

YV and YA Affiliation Fees 2008/9 Fees Structure – Summary for Club and Class Committees

Summary of the changes - in 2008/9 the way that YV collects the YA fee it pays to be a member of YA will move away from the previous amount per registered member to a flat category fee – as adopted for the YV fee with the overwhelming approval of Member Clubs in 2007. This change was outlined in correspondence to Member Clubs prior to, and at, the March 2008 half-year meeting.

An explanation of the YV fee structure and collection methodology appears below -

1. YV exists to service Clubs. It is a Club (or Class) that is a member of YV, not individuals. The benefits of YV membership are primarily for the Clubs and the sport. YV is in turn a Member of YA – not clubs or their members. Fees are therefore per club, not individual.
2. There are two types of member of YV
 - a. A Member Club – who have full voting rights and include all clubs, and pay YV and YA fees based on their member category as outlined below.
 - b. An Associate Member who have no voting rights and include all Class Associations, who pay a YV fee only, set by the Board, but at least the minimum (see below).
3. In 2008/9 Clubs pay a fee to YV based on which of the nine categories they have been allocated to (the highest category is \$89600 pa and the lowest is \$515). This covers both the YV fee and the fee YV pays to be a member of YA. All clubs categories are visible to other clubs (see under section 6 of the Club Manual on the YV website). GST is in addition to these amounts.
4. The category that a club is allocated to in 2008/9 is the same as 2006/7 with the exception of clubs who appealed their category in accord with the Rules (and whose appeal was accepted by the Board.) The category a club was allocated to in 2006/7 was determined in accord with a financial model in accord with YV Rule 12 (5) (e).
5. Silver cards and personal accident insurance will still be issued by YA as recognition of Club Membership to registered members and volunteers. For sailing members this silver card provides proof of the entitlement to sail in races in accord with the Rules of Racing. For all members it provides a personal accident insurance benefit, and other shopping discounts. There will be no limit to the number of silver cards a club is able to register members for. There will be no additional fee for additional registered members. Clubs do have the option of not issuing this card – for example to purely social members.

6. MyClub – details of all and every member must be entered in MyClub, under the YV Rules. This includes social and other types of member. This mean many clubs only need keep one record system for all their members and administration time will be saved. For more information on how to enter members please see below.
7. Invoicing of Clubs for the YV and YA fee will occur on August 1 for 50% of their fees and this will be payable by September 30. The other 50% will be invoiced on October 1 for payment by December 15. It's up to clubs as to whether and how they recoup this from their members.
8. There are minimum requirements to be a Member, including being a properly constituted entity (eg Incorporated Association) and having a minimum of 10 members. See the YV Rules section 8 (3) for details.
9. Class Associations
 - a. are Associate Members and will have free access to the membership system - MyClass
 - b. will be charged a YV fee only (not contributing to the YA fee) of \$315 per annum on August 1 unless 60% of their members at the end of last year are club members and silver card holders, and they have confirmed that with YV.
10. Boating Victoria (formerly maritime clubs and whose members are only powerboat users). Boating Victoria Clubs will be exactly the same as yacht clubs except as they do not pay any YA fee they will not be entitled to issue silver cards.
11. The Racing Rules of Sailing are not impacted by the YV Rules and are unalterable
 - a. Rule 46 – every skipper in every race must be a club member
 - b. Rule 55 – every crew member in every race must be a club member after three races.

Individual Members of More than One club

YV has always acknowledged, and highlighted, that special recognition of people who were members of more than one club under the category scheme would be with clubs (not YV) and clubs still voted overwhelmingly in favor of the new category scheme in March 2007.

Clubs still have the ability to record a “primary” club membership within MyClub and that will be the club that appears on the silver card.

The Racing Rules of Sailing

Clubs are reminded of the Racing rules of sailing which provide for no exceptions to

1. Rule 46 – every skipper in every race must be a club member
2. Rule 55 – every crew member in every race must be a club member after participating in three races.

This includes youth, and partners.....everyone, and twilight and social races !

Club membership application / renewal form for clubs to use.

Please remember there is a recommended model club application form on our website under Club Manual Section 7 for all new membership applications. This can be modified to suit your club but it does capture all the information you may need from a member and it does provide a suggested legally drafted set of conditions of membership. You may wish to have all members resign and therefore agree to these conditions. (Note there is also a similar model event entry form).

Exceptions for 2008/9

There are no exceptions for 2008/9 as at April 1 2008.

The Board is willing to receive any requests

- in accord with Rule 12 (14) for any club with hardship circumstances including drought.
- in accord with Rule 12 (5) (d) prior to October 31 2008 for a Member Clubs Category Level for the 2009/2010 year

Financial Years

The YV Financial Year is July to June. The YA Financial Year is September to August. YA "close" MyClub on July 31 for the old year and it opens for their new year on August 1 when the revised membership categories will appear.

To ensure all club members receive their Silver Cards prior to the start of the summer season on October 1, Club need to update or enter the members record in MyClub before the end of August.

Have questions? Want help? Who to call?

Ross Kilborn CEO for all questions on categories and how they have been calculated. Ph 95970066 press 8 or ross@yachtingvictoria.com.au

Sam Watson Office Administrator for all queries with regard to MyClub Ph 95970066 press 1 or sam@yachtingvictoria.com.au

David Vickers, Accountant for all account & invoice queries, and requests Ph 95970066 press 5 or davidv@yachtingvictoria.com.au

YA/ YV – Types of Individual Membership of Clubs from 2008/9 forward.

Under the YV Rule 8 (3) (d) the YV Board requests all member clubs to record all members in MyClub together with their contact details. This includes all types of members of the club including social.

Only the category types listed in the right hand column will NOT receive a silver card. There is no additional fee for each registered silver card holder.

Below is a description of the “types of” members available in MyClub that will appear on August 1 2008 (when we update the MyClub system for the new year).

<i>To receive silver card as recognition of club membership and personal accident insurance coverage</i>	<i>To NOT receive a silver card (and therefore will not receive the personal accident insurance benefit).</i>
Life & Honorary Members	Social – where the club does not want the member to receive a silver card
Senior (Adult) – any club member or participant in any club activity over 19 years of age. This includes all types of the club member. The only club members not in this category are anyone in any other category in this table	Secondary – whose primary membership is at another club.
Partner – any spouse of a senior (this is an old YV type that no longer exists)	Associates - sponsors & supporters
Youth - of member – any child of a senior or partner under 19yo of age	BV Power – members of a club that is only a Power boat club and pays no YA fees
Youth – unrelated to a member or partner – under 19yo (now combined into youth above with no differentiation of parental membership – no longer exists)	Partners & Spouses – not involved in the club
Volunteers	Staff
Sailability (Volunteers)	
Sailability (participants) – people who participate in Sailability programs but do not race	
Tackers (participants) – non-racing juniors.	