsor believes you are a strong candidate for BYC Membership.

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

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print Signature



DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**YACHTING RESUME**

Please write a resume of your yachting experience. 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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EBSF Graduates: Yes/No. If yes, year and class level attained: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Please print)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_