



**GULF
YACHTING
ASSOCIATION**

**APPLICATION FOR
YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

ORGANIZED 1901 – REORGANIZED
1920

Please Circle all Single Letter choices that apply,
Complete all applicable Blanks (Check where appropriate)

GYA Membership being applied for:	General Member	Affiliate Member
Yacht Club _____	House Phone _____	Organized Date _____
Address _____	Bar Phone _____	Currently a GYA
City _____	Office Phone _____	Affiliate Member Y N
State, Zip Code _____	Fax Phone _____	Member US SAILING Y N
Mailing Address _____	E-Mail _____	Member FSSA Y N
City _____	URL www. _____	Member _____
State, Zip Code _____	Elections Month _____	Member _____
Newsletter: Name _____	Frequency _____	Member _____

Club Officers:

Commodore _____	Secretary _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State, Zip Code _____	State, Zip Code _____
Telephone _____	Telephone _____

Statement of Applicant Intent

The Yacht Club applying for GYA Membership shall include, as a required part of this application, an official letter explaining the reasons that the club desires to become a member of the Gulf Yachting Association.

GYA General Member Endorsement

The Yacht Club applying for GYA Membership shall include, as a required part of this application, letters of endorsement from the two GYA General Member clubs adjacent to, or geographically nearest to, the applicant club. The endorsements shall state and explain the endorsing club's reasons for supporting the application.

Required attachments to this application:

- Applicant's Club Charter;

- Applicant's Club By-laws and/or Constitution. If your Club has yet to adopt By-laws and/or a Constitution, you must include evidence of Incorporation under the laws of the State of your principal place of business;
- Applicant's completed Club Information Survey (below).

Requested attachment to this application:

- NOAA Chart of applicant's Race Course area (see Club Information Survey).

Required actions upon, and subsequent to, GYA approval of this application for GYA Membership:

- All Applicants: if not a member upon GYA acceptance, your Club agrees to become a member of US SAILING;
- All Applicants: your Club agrees to supply the GYA with one (1) of your Club Burgees;
- All Applicants agree to pay Annual Dues in the amount set by the Board of Directors. Annual Dues are payable as of January 1 of each calendar year, and are delinquent if not received by January 31.

For Your Information. Gulf Yachting Association By-laws Article III, Membership, Section 1, Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs, Paragraphs A Eligibility Requirements and B Classification.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: YACHT CLUBS AND SAILING CLUBS

A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs located in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and other Southern States as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, not connected with any commercial venture and having a race course separate from those of other organizations, shall be eligible to apply for membership in the GYA in the appropriate classification as described in Paragraph B below and meeting the additional requirements described therein.

B. CLASSIFICATION

(1) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP – Organizations in this classification shall meet the requirements described in Paragraph A above, and in addition shall have a clubhouse with adequate facilities, and shall be a member of the United States Sailing Association (compliance with this requirement may be delayed until acceptance). General Members shall have the right of full participation in GYA affairs as provided in these Bylaws.

(2) AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP – Organizations in this classification shall meet the requirements described in paragraph A above, and in addition shall be a member of the United States Sailing Association (compliance with this requirement may be delayed until acceptance). Affiliate Members shall have the right to participate in United States Sailing Association events conducted within the GYA, use the services of the Appeals Committee and the PHRF Rating Committee in accordance with the established procedures, and otherwise participate in GYA affairs on a reduced basis as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, but shall not be entitled to representation of the Board of Directors.

Affiliate Member Applicants: The above GYA By-law III.1.B(2) is correctly interpreted to mean that Affiliate Members shall not be entitled to representation on the Board of Directors and shall not be entitled to vote on Association matters.

Application Submission: Applications for Gulf Yachting Association Membership shall be submitted by either the Applicant Club Commodore or Secretary. Please submit application to the Gulf Yachting Association Secretary-Treasurer (p. 5).

