



## Lake Norman Yacht Club Youth Membership

Thank you for your interest in joining Lake Norman Yacht Club as a **Youth Member**. This document outlines the youth membership process, provides general information about Lake Norman Yacht Club and reviews the Youth Membership rules. Also included are the parent consent/waiver form and the applicant certificate.

To begin the membership process, the prospective youth member will need to have a Club member serve as the "Endorser". The endorser is required to submit a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant. The Junior Director will serve as the "Sponsor" and will guide the prospective youth member through the application process.

### The Youth Membership application process is as follows:

- 1) Complete the **youth membership application online at:**  
[www.lnyc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=716915&module\\_id=53108](http://www.lnyc.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=716915&module_id=53108)
- 2) Letter of recommendation from the Endorser must be emailed to: [juniordirector@lnyc.org](mailto:juniordirector@lnyc.org)
- 3) The signed parent consent/waiver form and applicant certificate (pages 5 and 6 of this document), along with the 2018 **dues payment of \$257** must be submitted to the Junior Director before the application can be approved.
- 4) Once the forms and dues payment have been received, the Junior Director will submit the Youth Candidate to the LNYC Board for membership approval.

### LNYC CLUB HISTORY

Lake Norman Yacht Club was incorporated in 1961, even before the lake filled, with 25 charter members. Our 28-acre site surrounds a sheltered cove adjacent to a large expanse of Lake Norman. This specific spot, convenient to many Carolina cities, was chosen because, "we knew there would never be 100 sailors in Charlotte." In 1986, we purchased our grounds from Duke Power Co. to insure the Club's longevity at a reasonable cost to the membership.

From the beginning, Sailboat racing in a family atmosphere has been promoted by the Club. Fleets include: Optimist Dinghy, Sunfish, Laser, Thistle, Highlander, Flying Scot, San Juan 21, Ultimate 20, Lightning's, MC Scows, Multi Hulls, J-24, J-80, Soverel 33 and Cruisers which are divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. Additionally, the club owns a fleet of twelve Club 420 racing dinghies. From April into November there are around 25 weekend days of scheduled, organized club racing with up to three races per day. The Keelboat fleet also races on several winter days, often with boats from Lake Norman marinas. There are over 40 weekends of racing per year available, including the club series and various invitational regattas.

LNYC has earned a national reputation for organizing and conducting well-managed races. We are a national leader in our number of US Sailing certified Judges, Senior Race Officers, and Club Race Officers. They share their expertise by conducting seminars throughout our region, including training race management personnel for the '96 Olympics. In 1999, the club received the St. Petersburg Award from US Sailing for Excellence in Race Management. This is one of US Sailing's highest awards. The Club regularly hosts several regattas open to all sailors. Most of our fleets also host invitational regattas. Many national competitions have and continue to be conducted by the Club. Our spacious grounds make it easy to accommodate many extra boats and tents. The club has hosted the prestigious Championship of Champions Regatta, Mallory, and Adams regattas. Keelboat, Thistle, Highlander, U20, J-80 and Flying Scot fleets conduct well attended one-design regattas every year. Our safety record is excellent and to that end, we own several radio-equipped powerboats specifically for race management. But it's more than racing. Just about any day with decent wind you'll see boats leaving our cove.

Community is the heart of Lake Norman Yacht Club. We enjoy dinner with each other after Saturday races. Many of our approximately 200 families camp regularly at the club. Virtually everything on the grounds, except for the clubhouse, was designed and built by members. Everyone serves on race committee at a job commensurate to his or her ability. We all join in one or two annual workdays.

The **Junior Program**, which serves as a model in the Southeast, involves approximately 90 people ages 8-18 in shore side sessions during the winter, regattas in the summer, participation in club and regional races as both competitors and race committee, and a yearend gala. Some of the Club's top sailors got their start in the Junior Program. We also have an intensive sailing experience for a week of Sailing Camp in June. Many members donate a week of their vacation year after year. We are starting to see our third generation begin to enjoy our great sport. Sailing camp is also for adults who want the basics or wish to hone their existing skills. Junior program boats include Optimist, Sunfish, Laser, and Club 420.

This **Youth Membership** is designed for a Youth to participate in Youth Sailing and racing at LNYC through the LNYC Junior Program. It is hoped it will turn into a regular family membership for the Youth's family.

#### **LAKE NORMAN YACHT CLUB YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Youth Membership dues for 2018 are \$257 annually, which includes the registration fee for the Junior Program. Youth Membership fees do not include US SAILING membership .

#### **DRY STORAGE FEES FOR BOATS ON TRAILERS (2018)**

One sailboat Dry Storage location for a boat used in the LNYC Junior Program is included in annual dues. Youth members are not eligible for additional dry storage spaces.

We hope you will join Lake Norman Yacht Club and look forward to your participation in Youth Events.

