



Lowry Bay Yacht Club Inc

Annual General Meeting 2026

Motions for the meeting

We have four motions for changes in the constitution to put to the AGM. They all relate to membership. The first three were notified in 5 August What's On.

The fourth motion has the potential to supercede motions 2 and 3, allowing flexibility within the constitution. The Motions 2-4 will be discussed together. Motions 2 and 3 hardwire categories of membership into the constitution whereas Motion 4 gives your Executive the discretion to create new categories without having to wait for an AGM to make a constitutional change.

First: Application for membership.

This is to streamline our process, while leaving the final responsibility for approval with the Executive.

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to amend the application process as follows:

- **#12 Application Process:** *An application to become a member must be in the form required by the Committee. Decisions about applications are made by the Committee, which may accept or decline an application at its absolute discretion. A person becomes a Member when their application has been accepted and they have paid the required membership fees and satisfied any other preconditions.*

Second: Youth membership

We have some youth sailors (Under 21) who are not family members. We want to be able to recognise them with a membership category which will also allow them recognition at prizewinnings.

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to include the following Youth Membership clause:

- **14. j) Youth Members** *are limited members. Youth members are any person aged between 15 and 21 years as at the commencement of the Club financial year who have paid the requisite fee. Youth members may participate in Club racing.*

Third: Sailability Membership

There are Sailability sailors who wish to compete in regattas and to do so they have to be members of a yacht club. Sailability's affiliate membership does not enable this. Hence the proposal to have a specific membership category for them.

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to include the following Sailability Membership clause:

- **14. i)** *Sailability Members are limited members. A Sailability member is any person over the age of 15 years or over who is an active sailing member of the Wellington Sailability Trust Incorporated who has paid the requisite fee. Sailability members may participate in Club racing.*

Fourth: A coverall amendment

This one can supercede Motions 2 & 3. It gives your Executive the discretion to establish new membership categories and set membership fees to hold until voted on as with other subscription fees at the next AGM. There are some necessary associated amendments to enable it to work. These will be taken as carried if Motion 4 is approved.

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to include the following clause

- *14 i) The Executive Committee may, from time to time, determine that specified categories of members may be eligible to join the club. In specifying the categories, the Executive Committee may stipulate age, residence area, membership category, or any other criteria it considers appropriate, along with member entitlements. The Eligible members shall pay an annual subscription fixed by the executive committee.*

The following minor follow-up changes enable the above

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to add the following

- *14 h) (v): 14 h (iv) shall not apply to a member of an affiliate who also has full membership of the club*

It is moved that the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Constitution is amended to adjust the following

- *Replace in 21 “The annual subscription payable by the various categories of membership shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting” with “Unless otherwise provided in Rule 14, the annual subscription payable by the various categories of membership shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.*