

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Mathews Yacht Club welcomes membership applications. We are a private club. All applicants must be sponsored by an active or an honorary member. If an applicant does not know a member, contact the Commodore, Tom Flounders, at 804-815-4796 or teflounders@hotmail.com, or the Secretary, Godwin Jones, at 804-776-8387 or mycsecretary@va.metrocast.net, to arrange a meeting with a club member who can provide a tour of our facilities, discuss programming and membership, and serve as a sponsor.

To apply, one must obtain an application form from a sponsor, the club manager or the club secretary. The applicant must fill in the form and send it with a check for the nonrefundable application fee (\$700 in 2015) to the address on the form or give the form and check to the club manager or any member of the board. The sponsor provides a letter of sponsorship in writing to the club secretary. When the application form, application fee and sponsor's letter are received, the applicant secures a position on the list of members waiting for membership activation.

The application is presented to the board at its next meeting. The applicant's name is then published in *Decklines*, our newsletter, and on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. The sponsor arranges interviews with two board members who provide information about our club and how it operates, and answer any questions the applicant may have. After the secretary has received letters of endorsement from the two board members, the board will consider approval of the application at its next meeting.

Our membership is limited by the health department and ABC regulations to 400 members. For couples submitting an application, only one may be designated as the future member. After the application is approved, the applicant is formally placed on the Waiting List for membership activation. While on the Waiting List, approved members and their spouses or companions enjoy many privileges of our active members. They may attend club functions once a month, use the pool, use a boat slip (on a space-available basis) and attend special club functions such as club nights, holiday picnics, flag raising/lowering and others. No additional fees are due until membership activation when the annual dues (\$600 in 2015) are due.

About 75% of our members have a primary mailing address in the local counties of Mathews, Gloucester, Middlesex and Lancaster. 97% have primary addresses in Virginia. Others include DC, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Texas and Canada.