



Gatineau River Yacht Club

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GRYC Membership Application

Information for Sponsors

GRYC Mission Statement

The Gatineau River Yacht Club is a family oriented, volunteer driven, cooperative, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting and encouraging active participation in the sport of sailing and other water related recreational activities. All activities at the GRYC shall respect the environment and the ability of the Club's Islands and the Gatineau River to sustain those activities on a long-term basis.

Sponsors for GRYC membership will be asked to sign the following declaration:

"I hereby recommend this applicant (and their family) for membership at the Gatineau River Yacht Club and can attest to their understanding of the volunteer requirements of all members. I do believe this applicant (and their family) will provide a valuable contribution to the spirit of the Club and its activities."

If you agree with this statement, before agreeing to sponsor the applicant, please consider the following:

Responsibilities of Sponsors

- Can attest that applicant (as a family) has a sincere interest in sailing. A sincere interest in sailing is demonstrated by:
 - Previous sailing experience
 - An interest in learning to sail at the GRYC and participating in the GRYC Sailing program including races, regattas, and casual events, as a sailor, crew, race official, crash boat operator, or other supporting role
 - Having children enrolled in the Youth Program (summer sailing camps)
- Go over membership involvement at the GRYC including volunteer requirements and Club events.
- Assist applicant in obtaining replacement sponsor if your membership at the GRYC lapses.
- Once applicant becomes a member, you agree to show the new member the workings of Club, facilities and programs available to members by, for example, taking new member on a tour of the island and going through the Club calendar.
- Once applicant becomes a member, you will encourage the new member's participation in Club events and help them discover volunteer opportunities, for example by:
 - inviting the new member to go sailing with you either on a cruise or during a race;
 - shadowing you while you participate as a race official, crash boat operator, club night duties, facilities projects, Learn to Sail program, etc.;
 - introducing new member to board members, volunteer coordinators, and club management.

If you do not agree with or don't think you can commit to the responsibilities or expectations of being a sponsor, we recommend that you decline. You also may wish to help applicant find an alternate sponsor.