

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

GUEST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

We appreciate your interest in the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club. The OTYC was founded in 1948 to provide a social outlet for those who summered on the Omena peninsula. The small community valued kinship and camaraderie amongst the member families.

Members generously gave of their time to establish and support activities that would engage all ages of club members. It is the strong foundation of these values that has enabled the OTYC to continue to grow over the past 65+ years and nourish the friendships that further strengthen the Club. Our historic clubhouse is over 100 years old and our facilities are limited. For this reason, we must limit the number of members and carefully consider all applications for membership.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Endeavoring to maintain the core values and qualities that make the OTYC meaningful to its members, the following criteria will be considered by the Board of Directors in the review of an application for Membership:

- Legacy status or other familial history in Omena
- Geographical location of residence, with emphasis on the Omena peninsula
- Active club involvement and engagement during the Guest Membership season
- History of volunteerism and/or involvement in one's community
- Reasons the prospective candidate is interested in joining the OTYC
- History in the Omena area community
- Length of time prospective candidate will be in Omena area during the OTYC season
- Past attendance at Club activities, Board members met, and Board members' response
- Interest in and commitment to participate in Club activities

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The application process consists of two important dates for Applicants - **April 1 and October 15** - and is as follows:

1. An Application Package may be requested from the Membership Chair. The Applicant will be required to provide the names of two Adult Members who have agreed to serve as Applicant's Sponsors.

2. **APRIL 1** - **A fully completed Application, two complete Member Sponsor Letters of Recommendation are to be received by the Membership Chair no later than April 1.** There will be no exceptions made. (Should interested parties miss the April 1 deadline, they may attend OTYC functions as guests of Members that season and submit their application the following year.) The Applicant will be notified within one week of submission that their Application has been received. Should the Applicant not receive notice within one week, it is incumbent upon the Applicant to re-contact the Membership Chair for confirmation of receipt.
3. The completed Application and Sponsor Letters will be processed by the Membership Committee and made available for membership review in the May Breeze, posting on the bulletin board, and/or by some other means.
4. The Board will evaluate the Application and Sponsor Letters. By July 1 the Applicant will be notified of the result the Board's review. Upon acceptance into Guest Membership, the Applicant's check for Guest Member dues will be deposited.
Note: prior to notice from the Commodore that the Applicant has been accepted into Guest Membership, the Applicant must be accompanied by an Adult Member at all times.

Guest Membership in the OTYC affords the opportunity for applicants to meet other members, meet no less than three Board members at Club functions, participate in social activities, and experience the amenities the Club has to offer. All Guest Members are expected to participate in Club activities and volunteer in the various available opportunities. The period of Guest Membership is a time for the Guest Member to decide if OTYC is a fit for them, while the Board can determine if the Guest Member is a fit for the Club. Guest Membership status does not include the right to vote on Club business.

5. At the end of the Guest Member season (Labor Day) the Applicant will decide whether to pursue Adult Membership. Should that be the case, **the Guest Member will notify the Membership Chair (by letter or email) no later than October 15 of their desire to seek Adult Membership for the upcoming year that immediately follows their Guest Member season.** It is incumbent upon the Applicant to verify receipt of this information.
6. Children or grandchildren of current adult members may decline Guest Membership and apply for full membership without sponsors.
7. The Board will consider the request for Adult Membership in the OTYC and the Guest Member will be notified of the Board's decision by November 15.

GUEST MEMBERSHIP AND ADULT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND INITIATIONS FEES

Annual Dues are set yearly and billed in January and are due no later than March 1. A late fee of \$100.00 will be applied to delinquent payments. More than one delinquent payment of dues may result in loss of membership.

Initiation Fees (currently \$1,440.00) are included in the bill for the new Adult Member's first year and are due no later than March 1.