Submitted By _____ **Title** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

For GYA Use Only: Received By _____ Date _____
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Gulf Yachting Association Applicant Club Information Survey			
Membership Data – Numbers of:			
Voting Members _____	Non-Voting Members _____		
Adult Sailors _____	Power Boaters _____		
Junior (under 19) Sailors _____	Power Boat Owners _____		
Sailboat Owners _____	Personal Watercraft Owners _____		
Other Mbr. Class: _____	Other Mbr. Class: _____		
Club and Clubhouse Data			
Facility is: Owned _____ Leased _____	Club operating days: _____	M	T W T F S S
Club in own separate building? Y N	Bar and Lounge? Y N		
If No, entity shared with: _____	Capacity (# of persons) _____		
Waterfront Property? Y N	Club (non-shared) Kitchen? Y N		
If No, is there a nearby Marina? Y N	Lunch served days: _____	M	T W T F S S
If No, name of Marina _____	Dinner served days: _____	M	T W T F S S
Clubhouse capacity (# of persons) _____	Dining/Ball Room? Y N		
Square Feet Heated & Cooled _____	Capacity (# of persons) _____		
Number of Meeting Rooms _____	Club (non-shared) Restrooms? Y N		
Capacity (# of persons) of largest _____	Shower & Locker Rooms? Y N		
Other House Facility: _____	Other House Facility: _____		
Other House Facility: _____	Other House Facility: _____		
Club Owned Sailboats – Numbers of			
Flying Scot _____	Sunfish _____		
420 Dinghy _____	Laser _____		
Optimist Dinghy _____	Laser Radial _____		
J-22 _____	Other _____		
Lightning _____	Other _____		
Grounds and Waterfront Data			
Parking Spaces (# of) _____	Beach (over ground) Launching? Y N		
Trailer Parking Area? Y N	Launching Dollies Available? Y N		
Approximate # of trailers _____	Fuel Services		
Wet Storage Slips (# of) _____	Gasoline: Water distance? _____		
Dry Storage Spaces (# of) _____	Land distance? _____		
Guest Slips (# of) _____	Diesel: Water distance? _____		
Electricity on Pier? Y N _____ Amps	Land distance? _____		
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Grounds and Waterfront Data – continued...			
Water on Pier? Y N	Holding Tank Pumpout Facility? Y N		
Ice Sales? Y N	If No, water distance to Pumpout _____		
Launching Ramp on Property? Y N	Swimming Pool? Y N		
If No, is there a nearby ramp available? Y N	Free to Visiting Yachtsmen? Y N		
	Play Area for the youngsters? Y N		

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Boat Hoist on Property?	Y	N	Other Grounds Facility: _____
If No, is there a nearby hoist available?	Y	N	Other Grounds Facility: _____
Hoist Capacity in Pounds	_____		Other Grounds Facility: _____
Hoist Vertical Lift in Feet	_____		Other Grounds Facility: _____
Sailing and Racing Programs Data			
Do you have an organized Sailing Instruction Program?			
For Juniors?			Y N
For Adults?			Y N
Do you have a Club Race Course that is separate from those of other organizations?			Y N
Do you employ a full-time US SAILING Certified Sailing Master or Instructor?			Y N
If No, do you employ Summer Program US SAILING Certified Sailing Instructors?			Y N
Please note: Details of your Sailing and Racing Programs will be gathered by the GYA Membership Committee during its visit to investigate your application for GYA Membership.			
Additional Information Requested			
Copy of Club Charter. Included:	Y	N	Copy of Club By-laws and/or Constitution. Included: Y N
NOAA Chart of your Race Course area. Included:	Y	N	In Lieu of By-laws, State Incorporation. Included: Y N
Please provide:			
A few pictures or your Club Brochure showing different club features. Included:			Y N
A copy of your current Club Directory. Included:			Y N
A brief description of your club, directions to it, highlights, unique features, historical & architectural vignettes, and other items of particular interest. _____			

Submit application to:

Jennifer Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer, GYA
2295 Club Moss Cir
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

secretary@gya.org