

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in any aspect of the Royal St George, you are welcome to contact the Club Secretary at 01 280 1811. Alternatively talk to a Flag Officer, one of the Class Captains, or a member of the General Committee. For potential members the best starting point is to contact the Membership Secretary by emailing Tara at reception@rsgyc.ie.

We are delighted to welcome new members. The 'George' may look traditional - and we are proud of our heritage - but behind the facade it is lively and friendly. We may be steeped in history but not stuck in it. It is a strongly held belief here that New Members bring new ideas, new skills and new contacts on both the sailing and social sides. This Club is all about progress and improving on a successful past.

You may have heard that the Club is exclusive and to a degree it is in that anyone joining needs to be recommended on a personal basis by current members. However, the Club's friendly atmosphere is created by this six-degrees of separation in that every new member proposed by another member is then introduced to their friends and fellow members at the Club. New members are encouraged to have an interest in the sea and nautical affairs but there is no obligation to be a sailor. If you are inclined to sail but lacking experience we have several courses to facilitate your interest with excellent teachers to help you achieve your goal. Should lack of personal contact with our membership be an obstacle, and you are thinking about becoming a member, the secretariat and Membership Committee will do all they can to facilitate the joining process.

This website gives a flavour of all the Club's activities, and may suggest some reasons why membership of the Royal St George can be so satisfying. So, as far as possible the wide interests of all the different types of member are kept in mind when developing Club programmes, or considering the facilities of the Clubhouse.

Joining the Club

In principle, potential members are invited to join the Club by their proposer - who should be a current Ordinary Member of over four years' standing. They should then be introduced as widely as possible, perhaps by taking part in a Club event or two. Otherwise it is a good idea to come to the Club and meet several members. The Club has regular introduction evenings and social occasions where you can meet other members and get a sense of how the Club is run. Once the joining process is begun, it is the Proposer who carries it forward - but if you are thinking you might like to join the Royal St George it will help you to know the procedure.

These are the steps:

At the request of the Proposer, the Membership Secretary will send to the prospective member a Membership Nomination form, along with an information leaflet detailing the various membership categories and subscription rates and the Direct Debit Form that will be needed later.

The prospective member completes the form and returns it to the membership secretary who will hold it until other formalities have been completed.

The Proposer, probably with the help of the prospective member, will identify another Ordinary Member to second the application.

The Proposer and Seconder sign the form that is then sent to the Club where it is held by the membership Secretary for the next Membership Committee meeting. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

When the Membership Committee approves the application, possibly after a personal interview if the new member has not been able in the meantime to attend any Club events, the candidate will be nominated for election to the Club. The names of all nominees are displayed in the Clubhouse hallway for fourteen days to give all the members the opportunity to comment on the applications.

Assuming there are no objections or other difficulties, most candidates are elected within a one month period from the date of the first meeting. They are then sent a letter confirming this and welcoming them to the Club and invited to return the Direct Debit form, along with their subscription. Once the subscription is paid the process is complete and the candidate confirmed as a member of the Royal St. George Yacht Club, entitled to fly the Club's colours, wear its privileged ensign and generally enjoy all the other benefits that membership brings.