

CCA MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL PROCESS

A member who proposes a qualified candidate for membership is doing a service to the Club. The standards which should guide members in proposing a candidate, and the steps required in connection with a proposal, are summarized below (details online) to aid members in completing the process.

The CCA Constitution reads as follows:

“A person eligible for membership in the Club must be a sailor and a person of acceptable character and personality who has demonstrated his or her ability to handle or command and navigate and pilot a yacht or small vessel at sea, and who has had sufficient cruising experience.”

When deciding to propose or second a candidate, members should ask themselves these questions:

1. Would you like to take a long passage with the candidate aboard a small vessel?
2. Would you enjoy the company of the candidate in the cabin of a small yacht?
3. In your opinion, is the candidate competent to “handle or command and navigate or pilot a yacht or small vessel at sea”?
4. Would you be willing to have the candidate in command of your yacht for an extended cruise?
5. Would the candidate take a real and active interest in Club affairs?
6. Are other members likely to feel as you do about the candidate?

CCA MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL PROCESS – 5 SIMPLE STEPS

Step 1: Share your candidate’s qualifications with your Station Membership Committee Chair by clicking on the “Click here to begin your online Proposal” link on the Propose a Member page on The CCA website. A concise sailing resume is the best way to do this. If the Station Membership Committee Chair agrees with your assessment of the candidate, you will be given a link to the online Membership Proposal Form, and that will officially start the process. The Station Membership Committee will also assist you throughout the proposal process.

Step 2: Enter the appropriate proposal info required online. Send your Secunder and (3) Letter Writers the link for adding online recommendations for the candidate.

Step 3: Submit the proposal to your Station Membership Committee. When it is fully completed, the Station Committee will add it to other proposals for next (twice annual) posting at the Station level for comments, for 30 days. *In the meantime, we strongly suggest the candidate meet at least one of the Station’s Membership Committee members – arrange to bring him or her to a station event!*

Step 4: That’s it... you are done with the proposal – Membership will take it from here! After Station posting, the proposal is reviewed at the next Club Membership Committee Meeting. Upon approval there and by the Governing Board, it is posted to all members of the Club for comments for 15 days. Barring adverse comments, your candidate will be a full member of the CCA.

Step 5: Get your new member involved in the CCA!! Take him or her to events, introduce him or her to other members, and ask him or her to consider working with any of our Station or Club committees. Engaging your new member is just as important as proposing the new member on in the first place!