

Bosham Sailing Club

Notes for Proposers and Seconders of membership applicants

BSC hopes that all Full Members will assist prospective members in the process of joining the Club and when they have joined, in getting to know the Club. If members have any questions concerns or comments in the course of proposing or seconding a prospective or new member they should contact a Flag Officer or the Club Manager.

The rules for electing a person as a member of Bosham Sailing Club are set out in Article 14 of the Articles of Association of the Club. Both the Proposer and Secunder must have been Full Members of Bosham Sailing Club for at least two years prior to the date of supporting a prospective member. The Proposer and Secunder should not be related to the applicants or to each other; they may support application by all members of a family group. It is preferable that a Proposer and Secunder know the applicant(s) prior to being requested to support the application, but this is not essential. Where the applicant(s) is not previously known it is expected that the Proposer/ Secunder meets the applicant(s) before supporting the applicant(s) by signing the application form.

The Proposer and Secunder must complete the relevant parts of the BSC Membership application form after the applicant(s) have completed and signed the application. It is **not a requirement** that the Proposer and Secunder provide letters of support addressed to the Flag Officers of the Club, but this may assist the application. If the Proposer and Secunder do provide letters of support they should include information on how long and in what capacity they have personally known the applicant(s), why their membership might benefit the Club and any other relevant information not contained in the completed application.

As a Proposer or Secunder you are expected to help and assist a member you have supported to find their feet in the Club including introducing them to Flag Officers, Class Captains and other members of the Club; assisting the new member to find their way in fulfilling responsibilities to the Club, in safely and enjoyably using the Club's facilities and participating in Club activities. It is recommended that you attend the welcome meeting with the new member. It is recommended that you try to meet the new member in the Club on at least two occasions in the 12 months following the date of joining, using the opportunity to provide assistance and guidance if needed.