

## **LGYC MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION**

The purpose of the Affirmation period is to ensure the integrity of new member applications and promises of participation support the mission of the Club.

### **Article II- Membership, Section 2 Application of the ByLaws of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Inc.**

**Approved applicants will then enter an affirmation period after which the Board will vote on whether to reaffirm the membership in compliance with review criteria. Before the Board's reaffirmation decision, two persons who are Regular, Senior, Intermediate, Honorary Life or Honorary Service members must sign the application. Reaffirmation requires that the applicant be in good standing compliance with Club policies.**

Affirmation Period: Duration: 1 – 2 Years for Regular, Intermediate, Sailing Supporter and Junior Memberships

Annual review for Associate Memberships

Each member will be granted a full race season prior to being reviewed.

Applicants approved prior to Memorial Day of the calendar year will be reviewed in the Fall following their approval date. Applicants approved after Memorial Day of the calendar year will be reviewed in the Fall of the next calendar year.

Illness/Extenuating Circumstances: Member may submit a formal written request to the Board for an exemption of affirmation period for reason of illness or extenuating circumstance. If approved, the member's Affirmation Period will resume at a later date agreed upon between Member and the Board.

Following the race season, members in review will need to complete the Reaffirmation form by October 30 and have 2 voting members sign it. The Membership Committee and the LGYC Board of Directors will review all members in Affirmation

Members who meet the criteria for reaffirmation will be notified by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Membership Committee.

If a member fails to meet the criteria for reaffirmation, the Membership Committee will vote to suggest probation or non-reaffirmation of the member. The Membership Committee will present their recommendation to the Board. The Board will vote to place the member on probation or vote to not reaffirm the member. New members who do not meet the criteria for Reaffirmation will be notified by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Membership Committee and Commodore (recommending members will be copied).

### **Review Criteria for Reaffirmation**

**Regular Member:** A member of any age who is currently participating as an owner, regularly helming or regularly crewing or has historically participated in a sailing program, or regularly serving on the Race Committee

#### **Review Criteria for Regular Member:**

Member is the owner of a sailboat raced in LGYC races AND/OR

Member is actively helming or crewing in LGYC races during the season AND/OR

Member serves on Race Committee for a minimum of 3 shifts annually AND

Member volunteers for LGYC annually (including Race Committee) and/or actively serves on a Club Committee AND

Member is in good standing compliance with Club policies.

**Intermediate Member:** A member who is currently participating in the sport of sailing and has reached or will reach the age of 21 before January 1 of the current year and is not more than 32 years of age. Note: Spouse/Civil Union partner's age must also be considered.

#### **Review Criteria for Intermediate Member:**

Member is actively helming or crewing in LGYC races during the season AND/OR

Member volunteers for LGYC annually (including Race Committee) and/or actively serves on a Club Committee AND

Member is in good standing compliance with Club policies.

**Sailing Supporter Member:** A member who is a parent/guardian of a child/children actively racing on a GLSS, Race Team, BMRT and/or racing in LGYC races and regattas. Children are defined as individuals who will not reach the age of 21 before January 1 of the current year. Additionally, throughout the period of membership, a Sailing Supporter Member must own a boat that is actively raced in GLSS, BMRT and/or LGYC races and regattas, and volunteer annually.

**Review Criteria for Sailing Supporter Member:**

Member is the owner of a sailboat raced in LGYC races AND

Members' child(ren) participate in GLSS, Race Team BMRT and/or in LGYC races and regattas AND

Member volunteers for LGYC annually AND

Member volunteers for GLSS annually AND

Member is in good standing compliance with Club policies.

**Junior:** A member who is currently participating in the sport of sailing and will not reach the age of 21 before January 1 of the current year.

**Review Criteria for Junior Member:**

Member is in good standing compliance with Club policies.

**Review Criteria for Associate Member:**

**Associate:** A member desiring to participate in the activities of the Club and to support its purposes and who may develop an interest in competitive sailing. This category of membership may be limited by the Board of Directors to a percentage of the Club's membership.

Member volunteers for LGYC for a minimum of 3 shifts annually and/or actively serves on a Club Committee AND

Member is in good standing compliance with Club policies.