Thank You,

Scott Olson  
LNYC Junior Director  
(707) 718-4757  
[juniordirector@lnyc.org](mailto:juniordirector@lnyc.org)



## **LNYC Youth Membership**

See the 2018 LNYC Yearbook for Club Rules

### ***1. Youth Membership Guidelines:***

- a. Must be at least 8 years old at the time of application and less than 21 years old.
- b. Is subject to all rules of LNYC, except the requirement to serve on the race committee is optional.
- c. Youth Membership fees to the Junior Program are included in the dues.
- d. Is responsible for all other fees (such as association fees, memberships, class dues, regatta entry fees, travel costs and personal safety gear).
- e. May keep and launch one boat at LNYC.
- f. Does not have the right to vote, hold an office, have a camp site, have a keelboat slip, or reserve the clubhouse, RMC or pavilion.
- g. Will have their Youth Membership and all of the associated rights automatically terminated on their 21st birthday.
- h. Upon their 21st birthday may apply to become a Resident Member.
- i. Participation in the Junior program is based on the following:
  - i. All youth members under the age of 18 **must** be registered in the Junior Program and pay the yearly registration fee in addition to the Youth Membership fee.
  - ii. Youth members 18-19 years old **may or may not** elect to participate in the Junior Program.
  - iii. Youth members who turn 20 during the calendar year are **not eligible** to participate in the Junior Program.
- j. Youth Members under the age of 18:**
  - i. May only participate in and visit the LNYC facility during events that are officially scheduled by LNYC's Junior Program.
  - ii. May invite their immediate family to accompany them to LNYC.
  - iii. **Must** be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times when on club property or representing LNYC.
  - iv. May represent LNYC at US Sailing and SAYRA events.
- k. Youth Members 18 and older:**
  - i. may invite a maximum of three non-family guests

## ***2. Application Process***

- a. Youths participating in the Junior Program
  - i. The Youth Member Applicant must obtain a letter of recommendation from a club member who will serve as the endorser. The Junior Director will serve as the applicant's sponsor and will guide the member through the application process.
  - ii. The Junior Program Director will present the Youth Member's request to the Board, along with applicable LNYC dues for the current year.
- b. Youths 18 and older who are **not** participating in the Junior Program
  - i. The potential Youth Member must contact the Member at Large and go through the same application process as a Resident Member.
  - ii. The Member at Large will present the application to the Board.
- c. All prospective youth member applicants
  - i. The Board will approve or reject the request or application.



**Lake Norman Yacht Club**  
**Junior Program - Parent's Consent**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY - ASSUMPTION OF RISK - INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

We, the undersigned parents or legal guardians (hereafter referred to in the singular) of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as the "child") request that the child be allowed to participate in activities of the Lake Norman Yacht Club Junior Program (herein referred to as "activities"). This agreement shall remain in effect until the Lake Norman Yacht Club Junior Program receives our written notice canceling this waiver, or the end of the activities described above. In return for the child being permitted to take part in the activities and to use the facilities and property of the Lake Norman Yacht Club, each of us makes the following promises and warrants the truth of the following facts:

1. I am familiar with the programs included in the activities. I understand officers and other representatives of the Lake Norman Yacht Club (herein referred to as "LNYC") are available to discuss the activities if I should wish additional information. I also understand I am solely responsible for the arrival and departure of my child at the beginning and end of each day's program. I will not allow my child to remain on the premises of LNYC after each day's program without my or appropriate supervision or the written permission of the LNYC. I agree the LNYC will have no responsibility for the supervision of my child at times other than during scheduled activities. I will inform my child that he/she is expected to cooperate with, and follow the direction of, the persons in charge of the activities and that they act in a manner consistent with the spirit of good sportsmanship and respect for the rights of others.

2. My child is in good health. I know of no reason why he/she would be incapable of participating in the activities. My child knows how to swim. I will immediately notify the designated LNYC supervisor, if a change in my child's health or other conditions that would affect my child's ability to participate in the activities.

3. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** I waive and release any right I, my heirs, distributees, guardians, legal representatives and assigns may have or acquire to make a claim against, sue, attach the property or prosecute LNYC or any of its members, directors, officers, agents, employees and affiliated organizations (herein referred to as "the releases") for any damages caused by injury to my child and or damage to the property of my child or myself arising from my child's participation in the activities and use of the facilities and property of LNYC, whether or not the injury or damage results from the negligence or other action, except intentional acts, of any of the releases.

4. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I am aware that the activity may involve maneuvering a boat, sailboat or other watercraft on deep waters in potentially hazardous conditions which may include, among other things, strong winds and high waves, sudden and unexpected immersion in deep waters and collisions with other watercraft or stationary objects such as docks, pilings and buoys. With knowledge of the dangers involved, I voluntarily ask that my child be allowed to take part in the activities. **I ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS TO MYSELF AND MY CHILD OF INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES AND THE USE OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY OF THE LAKE NORMAN YACHT CLUB, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER ACTION, EXCEPT INTENTIONAL ACTS OF ANY OF THE RELEASES.**

5. **INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** I agree to indemnify and hold the releases harmless from any loss, liability, damage or cost, including reasonable attorney fees, they may incur due to my child's participation in the activities and use of the property and facilities of LNYC, whether or not such loss, liability, damage or cost results from the negligence or other action, except intentional acts of any of the releases.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES A WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AN AGREEMENT BY ME TO INDEMNIFY THE RELEASES, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Of MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATE**

I hereby apply for Youth Membership in the Lake Norman Yacht Club and, upon acceptance to Youth Membership; promise to abide by the by-laws and constitution of the Club. I understand and accept the proposition that the Club is primarily a sailing organization. I further understand and accept the proposition that the many Club functions and projects are carried out essentially through voluntary participation by the Club membership, and that I will therefore be called upon from time to time to participate in such functions and projects.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

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|------------------------------------|
| Signature of Junior Director _____ |
| Date of Board Approval: _____      |

**Please submit dues in the amount of \$257 along with the Parent Consent Form and Applicant Certificate. Checks should be made out to Lake Norman Yacht Club and mailed to:**

**Scott Olson  
3900 Mill Run  
Terrell, NC 28682**