



Bendigo 2016/2017 Notice of Annual General Meeting And Special General Meeting

Sunday 29th May 2016

Annual General Meeting AGENDA

- 11.30am Shared Lunch and Drinks
- 12.45pm Trophy Presentation
- 1.30pm Annual General Meeting including Special General Meeting
- 2:30pm Meet & Greet

All club members are encouraged to attend this main function of our club.

Under the club rules, the business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- Confirm the previous minutes
- Consider the Annual Report of the General Committee
- Consider the Club Financial Statements
- Elect the officers and ordinary members of the General Committee
- Set the annual membership fees for 2016 - 2017 by setting the annual ordinary member subscription
- Any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the rules

(Club rules are on the website at Bendigo Yacht Club/Club information/Newsletter and Regulations).

Election of 2016 -2017 office bearers and General members

All positions become vacant at the conclusion of the AGM. Officers and ordinary members of the General Committee are eligible for re-election.

Nominations are called for the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and five Ordinary members of the General Committee.

All eligible members are encouraged to consider offering their services on the General Committee. Use the nomination form or get one from the club. Please consider supporting the Club in this way.

To be eligible for nomination, you must be a financial voting member of the Bendigo Yacht Club aged 18 or over as at 1 May 2016 and have been a yachting club member for at least 12 months. There are also some requirements about boat ownership and / or sailing experience and years of membership if you are less than 23 years of age (see rule 34(3)).



Bendigo 2016/2017 Notice of Special General Meeting

As a part of the AGM, 29 May 2016, at the BeYC Clubhouse

Dear Members

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting notified in the recent newsletter, a Special General Meeting will also be conducted to consider some proposed changes to the Rules of Incorporation.

Three (3) motions will be put forward involving the changes described:

First alteration – simplify the process of accepting new members

This proposal removes the 7 day notification period on the notice board of a pending new member, thus allowing the General Committee to determine if the prospective member is suitable to join the club. It also accepts prospective member once he/she has paid.

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify the process of accepting new members be adopted.

Second alteration – simplify membership categories

This proposal clarifies some of the membership categories. Elements include:

1. Identifying Veteran and Intermediate members within the classification Ordinary Members with full rights.
2. Allowing the General Committee some latitude in setting fees for Family Members and Junior members.
3. Extend voting rights to Family Members 18 – 24 years incl.
4. Absorb Cadet Members into the category of Junior Members.
5. Absorb Sailability Members into the category of Special Members.

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to simplify membership categories be adopted.

Third alteration – formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules

This proposal formally includes a reference to the BeYC Code of Conduct

It will be moved that the alteration described in the Notice of Special General Meeting to formally introduce the “Code of Conduct” to the Rules be adopted.

More details are provided in the following documents.

To assist your understanding of all this, please find attached:

- a) Rules of Incorporation - Draft modifications 2016 – attached to this notice
- b) Introduction Handbook & Code of Conduct 2016 – attached to this notice
- c) BeYC Rules of incorporation 18 October 2014 – attached as a separate file (electronic mail),
or available on the website at: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3434786

First alteration – simplify the process of accepting new members

Section 6 Membership

The aim of these changes is to simplify and foreshorten the process for accepting new Members. It is considered that the General Committee has the ability to assess an applicant in their own right. That is strengthened by the introduction of a Code of Practice that clarifies expectations and processes for misconduct (see below).

6 (3) (b) shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Association, ~~who shall then arrange for the exhibition of the nomination on the who shall then arrange for the exhibition of the nomination on the Association's notice board for a period of not less than seven days~~ Association's notice board for a period of not less than seven days.

Delete "who shall then arrange for the exhibition of the nomination on the Association's notice board for a period of not less than seven days"; allows the General Committee to decide and expedite membership without undue delay.

6 (6) Upon a nomination being approved by the General Committee, the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee in writing that he/she is approved for membership of the Association and request payment within the period of sixty days of the date of such notification of the sum payable under these rules as the joining fee and the first year's annual subscription. Once payment is received, the nominee becomes a member of the Association.

Add "Once payment is received, the nominee becomes a member of the Association".
Expedites new membership.

6 (8) The Secretary shall, upon payment of the amounts referred to in Rule 6(6) within the period referred to in that Rule, enter the nominee's name in the register of members kept by him/her ~~and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association.~~

Delete "and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association" for consistency with the above change.

