

Omena Traverse Yacht Club

Application For Single/Family Guest Membership

****Due no later than April 1st****

***Applicant (1) Mike McMillan**

***Co-Applicant (2) Lauren McMillan**

***Prefer to be called: Mike**

***Prefer to be called: Lauren**

Occupation: Leelanau Township Supervisor

Occupation: Retired

Street Address 8053 N Gills Pier Road, Northport, MI 49670

Summer Phone: 901.237.0730

***Preferred cell phone: 901.237.1103**

***Only 1 email address in the Membership Directory: Select "1" or "2" to be included in the Directory**

laurenmcmillan@gmail.com

Receive Scuttlebutt e-mail: Y

mmcm46@gmail.com

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Applicant Sponsors We, the Applicants, hereby confirm the two below named Adult Members have agreed to serve as our Recommending Sponsors. In doing so, they each agree to complete the required Sponsor Letter of Recommendation. The Sponsor Letters may be sent with this completed Application, or separately, and are to be received by the Membership Chair no later than April 1. Sponsors cannot be related to applicants or related to each other.

Names of Recommending Sponsors (2 required):

1. Bill & Sharon Cron

2. Susan & Bill Krusel

Applicant's name _____

The OTYC is run by volunteers and is only as strong as those who support the organization. Please indicate those activities in which you are willing to volunteer your time, energy, and enthusiasm as either a committee chair or helper: **We can help wherever needed.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Weekend | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Catered Dinners Cocktail Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June Gardening Day
(Site Cleanup and Planting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Programs and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June Opening Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeze Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies' Luncheon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July Picnic
or cocktail party | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront | <input type="checkbox"/> Clubhouse Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Day Cocktail Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Potluck Dinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Logo Item Sales |

1. It is anticipated that Guest Members will be active participants in all facets of Club life. Please note any specific skills or interests that you believe would be beneficial to the OTYC.

Mike was the Past President (six years) of a 600-member Golf & Tennis private club in Memphis. We are both skilled at organizing and coordinating events. Our hobbies are pickle ball, golf, hiking, gardening, sewing so we can contribute in any of these events. Mike currently serves as the Supervisor for Leelanau Township and Chairman of the Northport Leelanau Township Utility Authority.

2. Do you have any historic or familial connection in and around the Omena area? If so, please explain.

We have both been coming to this area since we were young. Lauren's parents owned a house on Little Traverse Lake. Mike was the Director of Golf at Sugar Loaf (1983 & 1984). We have owned property in Northport since 2008 and have lived here full-time since 2019.

Applicant's name _____

3. How much time do you anticipate being in the Omena area each year, from June to early September, when most of the activities at the OTYC take place?

We are here full-time.

4. As the Club will benefit from your active involvement, what benefits do you hope to derive from Membership?

We hope to meet new people and make life-long friends. We also hope to continue to make our community better by being involved in projects that the Club sponsors

5. Please share any other information about you and your family that would be helpful in our getting to know you

We are proud parents of four children who also think of this area as home. In addition, we have three grandchildren. We have lived in many places in 38 years of being married but consider this home and after retirement, returned here full-time. We are thoroughly enjoying all this area has to offer.

During the Guest Member season, it is expected that the Applicant will attend numerous functions and events, participate in activities and Club duties, and meet at least three Board members.

Full Adult Membership will not be considered unless the Applicant has met three or more members of the Board during their Guest Membership season

Applicant's name _____

By our signatures below, we agree that we shall respect the privileges of OTYC Guest Membership. We also acknowledge that we have read all the Application Package documents and agree that we shall observe and abide by the OTYC Bylaws, regulations, and policies included therein.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

The completed Application, two Sponsor Letters of Recommendation are to be received by the Membership Chair at the address below **no later than April 1**. Applicants will be notified within one week of submission that their application has been received. Should the Applicant not receive notice within one week, it is incumbent upon the Applicant to re-contact the Membership Chair for confirmation of receipt.

Upon acceptance as an OTYC Guest Member, you will be billed for dues (\$390 Family/\$195 Single). **Send payment to: OTYC Treasurer, P.O. Box 103, Omena, MI 49674.** Note: Your Guest Membership is not effective until this payment is received and you have been notified thereof.

Bill Renz, Membership Chair
126 South 2nd St
#2303
Loveland, OH 45140
wrdds63@gmail.com
Questions? Call or text Bill at 513-607-7369

We thank you for your interest in Omena-Traverse Yacht Club!

For Club Use

Date Received: _____ Reviewed by: _____, Membership

Approved by the Board: _____

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB SPONSOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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As a Sponsor, I acknowledge that I have read the documents in the Application Package and am aware of the Evaluation Criteria by which the Applicant(s) will be reviewed. I understand that the information I provide regarding the Applicant(s) below will be made public to the Membership in the Omena- Traverse Breeze, posting on the bulletin board, and/or by some other means. Further, I understand the information I provide will be reviewed by the OTYC Board of Directors should the Applicant(s) request acceptance into Adult Membership.

