



## **ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB**

### **Day Membership Policy**

This policy exists under the RGYC Rules, particularly Rule 8 1 (vii) Day Membership and RGYC By-Law 2.1 Member Leave of Absence. It is also linked to the Racing Rules of Sailing as provided by Australian Sailing.

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## DAY MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. A Day Membership system is established that operates across all forms of Club organised On-Water Events, including but not limited to Wednesday twilight sailing, Tuff Marine Series, Summer and Winter Aggregate Sailing, Powerboat Navigation Rallies and OTB racing.
2. That the following applies for Non Members:

**a) Friday, Saturday & Sunday Sailing & Navigation Rallies**

- First three(1-3)Day Membership passes under Australian Sailing Racing Rules 2017 – 2020 Rule 46: Free
- Next three (4-6) Day Membership passes \$15each
- Second Six (7-12) Day Membership passes \$35each

*After 12 Day Membership passes the requirement is to transition to annual membership. The Day Membership pass fees paid will be offset against the joining fee or membership fee of the relevant category they apply for.*

*If non-member crew are participating in events organised by other clubs then we do not charge but they are to fill in the Day Membership form.*

*Rule 46 of the Australian 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing includes the following: ..."Furthermore, except in an international event, any crew member who sails in more than 3 races in a season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder (SIN).*

*Thus, the first three sails for a Day Membership is free, regardless if these sails are used on a Saturday / Sunday competition or any other sail.*

**Purchased Day Membership Passes include Personal Accident Insurance**

Yachting Australia (YA) has arranged **Personal Accident Insurance** for Day Membership holders. As long as the crew have registered their details correctly with RGYC, and they **obtain** a Day Membership pass each day they sail, up to a maximum of 12 times, then on each of those occasions they will be provided with YAs Personal Accident Insurance. This cover will be provided as part of the Day Membership fee (at no extra cost).

**b) Wednesday Twilight Sailing**

*The non- member is entitled to sail free of charge but must acquire a Day Membership pass.*

*The maximum of 12 cumulative Day Membership passes applies following which the non-member is to apply for membership.*

*Please note that this is collective use, not per annum usage.*

**c) Kindred Club Members – Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday Sailing: \$15 per Day Membership pass, no limits**

A Kindred club member can purchase a Day Membership pass for \$15 and there is no limit to how many can be purchased. Additionally the Twilight exception applies – visitors are required to demonstrate proof of current membership.

The following Victorian clubs are defined by RGYC as kindred Clubs; Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Sandringham Yacht Club, Sorrento Sailing Club, Mornington Yacht Club, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Beaumaris Motor Yacht Club, Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club and Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club.

**d) Volunteers (Non Members) – No Charge**

Day Membership may be offered to volunteers who are actively involved in the running of any of our races – this will enable them to patronize the clubhouse post race (on the day they volunteer only). This is most applicable to our OTB community and authorization will be determined by the Commodore or the Chair of the Sailing & Boating Committee or the Club Captain or relevant delegate.

**e) RGYC members on a Leave of Absence**

RGYC members, in any membership category, who are on a Leave of Absence cannot sail in any RGYC race nor enter the clubhouse as per RGYC By Law 2.1 – Member Leave of Absence.

**f) Suspended, expelled and resigned RGYC membership**

Day Membership is an introductory membership only and is not available to anyone who is an existing or previous member of RGYC.

Where ex-RGYC members are visiting the Club intermittently then an exception is allowed (e.g. the ex-RGYC member is now based overseas or interstate and wishes to sail out of RGYC for the day/ week they are in Geelong – this is acceptable, however a Day Membership pass will need to be acquired for each day.) Authorization of this exception will be determined by the Commodore or the Chair of the Sailing & Boating Committee or the Club Captain or relevant delegate.

**g) Insurance Cover**

Australian Sailing Insurance is provided under the RGYC Day Membership Policy provided that the Day Membership person has registered their attendance on the day (in advance of Sailing) and it is acknowledged on their Day Membership and subsequently entered into the RGYC Day Membership record system.

Skippers/boat owners need to understand the Insurance liability implications of Non Member crew competing on their boat without Day Membership.

### **SUMMARY**

- *Day Membership is for a total of 12 days only – cumulative*
- *All Twilight sailing is free.*
- *Once the first three free sails,( includes Australian Sailing first three free), have been completed, then payment of \$15 per sail for the next three cumulative Day Membership passes is to be paid, followed by the final 6 day membership passes at \$35 if sailing in anything other than Twilight sailing.*
- *Once 12 cumulative Day Membership passes have been reached then the person cannot receive any further Day Memberships. Therefore to continue sailing they must become an RGYC member.*
- *The new RGYC membership fee is reduced by any amount of Day Membership pass fees that may have been paid over the previous 12 Day Membership passes.*