



**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)

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

**Club Officers:**

|                              |                              |
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| <b>Commodore</b> _____       | <b>Secretary</b> _____       |
| <b>Address</b> _____         | <b>Address</b> _____         |
| <b>City</b> _____            | <b>City</b> _____            |
| <b>State, Zip Code</b> _____ | <b>State, Zip Code</b> _____ |
| <b>Telephone</b> _____       | <b>Telephone</b> _____       |

**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).

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**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.

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**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>For GYA Use Only:</b><br><b>Received By</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____ |
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| <b>Gulf Yachting Association<br/>Applicant Club Information Survey</b> |                |                                  |               |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Membership Data – Numbers of:</b>                                   |                |                                  |               |
| 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:                | _____         |
| <b>Club and Clubhouse Data</b>   |                |                                  |               |
| 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:            | _____         |
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| <b>Club Owned Sailboats – Numbers of</b>                               |                |                                  |               |
| Flying Scot  | _____          | Sunfish                          | _____         |
| 420 Dinghy   | _____          | Laser                            | _____         |
| Optimist Dinghy  | _____          | Laser Radial                     | _____         |
| J-22   | _____          | Other                            | _____         |
| Lightning  | _____          | Other                            | _____         |
| <b>Grounds and Waterfront Data</b>                                     |                |                                  |               |
| 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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| <b>Grounds and Waterfront Data – continued...</b>                      |                |                                  |               |
| 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: _____                           |
| <b>Sailing and Racing Programs Data</b>  |       |   |   |
| 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. |       |   |   |
| <b>Additional Information Requested</b>  |       |   |   |
| 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. _____           |       |   |   |
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Submit application to:

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

[secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org)