Second alteration – simplify membership categories

Section 7 Categories of Membership	
7 (1) (a) Full Member – being a person over 18 years of age as at the first day of the financial year concerned. Full members shall enjoy the full privileges of the Association including voting rights. Members over the age of 64 (Veteran), or aged 18, 19 or 20 (Intermediate) as at the first day of the financial year shall have a discount of 50% of the annual subscription.	Add “Veteran”, and “Intermediate” for clarity
7 (1) (b) Family Member – being the spouse or bona-fide partner of a sailing member or a dependent child of sailing member under the age of 25 18 as at the first day of the financial year. Family Members have full privileges of the Association including voting rights for any spouse or dependent child over the age of 18 years . There shall be no joining fee for family members. Membership fees for bona-fide partner of a sailing member or a dependent child of sailing member shall be set by the General Committee in accordance with the Association’s rules.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alter age for consistency with Junior Member, and to provide these 18, 19 and 20 year old family members the ability to vote. 2. Add “Membership fees for bona-fide partner of a sailing member or a dependent child of sailing member shall be set by the General Committee in accordance with the Association’s rules”, allowing the General Committee some flexibility to encourage Families as appropriate to the Association’s interests.
7 (1) (b) (i) The said sailing member shall pay a surcharge of 25% of the annual subscription which shall entitle dependent children under the age of 25 18 to be sailing members.	Amend 25 to 18 years in accordance with 7 (1) (b)
7 (1) (c) Junior Member – being a person aged between 13-7 and 17 years of age at the first day of the financial year. A junior member shall have full privileges of the Association other than voting rights. Junior members between 12 and 18 years shall pay a surcharge of 25% of the annual subscription have a discount of 75% of the annual subscription. Junior members between 7 and 13 years (Cadet) shall pay a surcharge of 25% of the annual subscription or other such other amount as determined by the General Committee from time to time have a discount of 75% of the annual subscription. There is no joining fee for junior members.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alter age for consistency with Junior Member 2. Alter to “between 12 and 18 years shall pay a surcharge of 25% of the annual subscription have a discount of 75% of the annual subscription. Junior members between 7 and 13 years (Cadet) shall pay a surcharge of 25% of the annual subscription or other such other amount as determined by the General Committee from time to time have a discount of 75% of the annual subscription”
7 (1) (d) Cadet Member – being a person aged between 7 years and 12 years at the first day of the financial year. A Cadet member shall have full privileges of the Association other than voting rights. Cadet members shall have a discount of 75% of the annual subscription or such other amount as determined by the General Committee from time to time. There is no joining fee for cadet members.	Delete redundant category to simplify membership categories.

7 (3) (b) The General Committee may resolve to offer to any member or non-member who it considers is severely disabled or disadvantaged that he/she be a Special Member of the Association.	Add "of the Association" for clarity
7 (3) (d) Sailability Members and participants are members of the Association in order to facilitate their individual support of the Sailability program. They shall have full access to the club facilities but shall not be entitled to store a boat or caravan at the premises of the Association, nor shall they have voting rights. They shall not have rights to participate in organised sailing events other than Sailability events. There shall be no joining fee or annual subscription for Sailability Members but their on-going membership of the Association shall be subject to annual confirmation of their role by the Sailability Sub-Committee of the Association Sailability Bendigo.	<p>Remove 7 (7) Sailability category as a separate entity, and transfer to the "Special Membership" category allowing the General Committee to ensure short-term participants are covered by BeYC insurance during their activities.</p> <p>Alter to "Sailability Sub-Committee of the Association" from "Sailability Bendigo", as this group is now a part of our Association.</p>

Third alteration – formally introduce the "Code of Conduct" to the Rules

Section 15 Grounds for taking disciplinary action	
15 (a) has failed to comply with these Rules or the By-Laws of the Association or any relevant membership protection policy or code of conduct of the Association, Yachting Australia or Yachting Victoria; or; or	Introduces the BeYC's Code of Conduct to this rule (attached).



BENDIGO YACHT CLUB Inc.

Introduction Handbook and Code of Conduct

Welcome

A hearty welcome to you as a member of this great Club of likeminded folk.

The Club was initiated by several people initially from the Cairn Curran Yacht Club, who saw the potential of a new reservoir being constructed near Axedale (later to be named Lake Eppalock). This would prove to be ideally suited and would support a yacht Club equal to any within Victoria.

