

GENESEE YACHT CLUB

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

HELLO, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

As a volunteer club, we want to attract new members who will feel at home in a do-it-yourself yacht club where members contribute their time and talents. The construction and maintenance of the club facilities, the organization of the race programs, club leadership and successful social events are all member responsibilities. Membership participation is the essence of our Club and as a member you will be expected to continue the tradition of participation.

You will find the answers to most questions you may have about the Club on this informational sheet. Any club member can answer most of your questions. Members on the Membership Committee can answer questions about becoming a GYC member.

Applicant

An Applicant can attend GYC meetings, social events and crew in races as a guest of a GYC member. This is a getting-to-know each other period. You are required to attend GYC meetings to advance to the next step.

Becoming an Applicant

1. Get two sponsors who are current members of GYC. These sponsors will follow you through the process and eventually present your name for membership into GYC.
2. Submit a completed GYC Membership Application to a member of the Membership Committee or an officer of the club.
3. Attend at least 3 of the monthly membership meetings within a period of 6 months. At each meeting guests are asked to stand and introduce themselves. Membership meetings are at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month, except in July (no July meeting).

During this time you should encourage your sponsors (or other GYC members) to include you in as many club social events and races as you can. Club events are posted on the bulletin board and are discussed at monthly meetings. This is a two-way get acquainted period. You will find out if this is the club for you. You cannot participate in any work parties until you become a provisional member.

How to Become a Provisional Member

The GYC Constitution allows for 20 Provisional Members.

Provisional members are members in all respects except they cannot vote, hold office or get a club dock.

When there are openings for Provisional Members:

1. Applicants, who have attended 3 membership meetings, will be asked to pay their annual dues and 1/2 of the initiation fee. (Providing there is at least one vacancy in the Provisional Membership roster.) (A roster is maintained based upon date of application and date of completing the 3 membership meeting requirement)
2. You will be asked to notify your sponsors that your election to Provisional Membership is scheduled.
3. You will be asked not to attend the next membership meeting. Your sponsors and any others who know you will speak on your behalf.
4. Active members will vote on the Applicants for advancement into Provisional Membership.

The Annual Fee Schedule:

Initiation Fee	\$ 600	One time fee - ½ prior to Provisional Membership, ½ prior to Active Membership
Provisional Member	300	
Active Members	300	
Senior Members	200	
Associate	150	
Non-Resident	100	
Spousal	0	

How to Become an Active Member

GYC has 150 Active Members. Every member, Provisional and Active is required to contribute work hours to the club each year. **Failure of a Provisional Members to complete the required minimum hours will result in expulsion, as stated in the Bylaws, Article I Section E.**

Provisional members advance in rank on a point basis. Provisional Members accumulate points by completing additional work hours and participating in Club events, such as membership meetings, social events, races, special work parties or committee work.

The more you participate the faster you get to the top of the list.

Point value of club activities:

Attend membership meetings	1 point per meeting
Attend a social event	1 point per event
Race or crew in a club race	1 point per day
Work hours	1 point per hour

It is your responsibility to record the number of hours you worked, or if you attended a function, by completing a work slip. These slips are in the top, left drawer of the cabinet below the telephone in the lobby. Complete the slip and place it in the time keeper's slot in the top drawer on the right of the cabinet.

A Provisional member's points will accumulate until he/she is voted on for Active membership.

When an Active membership is open, the Provisional Member with the highest ranking (the greatest number of accumulated points) will be notified and the membership will vote on their advancement to Active status.

Active Membership

Seniority in the GYC active membership is chronological from the date you are voted into Active membership.

Good luck
The Membership Committee

Applicants and Provisional Members to Genesee Yacht Club

Membership in Genesee Yacht Club is open to those with an interest in sailing and a willingness and ability to share the responsibilities of operating a “do-it-yourself” yacht club. Since 1934 our members have contributed their time and talents to the construction and maintenance of our facilities, and the organization of our race programs, social events and every other aspect of the club. Nothing happens without it! Working and socializing with other members builds friendships and instills satisfaction in our accomplishments while keeping our costs under control. As a member you will be expected to continue the tradition by participating in our Club’s operations and events.

Applicants to GYC

As an applicant you are the guest of your sponsors. You are invited to membership meetings and social events. Try to meet as many members as you can. Membership meetings are at 7:30PM on the first Thursday of each month, except July. Social events are posted on the bulletin board and in the newsletter, also posted on the board. The membership will vote on your advancement to Provisional Member when there is an opening in the roster, if you have attended three membership meetings in the six month period, you have paid dues and one half the initiation fee. You should not attend the meeting in which your election is scheduled. Your sponsors will speak on your behalf.

Provisional Members

The Constitution allows for twenty Provisional Members, who are members in all respects except that they cannot vote, hold office, or obtain a GYC club dock. Provisional Members advance in rank by participating in club events. Provisional Members must perform the same minimum number of work hours as Active Members. **Failure of a Provisional Members to complete the required minimum hours will result in expulsion, as stated in the Bylaws, Article I Section E.**

Additional work hours or participation in club events such as membership meetings, social events and races earn points that establish the rank of the Provisional Members. Each time you participate in a club event or perform work hours you should fill out a slip (kept in the top left-hand drawer under the telephone) and place it in the timekeeper’s drawer (on the right). When an opening in Active Membership is available the Provisional Member with the highest rank will be notified and the membership will vote on his/her advancement to active membership.

Action

Point value of club activities:

Attend membership meetings	1 point per meeting
Attend a social event	1 point per event
Race or crew in a club race	1 point per day
Work hours	1 point per hour

A Provisional Member’s points accumulate until he/she is voted to active membership.

Active Membership

Seniority in GYC Active Membership is chronological from the date you are voted into Active Membership. **Currently, the average amount of seniority to obtain a club dock is approximately sixteen years. Until such time that a club dock becomes available as stated in Constitution, Article VII, obtaining a dock is solely your responsibility.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____