

Merricks Yacht Club

Important Membership Notes



Background to The Merricks Yacht Club

Merricks Yacht Club was founded in 1964 as a small yard on the foreshore for the many enthusiastic sailors and fishermen in the holiday township of Merricks Beach.

Since then, it has grown into a popular local club which provides a great meeting place for local residents and holiday makers alike.

The sailing is friendly but competitive, and the club has produced some keen and accomplished sailors over the years. We have a keen gang of junior sailors, and an active junior sailing program over the summer, for newcomers and more experienced sailors alike.

Popular classes currently sailed at Merricks include: Laser, 420, Sabre, Impulse, Pacer, Optimist, A Class, Mosquito, Castle 650, Explorer 16.

Note: Merricks Yacht Club is on the beach and does not have a concrete ramp or sheltered launch or mooring facilities. Launching and retrieval of member's boats can only be undertaken by hand or by use of the tractor and or winches.

PWC (Jet Skis) must not be launched from Merricks Yacht Club at anytime. Our lease with DWELP mandates that we are predominantly an off-the-beach dinghy/catamaran sailing club. As yard space is limited, priority is given to yachts of active sailors. Motorboat fisherman are encouraged to apply to [Westernport Yacht Club](#).

Membership of Merricks Yacht Club

Merricks Yacht Club welcomes and encourages new sailing and/or social members. New members are invited to submit their application online at any time [here](#). Your application must then be approved by the committee before you can make your payment and be accepted as a new member.

Online Membership System Instructions

Merricks Yacht Club operates an online membership system hosted by [WildApricot](#). This system enables existing members to manage their own details and allows new members to more easily apply for membership.

There is a once-off registration process that will also generate a membership invoice.

In future years the system will automatically send a renewal-reminder email with a link to the website for you to review and update your details. You can then generate your invoice and, if you want, pay online immediately via Paypal.

Instructions:

1. Visit <http://merricksyachtclub.wildapricot.org/Join>
2. Scroll up or down and select the appropriate **membership level** (*see note 4 below*)
3. Then scroll down to the bottom and then select **NEXT**
4. Enter your email address
5. Type the **Captcha** phrase in the **Code** box.
6. Select **NEXT**.
7. Complete the Membership Details as shown on-screen.
8. Scroll down to the bottom and then select **NEXT**
9. Review your details as entered.
 - a. If any errors, select **Back** to go back to step 7 and correct.
10. Then:-
 - a. **New members**, select **INVOICE ME**. An invoice will be emailed to you and your application automatically submitted to the committee for consideration. Should your application be successful, you will be notified by email and invited to pay your fees by any of the methods shown on the invoice. (*see note 1 below*)
 - b. **Existing members**, select **INVOICE ME** to have the invoice emailed to you for later payment or select **Pay Online** to pay immediately via PayPal using your Credit/Debit card or PayPal account.

Notes:

1. **Initial Membership Application payment** - Please do not make your initial application payment until after you receive the approval email.
2. **Membership dates** - For all members, this runs from 1st July till 30th June. New members who apply on or after 1st Jan will have their first-year rates pro-rated automatically. New members who apply on or after 1st April will have their membership automatically extended by 3 months till 1st July the following year.
3. **Pro-rata initial membership** - Just like membership of a snow-ski club, whilst membership of MYC is annual, the season only officially runs for approximately 6 months of the year. The bulk of activities are from 1st January onwards. Thus it makes no real difference whether a new member applies to join in July, August, September etc.. ,they won't really have missed out on anything.

Accordingly, the automatic pro-rata of the first-year membership fees does not commence until 1st January. Membership applications made after 1st January will have the first-year fees automatically pro-rata discounted. Membership applications made between 1st July to 31st December will attract the full fee as you get to enjoy membership for the bulk of the season.

4. **Membership levels** – Further explanation of the various membership levels
 - a. Temporary/ Introductory Membership (1 week or 1 Month) – This level is aimed at short-term renters or new property owners in Merricks Beach who are considering full membership. It is not available to existing property owners or previous members of MYC.
 - b. Absentee – Existing members can switch to Absentee if will be absent from the club for the entire season.
 - c. Social (Adult/Adult & Partner or Dependent Children/Family/Concession) – Excludes all boating activities except kayaking/paddle boards etc..
 - d. Crew (Adult/Family) – For non-boat owning members who will be crewing on another member's boat.
 - e. Boating (Adult/Adult & Partner or Dependent Children/Young-Adult/Family) – Top level membership providing full use of all club facilities including rights to launch, store and race a boat. Yard storage subject to available space.

Should you have any questions, please contact membership@merricks.org or call the current Membership Secretary.