

GHSA History

In November 1991, fifty sailors representing twenty-one Hunter sailboats met and unanimously voted to form a Hunter Sailing Club. The purpose of the club was to promote fun, cruising, racing, education, kinship and resources among Hunter owners. The club was named Gulf Hunter Sailing Association.

By the first formal meeting in January 1992, which was then held at the Clearwater Yacht Club, there were thirty-six member boats. The first slate of officers was established, a monthly meeting schedule was set, a newsletter editor was selected and the rest, as they say, is history.

From those early beginnings membership grew rapidly and the club has remained strong and active through monthly meetings and cruises to local anchorages and marinas. Education is provided monthly by club members and local experts on topics such as boat maintenance, safety procedures, man overboard drills, sail trim, boat handling and general seamanship and racing rules. There is also an informative newsletter and race activities, the height of which is the annual Hunter Cup Regatta.



The Hunter Cup Regatta

The Regatta has become a part of club activities from the start. The brainchild of Morley Hall, a founding member of GHSA, Morley worked in the Clearwater Yacht club to lay the groundwork for what would become an annual spring event in the bay area. The regatta is supported annually by a number of sponsors from both inside and outside the boating community.

Our Membership

Our club membership roster is as diverse as you will find anywhere. Member interests vary from racing to cruising, novice sailors to ocean voyagers, day-sailors to live-aboards. Members homeports cover a geographical area from Ocala to the north, Ft. Meyers to the south and Orlando to the east. There is an opportunity for everyone to meet new friends, improve skills and further the interest of the already popular and growing sport of sailing.

Hunter Owner Membership

Hunter owners who join GHSA are eligible to attend monthly meetings, participate in monthly cruises, socials, races and other activities, receive the monthly club newsletter, *The Wave*, and hold club officer positions.

Associate Membership (Non-Hunter membership)

It is not necessary to own a Hunter sailboat, or even a boat at all to join **GHSA** as an associate member. Associate members enjoy all the benefits of Hunter owners listed previously with the exception of eligibility to hold office in the club. There is even a Non-Hunter division in the Hunter Cup Regatta.

Membership Dues

The cost of joining **GHSA** is very modest by today's standards. Annual dues, per boat, are only \$35.00 per year. GHSA burgees are available for only \$18.00.

So what are you waiting for?

Fill out the Membership Application part of this brochure and mail it, along with your check, to the address provided on the form or bring it to the next regular club meeting and start making new sailing friends today.

If you would like more information about **GHSA**, please contact Don Rogers at 727-345-7544, or email ghsa@sailghsa.com.

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Club Membership is only \$35 per year. Include \$18.00 (plus postage) for your Official GHSA Burgee to be proudly displayed on your sailboat. Dues include one year membership in GHSA, and inclusion on our email list for all events and meeting information.

Skipper _____	Birthdate (Month/Day) _____	2010 dues	\$35.00
1 st Mate _____	Birthdate (Month/Day) _____	GHSA Burgee	\$18.00
Address _____	City _____	Postage for Burgee	\$4.95
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____		
Email: _____	Cell: _____	T	otal _____
Boat Name: _____	Make _____	Year: _____	