



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

C. ensured that your sponsor has written and submitted a **Letter of Recommendation**

D. attached a **Yachting Resume/Letter of Interest**

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 of 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: bristolycc.membershipcommittee@gmail.com
508-631-0511



Application For Senior Membership

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

I. Applicant Information (print)

First Name:	Last Name:	DOB:
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Address:

City:	State:	9 Digit Zip:
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Home Phone:	Office Phone:	Cell:	Fax:	E-mail
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Spouse / Domestic Partner Name:	Spouse/ Partner Cell:	Spouse/ Partner E-mail:
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Child (under 18) #1:	DOB:
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Child (under 18) #2:	DOB:
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Child (under 18) #3:	DOB:
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II. Boat Information (print) :

Name:	Length:	Manufacturer:
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III. Sponsor Information (print):

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

Sponsor Name:	Signature	E-mail:
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Co-Sponsor Name:	Signature:	E-mail:
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Board Member:	Signature:	E-mail:
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Membership Committee Member:	Signature:	E-mail:
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Social Function Attended:	Date:
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IV. Dues and Fees

- I have attached to this application a check for \$1,950.00 payable to Bristol Yacht Club for the initiation fee.**
- I have reviewed the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Bristol Yacht Club and agree to abide by them if elected into membership.
- I understand that annual dues of \$800.00 and the building assessment of \$125.00 are due upon acceptance for membership.

***Former Senior Members applying for reinstatement pay 1/5 the initiation fee (\$390) for each year of non-membership to a maximum of \$1950.00. **Current Intermediate Members transitioning to Senior membership apply a credit of 1/5 the initiation fee (\$390) for each year of continuous Intermediate membership to a maximum of \$1950.*

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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Date application received by BYC

Date recommended by the Membership Committee
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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.

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

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

Please print

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

(Please print)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE