

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION



ORGANIZED 1901

REORGANIZED 1920

The Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) was organized to promote the sport of yacht racing on the Gulf Coast and nearby areas. Founded in 1901 and reorganized in 1920, the GYA has grown from the original six clubs to over thirty member organizations. The GYA sanctions various yacht events, including interclub competition in Flying Scots, and serves to coordinate the activities of its members.

The GYA is a member of the United States Sailing Association, the governing body of the sport in this country, and is recognized as a member "yacht racing association" of that organization. In this capacity, the GYA provides representation to the national body for Gulf Coast sailors, runs quarterfinal eliminations for national championships sanctioned by US Sailing, and provides an Appeals Committee to hear and decide appeals involving the racing rules.

The GYA is one of four yacht racing associations forming "Area D," one of ten "Areas" in the United States. Areas have a representative on the Board of Directors of the United States Sailing Association and the same individual serves as a member of the Council of Sailing Associations, an important representative body within US Sailing. Areas are geographical delineations within the jurisdiction of US Sailing that serve many functions in the administration of the sport.

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Member Clubs

Apalachee Bay
Bay-Waveland *
Biloxi ***
Birmingham
Buccaneer
Cypremort
Davis Island
Fairhope
Fort Walton
Grand Lagoon
Grande Maumelle

Gulfport
Houston
Jackson

Lake Forest
Lakewood
Long Beach
Mobile ***
Navy
New Orleans
Ocean Springs
Pass Christian *

Pensacola **
Pensacola Beach
Point
Pontchartrain
Sarasota
Singing River
Southern ***
St. Andrews Bay
St. Petersburg
Tammany
Texas Corinthian

* Charter member yacht clubs of the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association organized in 1901 and reorganized in 1920 under the Gulf Yachting Association.

** Charter member clubs of the Gulf Yachting Association

*** Both

Affiliate Members

Bay Point
Bluewater Bay
Corinthian
Lake Charles
Lake Ponchartrain Women's Sailing Association
Pelican
South Shore