As a Sponsor, I affirm that this/these applicant(s) will enthusiastically participate in Club activities during their Guest Membership season. I understand that it is my responsibility to accompany this/these Guest Member(s) to social gatherings, Club functions, and volunteer activities. I will ensure that this/these Guest Member(s) **meet and become acquainted with no less than three Board members.**

Applicant(s) Mike and Lauren McMillian wish to become Guest Member(s) in the OTYC, with potential consideration for Adult Membership by the OTYC Board. I have agreed to sponsor the Applicant(s) and provide the following information in support of this recommendation:

1. How long have you known the Applicant(s)?

We have known the McMillians for more than two years.

2. How do you know the Applicant(s), i.e., clubs, school, business, family, social?

We know Mike and Lauren primarily through the Northport Pickleball Club, which Mike has been leading for the past few years. We have, and continue to, play pickleball with them regularly. We also know Mike through his active role in the community, currently as Leelanau Township Supervisor. We know him to be a very open person, who considers to all sides of community issues.

The McMillian recently attended one of OTYC's off-season Toddy Times at our home in January where they meet several club members.

3. Please share with us any special connection they may have with the Omena area, particularly familial or historic.

The McMillians have deep roots in the greater Leelanau County, as Lauren's parents owned a cottage on Little Traverse Lake since she was a small child. She spent her entire childhood coming to the area and cherish it as we do. Lauren and Mike now reside, year-round on Gills Pier.

Applicant's name: Mike and Lauren McMillan

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Lauren and Mike have been very active in the local community and government, even prior to his current role as Township Supervisor. They contribute time volunteering at various charitable organizations and the Leelanau School. Mike also was instrumental in spearheading the multiple-year effort with township officials and the community to bring dedicated outdoor pickleball courts to Bramen Hill Recreation Area, and continues to lead the Northport Pickleball Club. He also works with Northport School to provide free indoor pickleball at the school during the winter months – something that a number of OTYC members participate in, ourselves included.

4. Please explain why your Applicant wishes to join the OTYC and what you believe they can bring to the Club. Attach another page if necessary.

After learning about the club and its activities through us and others, the McMillians wish to join OTYC to meet new people and broaden their roots in the community, which they live full time.

As active members of the broader Leelanau community, we are confident that the McMillians are willing, eager and able to participate in club activities and understand the voluntary nature and expectations of members. We believe they will be a great addition to the membership, bringing in fresh ideas and a positive attitude to the club.

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Submitted By: Susan and Bill Krusel via Mike and Lauren McMillian

Date: 2/22/2024

Print Sponsor's Name: Susan and Bill Krusel

Please send or email to:

Bill Renz, Membership Chair

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2. How do you know the Applicant(s), i.e., clubs, school, business, family, social?

We know the McMillan's socially. Since we met the McMillans, we have become good friends and share a number of mutual interests.

Applicant's name McMillan_____

3. Please share with us any special connection they may have with the Omena area, particularly familial or historic.


Both Mike and Lauren Have an historical relationship with the area as they visited the area several times on vacations with their families while they were growing up. Following graduation from Michigan State University and Central Michigan University their careers took them to several areas of the country. However, they always had the desire to return when they were able to.

Any issues involving Omena would be a part of Mike's responsibilities as township supervisor.

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See attached statement

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Submitted By:  Date: 3/10/24_____

Print Sponsor's Name: William R. Cron_____

Please send or email to:

Bill Renz, Membership Chair
126 South 2nd St
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Loveland, OH 45140
WRDDS63@gmail.com

Part 4

Mike and Lauren McMillan have informed me that they are applying for membership in the OTYC. Having become friends with many members of the club, they believe the OTYC provides an excellent opportunity to expand these friendships. I have known them since they moved to the Omena/Northport area several years ago. I believe that they have all of the characteristics that would make them outstanding members of the club. First, both have warm outgoing personalities. Second, both have consistently exhibited a willingness to pitch in where help is needed.

Before moving to the area, Mike was a successful executive with the Pepsi Corporation. Many of you now know Mike as the Leelanau Township supervisor. Not one to just sit around, Mike took on that job because he saw a position where he thought he could be helpful. In the time that he has been in office he was able to bring a smooth operation to that body. One of the things that he played a major role in was to shepherd the expansion of the number of pickleball courts and repaving of the tennis courts. I am sure that as a member of the club he would bring a similar willingness to help in projects at the club that need to be done. Similarly, Lauren has a warm friendly personality. She has a background in marketing and since retiring she has expanded into various areas of creativity. Lauren has also become active in the community by volunteering for Samaritan's Closet thrift store charity.

Mike and Lauren have a variety of interests. They are avid pickleball players and many members of the club have met and became friends as a result of playing with them. Both are golfers and they enjoy boating.

In summary, I believe Mike and Lauren have the qualities that would make them valuable members of the club and I highly recommend them for membership.