

Policy document – Club bursaries

Junior and Adult Bursary Scheme

The Club has a long tradition of strong support for activities aimed at encouraging the involvement and development of young people in the sport and leisure activity of sailing. We take great pride in the fact that many of those who started their sailing careers with us have over the years gone on to achieve recognition inside and outside the Club in both competitive sailing – up to Olympic level – and in coaching and development.

Since 2005 we have operated a bursary scheme allowing young people who are Club members to apply for awards to assist them in their development of their skills in these areas. As well as benefiting the individuals concerned, our commitment to the scheme is an important part of our positioning ourselves as a centre of excellence for training and development, and supports our relationship with the RYA as our national governing body.

Awards are available to club members who are under the age of 19, whether as individual junior members or as part of a family membership. Junior members should apply to the Training Sub-Committee for awards to assist them in achieving qualifications as instructors (or assistant instructors). Awards for this purpose will be made with the expectation that the beneficiary will take an active part in supporting CMYC training and development events while they are a member. Applications for support in other areas (principally to develop racing and competition skills) should be made to the Junior Sub-Committee. The Junior Sub-Committee may also from time to time recommend the use of bursary funding to support other initiatives of benefit to younger members of the club.

An amount of up to £600 per annum is available for awards under this scheme. Individual awards are subject to a maximum of £150. The Training or Junior Sub Committees will recommend individual awards for approval by the main Committee.

Other awards

The Training Sub-Committee will also be happy to consider applications for bursary awards from adult members who are interested in becoming instructors or assistant instructors, again on the expectation that they would be available to support our training and development programme. Any such awards made would be in addition to the funds available under the Junior scheme and subject to a maximum of £150 for any one award.

External funding

From time to time external funding for training or development activities may become available eg via the RYA. In such cases the Committee will be guided by the recommendations of the Training or Junior Sub-Committees as appropriate as to how such funds are allocated for the benefit of individual members.