



To: Potential Willow Bank Yacht Club Member
From: K.C. Hill, Membership Committee Chair

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Willow Bank Yacht Club member. Fees, membership classifications and other requirements are detailed on the next page.

In addition to a completed membership application, all applicants must be sponsored by at least two active members. Each sponsor should address his or her letter to the WBYC Membership Committee Chair, and the letters should describe how long and how well the sponsor has known you, as well as any other information that will help the committee in its deliberations.

Founded in 1948, Willow Bank Yacht Club has continually encouraged and promoted sailboat racing, pleasure sailing, and other water-based activities in an active volunteer atmosphere. Currently, the active one-design racing fleets include Flying Dutchman, Lightning, Finn, Laser, and Sunfish. Other sailing classes include Thistle, Snipe, Comet, Flying Scot, and various small keel boats.

Traditionally, the Club places emphasis on the following priorities to qualify new members:

- Ownership and active participation in racing in one or more boats of the active one-design fleets
- Previous racing or sailing experience
- Prior yacht club or sailing club membership and participation in WBYC lessons
- Boating interest and experience
- Potential for the above

It is anticipated that the status of your application would be announced by mid-May 2012. On average, 10 to 15 new members are accepted annually.

We wish to preserve our tradition as a sailing club through this selection process. With the exception of the Club Manager and seasonal staff, Willow Bank is entirely a volunteer organization that depends on active participation by all members.

Again, thank you for your interest. Willow Bank has been a summer "home" to many families and sailors for more than 60 years. We look forward to receiving your completed application. Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Section 1: General Eligibility

Any person or family group who is interested in the promotion of yachting and other aquatic sports and/or the cultivation of good fellowship among its members shall be eligible for membership in the club. Such person who is otherwise eligible and accepted for membership and who has paid such dues, fees and assessments as are then prescribed by the Board of Directors, plus any taxes applicable thereto, shall become a member of the club with all the privileges of such membership.

Classes of Membership

Family Membership - Any individual, and spouse and/or such unmarried children living at home who either (1) have not reached their twenty-first birthday by April 1 of the current year, or (2) if a matriculated full-time undergraduate college student, have not reached their twenty-third birthday by April 1 of the current year.

Individual Membership - any unmarried individual over twenty-one years of age, or whose twenty-first birthday occurs prior to April 1 of that calendar year, or any individual who is not otherwise qualified for Junior Membership shall be eligible for Individual Membership.

Junior Membership- Any individual less than twenty-one years of age, or whose twenty-first birthday occurs on or after April 1 of that calendar year, who is not married, and who is living with his parents or guardian or other responsible party, shall be eligible for Junior Membership. To remain eligible for membership, a Junior MUST participate in the formal sailing instruction or racing program.

MEMBERSHIP FEES	Family	Individual	Junior
2011 Dues (2012 Dues will be set in mid January)	\$430.00	215.00	107.50
Building Fund	\$153.00	76.50	38.25
Initiation Fee/			
Option A One time payment of	\$650.00	325.00	0
Option B Partial payment year 1	\$350.00		
plus remainder payment year 2	\$350.00		
TOTAL (with Option A) Does not included taxes	\$1,233.00	611.50	145.70

All members are required to participate in a Fall Work Party during their first year as member and both a Spring and a Fall Work Party during each subsequent year. The Work Party Policy can be viewed on the Willow Bank website.