

**Augusta Sailing Club, Inc.**  
**House & Ground Rules Appendix E (Rev 20100306)**

**Membership Information**

**General Information:**

All New Members of the Augusta Sailing Club are required to be Associate Members for two years unless they are applying for Temporary or Non-Resident Membership. The Augusta Sailing Club relies on volunteer support of the membership and therefore requires Associate Members to provide 16 hours of volunteer service per year in order to maintain membership. Membership Categories in the Augusta Sailing Club (ASC) may be either "individual" or "family" as provided for in the Augusta Sailing Club Bylaws, Article VII. Legally married couples may select either category. A "family" or "individual" member shall have the same dues and fee obligations. Active and Honorary Memberships have voting rights. "Individual" and "Family" Membership shall have one vote. Either family member (in eligible membership categories) may hold office; both cannot serve at the same time. Family membership includes children of 25 years old and younger living at home or in college.

The initiation fee is \$400 for Associate and Non-Resident Members. There is no initiation fee for Temporary or Youth Members.

The base dues are currently \$120 per quarter for Associate Members. The dues for Non-Resident Members are 1/3 the base dues. The dues for Temporary Membership are 125% of the base dues. Dues are billed at the beginning of January, April, July, and October. Dues are payable upon receipt of each quarterly billing. If payment is not received within 60 days, the member is considered delinquent. Delinquency may result in suspension upon action of the Board of Governors.

**Associate Membership:**

This membership category is the entry level for new members. Associate Membership is required for the first two years of membership. The anniversary date for transition to Active Membership is given in Section 7.3. Service hours are required during the Associate Membership period for continued membership with no option of paying the assessment fee. Associate Members shall pay the initiation fee and the same dues as Active Members. Fees for slip/mooring rental and dry storage shall be 150% of the base rate. Cabin ownership, camper ownership or slip purchase is not permitted during the Associate Membership time frame. Associate Membership does not carry any voting rights. Board Approval is required at the end of the 2 year period in order to move to Active Membership. The following service hours are required for maintaining Associate Membership based on Board approval month.

Associate Membership Approval Month	Service Hours Calendar Year 1	Service Hours Calendar Year 2	Service Hours Prior to 2 Yr. Anniversary in Calendar Yr. 3
Jan, Feb., March	16	16	0
April, May, June	12	16	4
July, August, Sept.	8	16	8
Oct., Dec.	0	16	16

**Non-Resident Memberships:**

Non-Resident Membership is available to anyone living outside a 60 mile radius of the Augusta Sailing Club and is not an active participant at the club. The full initiation fee is required for membership but the dues will be 1/3 of the standard rate. Service hours are not required. Non-Resident Members may not keep property or own property at the Club, and do not have voting rights. Non-Resident Members transferring to Active Membership shall first become an Associate Member. The Board may waive this requirement on a case by case basis for those who have been active in the club and provided service hours. Active Members may become Non-Resident Members if they move out of the area.

**Temporary Membership:**

Temporary Membership is reserved for a person expecting to be in the Augusta area for a short time not to exceed 2 years, e.g. active duty military, medical student, or medical resident. Applicants for Temporary Membership shall provide documentation acceptable to the Board to establish their temporary status. No initiation fee shall be required and dues will be 125% of base rate. Service hours or service hours assessment fees are required. Fees for slip/mooring rental and dry storage shall be 150% of the base rate. Cabin or Camper Ownership is not permitted by Temporary Members. Temporary Membership does not carry any voting rights. Temporary Members wishing to apply for Active Membership shall pay the full initiation fee and first become an Associate Member. The Board may waive the requirement to become an Associate Member before Active Membership on a case by case basis for those who have been active in the club and provided service hours but the initiation fee is still required.

**Legacy Membership:**

Legacy Membership is potentially available to children of club members who have been Active Members for a minimum of 4 years. Individuals wishing to apply for this level of membership shall petition the Board for consideration. The Board shall consider if the Individual has been an active participant in ASC sailing programs prior to granting Legacy Membership. Those approved shall not pay an initiation fee and shall immediately become Active Members.

**Youth Membership:**

Youth Membership is reserved for those individuals 18-25 whose parents do not wish to participate in Club Activities. No initiation fee is required and dues will be 50% of base rate. Service hours are required of Youth Membership with no option of paying the assessment fee. Dry storage only is available at the base rate. Slip, mooring, cabin or camper ownership is not permitted. Youth Members shall have no voting rights. Youth Members are limited to one guest at a time, unless additional crew is needed for Club sponsored regattas. The Youth Membership shall terminate on the member's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. A Youth Member may pay the full initiation fee and be eligible to become an Active Member if they have been a member for 2 years, if not they will be eligible to become Associate or Temporary Members as the Board may approve.

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## **Membership Procedures**

### **Applicant Requirements:**

Membership in the Augusta Sailing Club is reserved for those applicants with an active interest in sailing or supporting sailing. Membership applications shall provide information to document such interest.

New member applicants shall be sponsored by a primary and two secondary sponsors. The sponsors must be Active or Honorary Members and one sponsor must have been a member for at least five years.

Attendance at two ASC Events as the guest of a sponsor or as an ASC sponsored regatta participant is required prior to submitting an application. Events need not be in the same year.

The applicant and a sponsor shall attend a Board meeting to submit a completed application along with the initiation fee.

All approved applicants will become Associate Members for the first two years and must meet the Associate Membership requirements in order to maintain their ASC Membership. The exceptions to this requirement are those who apply for Non-Resident Membership and Legacy Membership.

### **Application Process:**

The Immediate Past Commodore shall serve as the Board contact for new membership applications.

The primary sponsor shall be responsible for ensuring that the prospective member has an active interest in sailing and will guide the applicant through the application process. The primary sponsor shall be responsible for inviting the applicant to club events. The primary sponsor shall also obtain the endorsement of two secondary sponsors and ensure that 1 of the 3 sponsors has been a member for a least 5 years.

The primary sponsor shall submit a completed application for membership along with the applicant's initiation fee to the Immediate Past Commodore for review after the application requirements have been met. The Past Commodore shall review the application and schedule a Board Meeting for a sponsor and applicant to attend if the application is complete.

The applicant and a sponsor shall attend the scheduled Board Meeting and present the application to the Board. The applicant will be asked to leave the meeting after introducing themselves to be Board. The Board shall review the application. If the application requirements have been met and the Board believes the applicant has an active interest in sailing or supporting sailing then the Board may approve it for publishing in the Starboard Tack.

A summary of the applicant's information shall be published in the Starboard Tack for member review and comment. The Board shall vote on final approval at the next available Board meeting no earlier than 10 days after the applicant information is published in the Tack. The Board shall consider any comments received from members prior to voting on final approval. The Past Commodore, upon approval of the application, shall contact the applicant and primary sponsor and will send a welcome letter to the applicant. The applicant shall have full use of the facilities upon Board approval for membership as long as the requirements of Associate Membership are met.

**Associate Member to Active Member Transition:**

The Board shall review Associate Members on their two year anniversary date for approval of Active Membership. The anniversary date shall be the month before the nearest billing cycle after two years of Associate Membership. The anniversary date shall be as listed below. The Board shall review and determine if the applicant has performed the necessary service hours. Associate Members that are approved by the Board will be converted to Active Members. Those that do not meet the requirements will have their membership terminated at that time.

Associate Membership approval Month	Anniversary Date for Board Review	Active Membership date
Jan, Feb., March	March	April
April, May, June	June	July
July, August, Sept.	Sept.	Oct.
Oct., Dec.	Dec.	Jan.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Past Commodore.