

Pigeon Lake Yacht Club
Membership Policy
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Section I: Membership Overview

The following categories of Membership shall be available:

- A. **Full Membership** (*Individual or Family*): Legal members of Pigeon Lake Yacht Club Inc. (PLYC), with full voting rights (adults only) and entitled to all club privileges, including to propose and endorse applications for memberships, to hold office, to participate in the distribution of the assets of the club in the event of its dissolution, to skipper yachts in Club-sanctioned races and to launch their own boats from Club property.
- B. **Social membership** (*Individual or Family*) - Social membership is available to those who wish to continue to be involved at the Club, but are not active sailors. Social members do not have voting privileges.
- C. **Founding Members** - Shall consist of individuals who were original members of PLYC in 1978, in recognition of their contributions to the establishment of the Club. Such members are entitled to access all amenities of the Club, but will not be voting members. There is no fee attached to this designation. Any Founding Member who wishes to have voting privileges will be required to purchase a membership.

Definitions:

Individual: Shall consist of one adult

Family: Shall consist of up to two adults and dependent children under the age of 18 as of May 1st of the current year. Children under 18 are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

Section II: Annual Membership Fees

Membership fees will be set annually by the Board of Directors, and communicated to all returning members prior to the start of the sailing season and are payable annually by May 1 to enjoy privileges from May 1 of the current year to April 30 of the subsequent year.

Members who have not paid their membership dues by May 31st shall no longer be in good standing and will lose voting and Club privileges.

Section IV: Privileges and Obligations:

PLYC is operated exclusively by the volunteer efforts of its members, and the Club's success depends on the extent to which each of its members contributes their time and talent. Members are expected to do their share of work necessary for the Club's operations.

Furthermore, the Club has limited space for dry-sailed boats and a limited number of keel boat slips, and there is usually a waiting list for keel boat slips. Therefore, members are expected to actively use their boats during the sailing season. If a member does not use their boat(s) for an entire year, the boat(s) will not be allowed to occupy Club facilities in succeeding years without express consent of the PLYC Board of Directors. The member will be responsible for submitting a written request for consent of the Board at least two months prior to the deadline date for payment of fees.

Section V: New Members:

Every person proposed for membership shall complete an application on a form provided by the Club Secretary. A payment for the applicable fees and dues shall accompany their application. Each such application shall be endorsed by two (2) Regular Members and requires approval of the board. No candidate shall be considered for election to membership unless they intend to participate in club activities. No application will be approved if they remain indebted to PLYC as a result of previous unpaid fees.

The proceedings of the Board of Directors upon the question of admission to membership shall be held strictly private and confidential. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed for membership until one year shall have lapsed.

Any person who has been a Member of the Club in the previous five years, and was in good standing at the time of their membership resignation, may be considered a renewal, at the discretion of the Board.

Section VI: Partial Year Reduction:

New members (applicants with no previous history of membership) joining the club after August 1st will be charged 50% of the membership rate and will be charged 50% of the Summer Boat Fee, if applicable.

Section VII: Termination of Membership:

Membership may be terminated by voluntary resignation, in writing, accepted by the Board of Directors. No such resignation shall be accepted unless the resigning member shall have paid all indebtedness to the Club including dues for the period in which the resignation is tendered.

Section VIII: Expulsion:

A member may be expelled from the Club for misconduct or flagrant infraction of the Club rules in accordance with Section 8.04 of the By-Laws and the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act. No one who may have been expelled from the Club shall be re-elected or admitted to the Club for a period of one year. The Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of what constitutes misconduct or flagrant abuse of Club rules.

Section IX: Indebtedness and Suspension of Privileges:

If a member has failed to pay membership fees in accordance with the dates in the policy they will be considered no longer a member in good standing. If a member continues in arrears for sixty (60) days, the board may, at its discretion, pursue expulsion procedures.

Section X: Remission of Dues:

Any member experiencing an absence from the club (due to extended travel, illness, etc.) may apply to the Board of Directors for a suspension of payment of dues for a period of not more than one year. Club privileges may not be enjoyed by such member, or their family, during the agreed period of absence.