

Muscle Shoals Sailing Club (MSSC) Application for Membership

About Muscle Shoals Sailing Club (MSSC)

Founded in 1961, the mission of MSSC is to promote the art and skill of sailing. We welcome sailors with vast experience – or no experience at all. Our year-round facilities include a spacious, comfortable clubhouse, a marina, and grounds for sailboat storage, parking, and camping. MSSC is a club run through the volunteer efforts of its members. Read more at www.mssclub.org

MSSC has three membership categories. A brief description of each is shown below. A full definition can be found in our bylaws. **Please check one of the following categories.**

 1. Class A. The standard family / individual membership, includes the right to vote and hold office. Annual dues for Class A Membership is \$600, prorated for the month you join MSSC. Annual dues are non-refundable, but can be paid quarterly.

 2. Class B: Defined as a person 23 years or older but not to exceed 29 years of age. Class B members have the right to use club facilities, but they cannot vote or hold office. Annual dues for Class B members are \$200. (In what year will you no longer be eligible for Class B membership?)

 3. Junior: Limited to persons under 23 years of age who are full-time students. Annual dues for each Junior member is \$25.

How to Become a Member of MSSC

1. Please fill out the information on each page.
2. Include a check for your one-time initiation fee of \$300. This check will be held in escrow until your membership application has been processed.
3. **YOU MUST SIGN THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT.** This application cannot be processed without your signature.
4. Send your signed application form, with initiation fee, to: MSSC Secretary ,Ellen Baird, 201 Mohawk Road, Owens Cross Roads, Al. 35763
5. After your application has been received, it will be posted for membership review for a minimum of two weeks. At the first meeting after receipt of the application, the MSSC Board of Governors will vote on your application. You will then be contacted by the Secretary with the results of the vote. Soon afterward, the Treasurer will send you a bill for dues and fees.

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Spouse _____

Occupation: Self _____ Spouse _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Preferred Email Address _____

Presently own a boat? _____ Type _____ Length _____ Name _____

Do you need any of the following club facilities? Dock Space _____

Land Storage Space _____ Laser Rack Space _____ Trailer Parking Space _____

What is your primary interest in becoming a member of the Muscle Shoals Sailing Club?

Name of Sponsor: _____

Please list special skills that you would be willing to make available to the club. (i.e., electrical, plumbing, carpentry, small engine repair, computer, sailing education, public relations, etc.)

MSSC depends upon its members to volunteer their time and talents to keep the sailing program active and the clubhouse and grounds functional and attractive. **In addition to serving on other committees, members are expected to support at least one racing event, by serving either on the race /refreshments committee.**

Check areas (at least one) where you and family members wish to volunteer .

<i>Everyone participates on this committee!</i>	Racing/Refreshments	Help the Race Chairman during MSSC races or special regattas. Purchase trophies, watch the clock, set the course, raise the flags, announce the winners. File race results with the <i>Lifted Tack</i> editor. Help prepare and serve meals and refreshments.
	Grounds/Equipment	Clean up limbs and debris, landscape, trim tree limbs; maintain storage area, help keep various equipment up and running.
	Clubhouse	General maintenance of interior –supplies, clean floors, empty wastebaskets, check restrooms, wipe down counters, empty trash, fill the towel dispensers
	Membership	Recruit new members, mentor them, and make them feel welcome Purchase and distribute t-shirts, caps, jackets, etc.
	Boat Maintenance	Maintenance and repair of club-owned boats. Includes committee boat as well as sailboats. Experience is welcome, but willingness is all that's required.
	Publicity	Promote the club by distributing brochures, writing press releases, arranging newspaper interviews, sending race results to local papers.
	Sailing Education/Social	Plan and carry out MSSC sailing education events and socials; be part of the team to plan and publicize events, participate in training, arrange activities, set up, check in, clean up.
	Newsletter/Web	Help the newsletter editor produce the <u>The Lifted Tack</u> , by reporting on events and individuals in the club. Help the webmaster by keeping it fresh and timely with photos and news.
	Special Projects	Occasionally special projects are necessary: dock maintenance; plumbing, small construction, etc.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT (must be signed)

By applying to the Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, I agree that if my application is approved, I will abide by the bylaws and rules of this organization. I understand that I am responsible for paying a one-time initiation fee, plus timely payment of annual dues (prorated and payable upon membership acceptance) and applicable boat storage fees. These dues/fees are non-refundable, except under provisions stated in the bylaws. I also understand that MSSC is an organization made possible by volunteer efforts of its members, and I will support the club with my time, skills, and participation.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Date Received: _____ Action Date: _____ Approved/Disapproved