Thus the BeYC was formed in 1962 by Allan Johnson (Commodore), Barry Bowater (Vice Commodore), Ralph Michell (Rear Commodore), and Dallas Martin (Secretary / Treasurer) to name a few. The joining fee was the princely sum of £2/10/- (\$5 in today's terms). My, how things change!!

Early days saw the Club members gather in tents, on picnic rugs, their brand new EJ Holden and anything else to make an otherwise dry landscape comfortable. They gathered to socialise and sail or paddle their plywood boats and canoes of all shapes and sizes (most of them home made).

By 1965 they had built a Club house, organised a social committee and were enjoying close competitive racing, mostly on Quickcats and Gwen 12's. The Club was up and running!

So, you are a part of a long running association with the Bendigo and District Community with a strong tradition of fun, friendship, family frivolity, and sometimes even frenetic f-f-sailing!

Good luck to you and long may you carry on this tradition.

Purpose

Formally, the purposes of BeYC are:

1. To promote and encourage the sport of yachting;
2. To provide for and conduct yacht races, regattas, and seasonal programs of races; and to provide for non-competitive sailing;
3. To provide training and tuition in the art of sailing and in any other disciplines related thereto;
4. To provide for the wellbeing, comfort, entertainment, social contact, and accommodation of its members, guests and visitors.

Informally, we're all here to have a darn good time.

Club & Member expectations

The BeYC aims to be a friendly, family oriented Club where Members, Visitors and Guests can feel at ease enjoying the Club's activities and facilities.

The BeYC is run by volunteers who work collaboratively to promote friendship and a love of sailing. Personal time, experience and dedication by many members is required to ensure the enduring nature, development and smooth running of the Club. We need you to support these people.

As a Community Club, the Club:

- ✓ Hopes that you integrate into the Club and enjoy a long and active Membership by participating in the many Club activities on and off the water
- ✓ Expects that you will participate in at least one general working bee per year or contribute to the Club in other ways as best as you can

As a part of this Club, you can expect it to provide:

- ✓ A safe and respectful environment for the enjoyment of all in the social and sporting activities provided
- ✓ A regular itinerary of sailing activities, both competitive and non-competitive
- ✓ A regular social calendar
- ✓ Open usage of the Club's facilities within the bounds of the Club's Rules and By-Laws

In return, the Club requires that you apply the Club's Code of Conduct at all times within the Club grounds, on the water and elsewhere whilst participating in Club events and/or representing the Club

This Code is designed to provide a great experience for all and describes proper behaviour contributing towards that aim. So; in relation to all activities involving or representing the Club, on or off the grounds, the following applies;

Code of Conduct

Safety; Members must:

- ✓ Be aware of their own actions in relation to safety of themselves and of all others, maintaining a safe environment at all times
- ✓ Abide by any safety warnings issued by the Club and Authorities
- ✓ Ensure children are always accompanied by a responsible adult

Respect for others; Members must:

- ✓ Respect the dignity, worth and rights of others, interact in a courteous manner, allow others to enjoy the Club's facilities and services to the fullest extent
- ✓ Not bully, harass or abuse others whether physical, verbal, by writing or in electronic form
- ✓ Not display rudeness, harassment or improper conduct towards other competitors or officials
- ✓ Be fair, considerate and honest with others and accept responsibility for their own actions
- ✓ Act in sportsman like manner within the rules and spirit of the sport both on and off the water
- ✓ Take responsibility for their visitors while on the Club's premises and ensure that they abide by this code of conduct
- ✓ Control excessive use of alcohol and not participate in illegal drug use of any kind

Respect for the Club; Members must:

- ✓ Maintain the interests of the Club at all times
- ✓ Not represent the Club unless properly authorised to do so nor take any behaviour that may bring the Club into disrepute
- ✓ Not use the Club to gain an unfair advantage to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of the Club
- ✓ Handle Club property with care and diligence
- ✓ Not litter waste material on or off shore

Uphold the Club's laws; Members must:

- ✓ Be aware of and apply BeYC's standards, rules, regulations and policies

- ✓ Members and visitors must comply at all times with lawful directions of the Club
- ✓ Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines that govern sailing in Australia while sailing
- ✓ Obey the instructions contained in the notice of race officials and the sailing instructions while sailing

Remember; if this Code of Conduct is breached:

- ✓ In the case of a skipper or crew breaching this code whilst racing, the Race Committee may lodge a protest; and if upheld, the skipper may forfeit that race.
- ✓ In the case of any breach involving or not involving racing, the General Committee may take disciplinary action against that Member under the Rules of Association
- ✓ In the case of a Visitor, the Visitor may be expelled from the grounds temporarily or permanently.

