

## **Definitions**

Except in a heading, a term used as stated below is shown with capitalised initial letters.

**Regulations:** MYA rules, class rules, regulations, codes, and policies as may be published by Council from time to time.

**Good Standing:** Accepted by Council into membership, paid all fees which are due, and not subject to suspension or any other disciplinary measure.

**Club:** A club in Good Standing.

**Member:** An individual in Good Standing who is a member of a Club.

**Officer:** An Executive Officer, a District Councillor, a Non - Executive Officer, or an Honorary Officer.

## **Application for Club membership**

A Club shall address an application for membership to the MYA Membership Secretary or Secretary to Council. The MYA Council will consider the application on its merits.

## **Members**

Following acceptance into membership, a Club shall provide, and update annually, the names, email and postal addresses, and telephone numbers of its club members who are MYA Members.

*(Note: The MYA has a digital communication policy and without a correct email address it may not be able to communicate with a Member. Members may update their personal details via the MYA website.)*

## **Categories of Member**

**Patron:** A person whose support or protection is solicited.

**President:** A Member appointed to the role of President at an AGM.

**Vice President:** A Member appointed in recognition of services to the MYA.

**Member:** A Club member in Good Standing.

**Junior Member:** A Member below the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the subscription year.

## **Fees**

The annual subscription fees shall be notified to Clubs 120 days before an AGM, accompanied by reasons for any change from the previous year. Current subscription fee will be placed on the MYA website.

The MYA subscription fee for a Member shall be collected by their Club, which shall be responsible for submitting the payment to the MYA membership secretary.

Members and Clubs whose annual subscription fee have not been received by the due date will have their benefits and entitlements withdrawn. The MYA Clubs and Members list as shown in the "Members" area of the MYA website shall be the definitive document in respect of membership status.

## **MYA Values**

The MYA expects that its Clubs and Members behave in a manner that promotes the values of the association.

These values include:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Fair Sailing
- Camaraderie

These values are all elements that make the MYA what it is and should be how its Members and Clubs deal with each other and with members of the public whilst participating in activities relating to MYA interests.

Members and Clubs who bring the sport of Radio and Free Sailing, the MYA, its Members, or its Officers into any form of contempt or disrepute will be asked to explain their actions via the MYA disciplinary procedure.

## **Rules**

The MYA supports the principles of the RYA Charter and use of the latest versions of either the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for Radio Sailing, or the Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRR) for Free Sailing. Clubs and Members are bound to sail by these rules and charter. Copies of these can be found on the MYA website.

The RRS and FSYRR have mechanisms for dealing with behaviour and rule observance at events, and for other matters the MYA regulations on discipline apply.

## **Club and Member benefits and entitlements**

The following shall be available to Clubs and Members:

- 1 Username and password to the MYA website "Members" area.
- 2 MYA Yearbook for the current year.
- 3 Membership card.
- 4 Entitlement to enter MYA events.
- 5 Access to the MYA class measurement and certification processes.
- 6 Entitlement to apply for a MYA personal sail number.
- 7 Third party liability insurance whilst undertaking radio and free sailing activities.
- 8 MYA publications and newsletters as may be produced during the current year.
- 9 Opportunity to enter International events.
- 10 Access to assistance and advice from the MYA Council.