



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 genuine interest in sailing;
A 'genuine interest in sailing' may include, but is not limited to:
 - an interest in sailing or learning to sail at the GRYC;
 - intention to enrol children in the Youth Program and/or to participate individually or as a family in the free Learn to Sail program;
 - or to participate in the GRYC Sailing program including races, regattas, and casual events, as a sailor, crew, race official, crash boat operator, or other support personnel;
- owning a sail boat in good working order that is intended to be sailed at the GRYC.
- go over membership involvement at the GRYC including Volunteer requirements and participation in Club events;
- if your membership at the GRYC lapses, you will assist applicant in obtaining replacement sponsor.

Expectations of Sponsors

- once applicant becomes a member, you agree to showing 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 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.

* Please note that time spent familiarizing new members to the GRYC can be counted towards your volunteer requirements.

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.