



MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION

Membership

The Association membership categories that can be applied for are:

- (1) Full membership. The subscription is reduced for members less than 21 years of age.
- (2) Associate membership. The subscription is reduced for ASA, RAFSA and CSSA members.
- (3) Family membership. The subscription is the full membership plus the under 21 subscription.

Note: A joining fee is required for non-serving applicants.

Full Membership – Rule 3

The following are eligible for election to Full membership:

- a. Personnel of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Marines Reserve, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and Commonwealth Naval Forces.
- b. Past Officers, Ratings and other ranks of the forces listed in Rule 3a and those who have served in the RNXS, QARNNS, Women's Royal Naval Service and the Women's Royal Naval Reserve.
- c. Army and RAF personnel who expect to or have served for a minimum of 6 months in an assignment with the RN or RM.
- d. Members of the other services who have formed part of a Joint Service crew in a Trans-Ocean race, or expedition.
- e. Civilians, including Civil Servants, who are employed in a post with direct attachment to the naval organisations in Rule 3a, can join after a 6 month qualifying period in post.
- f. Sea Cadet Corps adult staff, Combined Cadet Corps (Naval Section) personnel and their civilian instructors subject to both of the following conditions:-
 1. Application to be made whilst serving in an eligible post.
 2. Sponsorship by an elected member of a RNSA Committee or a Branch Captain or Chairman.
- g. A member of a foreign Navy, considered especially deserving of membership, nominated by the Central Committee or a Branch Committee.

Notes:

- (1) For those in categories c, d and e above applications to join will not be accepted if they are received over 6 months after individuals have completed their qualifying Assignment/Event. Members admitted in these categories will remain eligible to continue membership unless they allow their membership to lapse where they will not be entitled to rejoin.
- (2) Acceptance of a membership application is provisional until endorsed by the Central Committee.

Associate Membership – Rule 14

The Central Committee may award Associate Membership to individual members of the ASA, RAFSA or CSSA who do not meet the criteria for Full membership. Exceptionally, Branches may offer Associate Membership to an individual who is not a member of a Service Sailing Association if they gain the approval of the RNSA Central Committee in each case. All Associate Members will be required to pay a subscription to Central. This will be a varied amount taking into consideration the subscriptions paid to another Service Sailing Associations and up to the subscription paid by Full Members. Associate Members may attend the RNSA Central AGM but will have no voting rights unless elected to hold a designated Branch Committee role which entitles them to attend the Central Committee. Associate Members may vote at their Branch Meetings.

Family Membership – Rule 16

Full members may, where apposite, elect to include their immediate family members in their membership. Eligibility for family membership applies to spouses / civil partners and offspring up to Eighteen years of age or up to Twenty Five years of age if in full time education. Thereafter, the rules for Full membership will apply.