



NORTH WEST VENTURERS' YACHT CLUB

Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname		Membership Class	
First Name(s)		<i>Plus (For Family Members only)</i>	
Address		Partner's name(s)	
		Children (Names & Ages)	
Post Code		Occupation	
Telephone (Home)		Telephone (Business)	
Mobile (1)		Mobile (2)	
Email address			

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

Please send me details of the Dinghy Store

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 let other members know your name and boat name (only) via the web site. Please tick the box if you have any objection to your data being held in this way.

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

BOAT DETAILS

Boat Name		Class	
Rig		Manufacturer	
Sail No.		LoA	
Mooring (give Mooring No if in Strait)		MMSI No	

We only need the following information if you want us to allocate a Club Handicap. Please give us your existing Rating & Authority (if you have one)

LWL		Beam		Draft		Keels	
Engine (Inboard/Outboard)		No of blades		Rating		Authority	

Please enclose a cheque made out to NWWYC 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
ENTRANCE FEE	£50	£35	£15	£25
SUBSCRIPTION	£80	£60	£25	£45

Entrance Fee	£
Subscription	£
TOTAL	£

For Club Use Only

Received	Displayed	Accepted	Banked (Cheque No)	Notified	Swipe
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The North West Venturers Yacht Club

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 seventy 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 date of the End of Season 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. The club galley was refurbished in 1998 and further enhanced in 2004. It is available for the use of 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' cruises 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 annual Directory and Sailing Programme 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 Club Constitution and Rules.

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

Four 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.

*Please note that everybody sailing **regularly** in Club events with the same partner or crew is expected to join the Club. Put bluntly, we object to anybody who wants to join as a Single member bringing the family (or friends) every weekend "for free"! Crew should join either as part of the family or as a Single member. Occasional crew are welcome as guests - just sign them into the Guest Book.*

Note also that the Club is only open to owners/crew of **sailboats**.

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 Noticeboard 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 cash your cheque. You are then formally a member of the North West Venturers Yacht Club. In the unlikely event of there being a problem, the Membership Secretary will phone you to discuss it.