



YBC MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYMENT FROM 2024 ONWARDS

Dear All Members

We have now finally completed the membership fee payment round for 2023. Thank you to all who paid their membership fees promptly after 1 February but, for some other members, this was somewhat long and drawn out, with quite a few leaving it until the last minute to pay their fees, and even then only with significant chasing in some cases. This is not an acceptable situation, and it took advantage of the good will that exists in the club, relying on other members to pay on time to keep the club finances moving forwards. There was even some concern about the insurance situation should non-paid up members have an accident in a club boat. As a club we are covered for this, but it is far from ideal. If this was your car insurance, you would simply pay this invoice on time. So, we hope you would agree that club fees should not be seen any differently?

The YBC Board discussed this situation and decided to make some changes to the process for 2024 and beyond as follows. Note that this policy assumes that the AGM goes ahead as normal towards the end of January and that a new fee structure is agreed at the AGM. The payment of club fees therefore starts at the beginning of February. If there is any delay in this date, this will delay the all of the dates below by the same amount of time.

1. All members will have one calendar month to pay their fees to the club, namely during February each year.
2. If there is any reason at all why you are unable to pay your fees before the end of February, please write to the Membership secretary (membership@yareboatclub.org) and the Captain to explain your situation. They will discuss this and come back to you with their agreement, or not. It is extremely unlikely that we will not approve phased or delayed payment as we do want to support all members during any period of financial difficulty. But it is very important that you write before the end of February.
3. If any current member has not paid their fees or communicated with us within one month of the start of the process, they will no longer be considered a Club member and will not be allowed to use any club facilities or equipment after the last day of that February.
4. At the start of March each year we will change all of the lock codes at the club (which is a good practise anyway) and only communicate this to members who have either paid or been in contact to explain why they cannot pay yet.
5. This does not stop anyone from re-applying to become a club member again after this date if they have failed to communicate before it for any reason.
6. Should a member who has not re-joined have any private equipment on site at the club, they will have a further calendar month from the end of February to remove it, unless they re-join during that time.
7. If we reach the end of March and they have still not paid then their equipment will be removed from inside any building and placed outside. Should part of their equipment include a racked boat, they will lose this racking slot, and even if they re-join at a later time, they may not be able to get it back.
8. If they have not collected their equipment in a further month (end of April), the club will assume that this equipment has been donated to the club, and it will be disposed of as the club sees fit – through sale or adoption into club equipment.

This proposal was discussed by the current Board of YBC and agreed unanimously. If any member does not agree that this is a clear and fair process, then please contact any Board member and discuss it with them

YBC Board
April 2023.
