

## **AGM Discussion Item: Introduction of a Social Membership Category**

### **Colne Yacht Club**

#### **Social Membership**

**That Colne Yacht Club introduce a Social Membership category**, with effect from a date determined by the Committee, subject to any necessary amendments to the Club Constitution and Membership Rules.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this motion is to widen engagement with the Club, increase participation in social activities, and support the long-term sustainability of Colne Yacht Club while preserving its core sailing focus.

#### **Summary of Social Membership conditions**

Social Membership is intended for individuals who wish to be involved in the Club's social life and community without participating in sailing activities.

#### **Rights and Privileges**

Social Members shall be entitled to:

- Access to the clubhouse during normal opening hours
- Attendance at and participation in club social events and functions (Full Members get first priority)
- Use of bar and catering facilities
- Receipt of club communications and notices
- BOB's & WOW's will also gain the benefits of Social Membership without additional cost.

Social Members shall not:

- Vote at General Meetings
- Hold Flag Officer or Committee positions
- Do not get the 10% reduction on bar prices
- Use club boats, sailing facilities, boatyard, jetty racks, or represent the Club in sailing or competitive events

#### **Fees**

- Social Membership subscriptions shall be set at a level lower than Full Membership

- Fees will be at the same level as BOB's & WOW's (Year 1)
- Fees shall be determined and reviewed annually by the Committee

### **Governance and Safeguards**

- Sailing members shall retain priority access to sailing facilities and resources
- Social Membership shall complement, not replace, existing membership categories

### **Implementation**

The Committee will:

- Update the Constitution and Membership Rules as required
- Define application and renewal procedures
- Promote the new membership category
- Review the scheme after an initial 12-month period

### **Conclusion**

The Main Committee has approved this change as a positive step to enhance community engagement, clubhouse use, and the long-term financial resilience of Colne Yacht Club.