



TEMPORARY RELEASE FROM MEMBERSHIP POLICY 2021

PREAMBLE:

Whereas it is in the best interest of Hudson Yacht Club and its current members to maintain an active membership, the Club recognizes that there will be instances where individual members need to seek release, for a designated period of time, from paying their annual dues. Our Club is a non-profit private club owned by each and every one of its members. The costs associated with the functionality of our private Club are shared amongst the membership. We work hard as a membership to support those in need of a temporary release but remind all that the costs associated with the functionality of this property are our responsibility together as a group of owners. The Temporary Release From Membership Policy may also be referred to as Leave of Absence Policy or LOA.

SECTION I - CATEGORIES

Members may only apply for temporary release from membership under one of the following categories:

INTERMEDIATE: Members, who have reached their 24th birthday prior to May 1st in any given year, may opt to take immediate temporary release from membership status until the age of 29, when they must assume either Under 35 (U35) member obligations or resign from the Club. They may opt to return to active Intermediate membership at any time during this period. In the event that the Club does not receive any communication as to their intent by the age of 30, it will be automatically assumed the individual is resigning and will be processed in that fashion.

STUDENT: A Senior Member may apply for temporary release from membership for a dependent who is a student attending higher education out of town and unable to use the Club facilities for the entire season.

MEDICAL OR FINANCIAL: Senior or Under 35 Members experiencing medical or financial hardship may apply for temporary release from membership if it is believed they will be unable to use the Club facilities for the entire season as a result.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Members who are part of the military and are stationed out of town, may be granted temporary release from membership. Please keep in mind should the individual return to the region they will not have access to the club except for their two registered visits as a guest.

SECTION II - APPLICATION PROCESS

All requests for Leave of Absence must be submitted to the HYC office no later than **March 1st** of the year in question.

Application for release must be made in writing to the HYC office to the attention of the Membership Director and Club Manager. The letter must state the circumstances that have led the member to seek release. Release from membership and paying of the annual dues will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and if approved by the Membership Director and Club Manager, will apply for only a single season.

The Temporary release from membership is only granted a single season. On January 1st of the following year membership status will automatically be returned to an active member.

Any member wishing to apply for a subsequent year must re-apply in writing to the Club office prior to **March 1st**.

The maximum period will not exceed three seasons nor will a member be permitted to exceed five years of release in their lifetime at Hudson Yacht Club.

The Hudson Yacht Club Board of Directors reserves the right to request additional information or documentation to support a request for Leave of Absence should the committee deem it necessary in making the decision.

The Club Manager will make notification of the decision to the applying member. The Club Manager will also facilitate the successful application and will endeavor to maintain confidentiality about the member's status at the Club.

Upon approval, all members granted temporary release from membership will be billed \$100 per year administration fee.

SECTION III - CONDITIONS

All membership privileges are suspended during the period of leave of absence. This includes access to the club, attending of events, harbour space, use of the pool and all other services except as outlined below. Confirmation of acceptance of these conditions is required prior to final approval of the leave of absence.

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The Senior Member and the associates listed on the membership may only use the Club facilities as guests of a member in good standing twice during the season. As per the Club's By-Laws, you must be signed in at the gate by a member in good standing.

The account of a member on a Leave of Absence will be put on hold. They are not permitted to sign chits for purchases eg dinner tickets, bar, canteen, or boutique, should they visit the Club.

Any members requesting a Leave of Absence who have a boat slip in the harbour will relinquish their launching rights for the season in question. The HYC reserves the right to re-issue the slip in question to another member on the waiting list. In order to hold your status and slip for the following season, there will be an additional fee of \$100. If your Leave of Absence is extended into a subsequent season the Club shall re-assign your slip to another member and upon your return to the Club, you may put your name on the harbour waiting list once again. If summer dry storage is needed, a request must be made to the office and if it's approved based on availability, additional fees will apply.

If the member wishes to return to full membership during the approved period of temporary release, they are to notify the club manager in writing and pay annual fees in full prior to membership privileges being reinstated.