Identification of Key Club Members, Committees

There are several Committees and Working Groups in place that ensure the safe and proper running of the Club. These, and their functions are listed below. Members on these Committees and Work Groups are identified on the BeYC Website and would be only too happy to answer any queries.

Active Committees and Work Groups are:

General Committee 2015/6

Commodore	Russell Denholm
Vice Commodore	Colin Nankervis
Rear Commodore	Greg Devlin
Immediate Past Commodore	Marg Grant
Secretary	Ken Mann
Treasurer	Simon Carter
Members orientation	Sonja Scammell
Club Editor	Andria McGregor Turner
Camping Officer	Dennis Scammell
Boat Storage	Rowan Gillies
Grounds and Maintenance	John Maher/Colin Nankervis

Sailing Committee 2015/6

Chair	Greg Devlin
Commodore	Russell Denholm
Secretary	Ewan Watson
Results and Handicapping	Phillip Mann
Cruising	Ken Coulson

Sailing School Principal	Mick Floyd	mornings. This training has produced many sailors
General Member	Mark Hawkins	who have had terrific results on the word stage such
General Member	Ken Hill	as:
General Member	Brenton McDonald	✓ Glen Ashby who has won multiple World
General Member	Sarah Floyd	Championships, a Silver Medallist at the

Coordinators/Managers 2015/6

Mentoring/Sailing School	Anita Hunter	
Grants and Sponsorship	Brenton McDonald	✓ Allan Goodall who has won multiple Word
Rescue Boat Maintenance	Ian Middleton	Championships in the A Class Catamarans
Website/Facebook	Stephen Phillis	✓ Greg Goodall who has won multiple Word
Women In Sailing	Anita Hunter	Championships in a variety of Catamaran
Catering	Cath Gillies	Classes
		✓ Adam Beattie who recently won the NACRA
		World Championships.

Facilities and orientation

Bendigo Yacht Club is a fun, family place where people can enjoy competitive sailing, cruising, social activities, or just use the many facilities to entertain your friends and family on the weekends, holidays or during the week.

As a member of the club you have unlimited use 24/7/365 all year around.

Just some of the facilities are:

- ✓ Clubhouse with the all of the amenities one would expect such as a kitchen, lounge area, TV, bathrooms, decking area and more
- ✓ Huge BBQ with both inside and outside dining areas
- ✓ Jetty
- ✓ Swimming area
- ✓ Camping grounds
- ✓ Caravan Park
- ✓ Boat storage
- ✓ Launching ramps
- ✓ Rescue facilities
- ✓ Playground
- ✓ Kids area
- ✓ Large steel fire pit

We also have a calendar that includes a racing program, cruising program, fun trophy races and regular social events.

For those with serious racing in mind, Bendigo Yacht club have 2 trophy series during the year that run in conjunction with an overall Club Championship series. We also run a summer twilight series and a winter series.

For those who would like to learn or improve their sailing skills, BeYC has weekly training on Saturday

These sailors along with many other National and State Champions are proof that the waters of Lake Eppalock are the perfect breeding grounds for some of the best sailors in the world.

References

Club Website

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?assoc=10037&pID=1

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100369630039185/>

Calendar of Events

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100369630039185/events/>

Club Rules

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100369630039185/files/>

YA & YV contacts

www.yachtingvictoria.com.au/
www.yachting.org.au/

Affiliated Club contacts

www.ccsc.org.au/

So, welcome aboard and enjoy – that's what it's all about!



NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

We following financial members of the Bendigo Yacht Club Inc. entitled to vote at general meeting nominate:

Nominee Name:

For the position of:

Proposer name:Signature

Seconder name:Signature

I hereby consent to the above nomination:

Nominations must be sent to the Secretary, BeYC at:

- Emailed to: bendigoycgmil.com, or
- Posted to: Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.
PO Box 244, Bendigo Vic 3552.

To be eligible, nominations must reach the Secretary no later than 5.00pm, Sunday, 22 May 2016.