



Gatineau River Yacht Club

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GRYC Membership Application

Information for Applicants

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.

The membership waiting list is ordered by date of application as well as the following considerations outlined by Article 3-8 from the GRYC By-Laws:

- (i) *Adult children of current memberships*
- (ii) *Past members (includes previous child members) whose membership has lapsed*
- (iii) *Applicants with a sincere interest in sailing*
- (iv) *Other applicants*

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)

Benefits of membership

- Voting rights for Primary and Secondary members at AGMs.
- Seasonal access to GRYC boats, facilities, participation in weekend races, the Annual Regatta, and other great events. *Use of Club boats is on a first-come first-served basis. On Sunday mornings, racers have priority for boats. Before using a Club boat, sailors may be asked to demonstrate basic sailing skills.*
- Participation in the free Learn to Sail Program offered to all members. This weekend clinic provides instruction ranging from tying knots to rigging boats, from the basics of sailing to advanced racing techniques.
- Reduced fees for Youth Program registration. The Youth Program offers CYA-accredited sailing instruction for children aged 9-16 in a fun, safe summer day camp atmosphere. For more information visit our website at www.gryc.ca
- Social activities including Wednesday night barbecues, dances, and other fun events.

Responsibilities of membership

- Care of the islands and Club property.
- Compliance with standard safety practices and the rules of the Club.
- A minimum of two full days of volunteer service to the Club per season for each family member over the age of 21, and a minimum of one half day for children age 16 to 20.
- Payment in full of all initiation fees, annual dues and other miscellaneous charges.

The GRYC recognizes that family priorities may shift over time. We offer a Retaining Membership to existing members, who for personal, economic or logistical reasons will not be using the Club facilities for a season or more. Retaining members may resume active membership in a future season, with no restrictions placed by the membership limit and without being subject to repayment of initiation fees.



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Provisional membership

New members are subject to a two-year period of Provisional Membership before becoming full members. Provisional membership is a period of up to two years in which new members will demonstrate their expressed interest in the GRYC by participating in a variety of club activities. They are required to complete at least one item from each of the following four categories within their first two years of membership:

- **Sailing Program:** (anything from Learn to Sail to sailing in Sunday Race or Regatta to volunteering as crash boat or race official, etc.)
- **Social/Other Activity:** (participate in any non-sailing program event from Club birthdays/Sailorama to Club Night to Awards Night etc.)
- **Volunteering:** Complete volunteer requirements
- **Governance:** Attend the annual general meeting in November or serve as a member of a committee (regatta, sailing, youth, social, harbour, facilities, board, etc.)

At the end of the provisional membership period, new members who complete of the above requirements will have the provisional status removed and become full members.

If at the end of the provisional period the requirements have not been completed, the membership will not be renewed for the following season and **half (½) the initiation fee will be refunded.**