

# RULES GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 8. MEMBERSHIP

a. The Association shall consist of:

- (1) Full Members
- (2) Honorary Life Members
- (3) Honorary Members
- (4) Branch Members
- (5) Branch Affiliate Members
- (6) Family Members

b. **FULL MEMBERS.** The following will be eligible for election to Full Membership.

- (1) Serving personnel of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Women's Royal Naval Services, the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Marines Reserve, the Women's Royal Naval Reserve, the Commonwealth Naval Forces and their Reserves and serving Nursing Officers and Naval Nurses of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service it's Reserve and the RNXS.
- (2) Past Officers, Ratings and Other Ranks (of the Forces listed in (1) above) who have served for a period of at least two years, or in the case of National Servicemen served for the full service required.
- (3) Past members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment who have served for a period of at least two years.
- (4) Army and RAF Personnel who have served in HM Ships or Establishments or RM Units for one year, application to be made whilst in such service.
- (5) Members of the other Services who have crewed in a Joint Service yacht entered for a major Trans Ocean Race; application to be made within a year of the finish of the race.
- (6) Civil Servants serving in a MoD (Navy) post, or with the Defence Procurement Agency, Department of the Environment or Support Agency and working directly on behalf of the Royal Navy, RFA Officers and Cadets, Sea Cadet Corps Officers and Instructors, and Combined Cadet Force Officers (Naval Section) subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) Application to be made whilst serving in the eligible post.
  - (ii) A minimum of 2 years continuous service ineligible posts.
  - (iii) Sponsorship by an elected member of the Central Committee or a Branch Captain or Chairman.
- (7) RNSA Branches may nominate for election any member of a foreign Navy considered especially deserving of membership.

### NOTES:

- (i) If no longer active service, application for full membership must be accompanied by the signature of two members who are prepared to Propose and Second the candidature of the applicant and to state that they have a personal knowledge of the candidate.
- (ii) The names of candidates for Full Membership shall be put before the Committee after election.
- (iii) Any member failing to pay his subscription within six months of it becoming due shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member

c. **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.** The Committee may elect Full Members to Honorary Life Membership who have given outstanding service to the Association of whose achievement has brought the Association credit. Honorary Life Members shall pay no subscription and retain the rights of Full Members.

d. **HONORARY MEMBERS.** In special circumstances, any lady or gentleman proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another may be elected as Honorary Member by the Committee. Honorary Members shall pay no subscriptions. They will have all rights of Full Members other than voting. Honorary Membership is granted for a period of five years or for the period whilst serving in the position that occasioned the election, whichever time is the longer. At the end of that period the Honorary Member may be invited by the Committee to take up Full Membership even though he/she does not qualify under Rule 8b.

e. **BRANCH MEMBERS.** See Rule 10c(4). All active Service Personnel of the RN, RM and WRNS and active list Reservists when under training are automatically Branch Members of the RNSA Branch in their locality. Branch Members may use the facilities offered by the Branch but they may not use the RNSA burgee nor are they entitled to any other privileges of full membership, including the usage of RNSA craft and the wearing of any insignia of full membership.

f. **BRANCH AFFILIATE MEMBERS.** See Rule 10c(5). Branch Committees may elect individuals, who are not eligible for Full or Branch Membership, to Affiliate Membership. Such members may be called upon to pay a Branch subscription or other levy; they will have the same rights as Branch Members.

g. **FAMILY MEMBERS.** A person eligible for full membership under rules 8b.(1) to (7) inclusive may apply for Family Membership to include his/her spouse and their children under 18 or in full time education. On the death of the eligible member the surviving spouse may transfer from Family to Full Membership.