



## FY26 SOUTH HAVEN YACHT CLUB APPLICATION PACKET

### Introductory Page

Thank you for applying for membership to the South Haven Yacht Club.

Our membership is limited to 300 voting members. Once that number is reached, applicants are placed on a waiting list. However, fees are not due until membership is accepted.

Our history is rich and full. In the fall of 1939, a small group of local boaters met and discussed a common need for access to the water for pleasure boating in a very commercial harbor. Their early vision and efforts established the South Haven Yacht Club on the banks of the Black River. The Club has grown from small beginnings into one of the premier yacht clubs on the Great Lakes, offering many services and amenities to its members and guests.

Our facility has approximately 35 seasonal boat slips, full-service fuel and pump-out dock, a seasonal outdoor bar and a beautiful clubhouse with a full-service bar and restaurant that is open year-round and active with many parties and social events.

Our Club hosts a Junior Sailing School with an excellent reputation for teaching children the safety and fun of boating and is available to all kids.

The Club also supports a Thursday night adult sailing league for the more competitive boats in the harbor.

We are a Club of members who are dedicated to maintaining our traditions and community. Participation and volunteerism are a means of keeping our Club as active as possible. **You do not need to own a boat to be a member of the SHYC.**

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

We have included the application in this packet for you and your Sponsor to complete. Please note if the application is incomplete in any way, we will ask your Sponsor to make sure they obtain all the information before it will be processed.

1. Proposed applicants must have 2 voting Members (not from same household) for sponsorship. Sponsors must complete and sign Sponsor for Membership (page 1) of the application.
2. Proposed applicant must complete page 2 and complete and sign page 3 of the application.
3. Deliver the completed application along with an application deposit in the amount of \$300, to the Club Manager who will submit it to the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will set up an interview with the proposed applicant as soon as possible. The \$300 is a credit going toward your total amount due.
4. Once the interview is complete, the application will be sent to the Board of Governors for consideration. Once approved by the Board you will be notified by the Club Manager. You will be billed the initial fees discussed below and once paid, the Club Manager will set up orientation with you and provide you a key to the Club. Once you have paid the initial fees, you are welcome to start using the Club even if orientation has not been completed.



## FY26 South Haven Yacht Club Fee Structure

# FY26 Membership Fees

Due Upon Joining			Annual Dues (billed Aug 1/due Sept 30)		
Initiation Fee		\$1,000	Annual Dues		\$1,670
Annual Dues		\$1,670	Work Party Fee		\$100
Work Party Fee		\$100			
Key Card Fee (2)		\$50			
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Total		\$2,820	Total		\$1,770
Current Special Assessments			Other Annual Fees		
	Billed	Total Billed			
Visionary Fund	\$100 each January for 5 years	\$500	Holiday Fund		\$25
Capital Improvement Fund	\$560 each June for 5 years	\$2,800			

**A DEPOSIT OF \$300 IS REQUIRED WITH THE APPLICATION AND WILL BE APPLIED TO THE ABOVE FEES.**

**Initiation/Application Fee:** Initiation fee \$1000 (\$300 deposit will be applied to this).

**Annual Dues:** Dues are billed for a full year to new Members and annually to all Members August 1st (due September 30th).

**Work Party Fee:** Credited back to your account if you participate on a party committee or on a scheduled club work party day, otherwise it is non-refundable.

**Key Card Fee:** Key cards, \$25 per person, will be issued at orientation. All replacements for lost key cards will be charged a fee of \$25 per card.

**Visionary Fund (\$500 total):** This fund is for future developments of the Club. To only be used with Board recommendation and membership approval. \$100 due in January annually for 5 years.

**Capital Improvement Fund (\$2,800 total):** This fund is to be used to repair and replace things at the Club, as needed. \$560 due in June annually for 5 years.

**Junior Members:** No Initiation Fee, \$835 Annual Dues, no Work Party Fee, but do pay Door Key Card Deposit and Visionary Fund. Once a Junior Member becomes a Standard Member they pay into the Capital Improvement Fund and Lightning Bar Fund.

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## FY26 SHYC SPONSOR'S NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTING MEMBER)

(COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN ENTIRITY TO AVOID DELAYS)

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Domestic Partner\* (see definition below)

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Sponsoring Members (must be voting Members)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please state your reasons why this person would make a good Member of the South Haven Yacht Club.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Type Names for Electronic Signatures

Primary Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor to check here to accept electronic signature.

Second Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor to check here to accept electronic signature.

All fields must be complete on this application. It is up to the sponsoring Members to bring the prospective member to at least one Club function (i.e. party, dinner). Incomplete applications will be returned to the primary Sponsor. A Member of the Membership Committee will interview all applicants before an application will be sent to the Board for consideration.

*\*Domestic Partner definition: "A person with whom you live and share a close and committed mutually exclusive relationship of an indefinite duration but with whom you are not joined by marriage or related by blood."*



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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for    Standard Membership    Junior Membership (30 years of age or younger at beginning of calendar year)

Single    Yes    No

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Domestic Partner (*see below*) \_\_\_\_\_

*Domestic Partner definition: "A person with whom you live and share a close and committed mutually exclusive relationship of an indefinite duration but with whom you are not joined by marriage or related by blood."*

Children Names & Birth Dates (under 21 only) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Address City-State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

City-State-Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Second E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Domestic Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to join the South Haven Yacht Club?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How are you willing to participate in club functions, i.e. events, committees, meetings?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a boat?    Yes    No

If yes    Sail    Power Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_



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Have you received and reviewed the Clubs By-Laws?      Yes      No

I have received a copy and understand the Club Fee structure      Yes      No

Domestic Partners: I have read and understand the domestic partner definition.

I agree to participate in an interview with the Membership Committee.

I agree, upon acceptance as a member of the South Haven Yacht Club, to abide by the rules and regulations and by-laws of the Cub and agree to attend an orientation session.

Type Names for Electronic Signatures

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant to check here to accept electronic signature.

Spouse/Domestic Partner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or DP to check here to accept electronic signature.

We the undersigned members of the South Haven Yacht Club Membership Committee hereby certify that we have interviewed the above applicant and recommend they are presented to the Membership and Board for election:

Membership Development Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ See Attached Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Board :      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member Signature 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type Names for Electronic Signatures

Board member to check here to accept electronic signature.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member to check here to accept electronic signature.

**Submit the Completed Application (all 3 pages) to the SHYC General Manager. If you have scanned or completed the form electronically you may email it to [stacey@southhavenyachtclub.com](mailto:stacey@southhavenyachtclub.com).**

***For Membership Committee use only***



Manager received:      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete      Incomplete      Incomplete back to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Complete Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Meeting:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sextant posting:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board approved:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board Rejected: Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Letter Sent for Payment:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation Completed:

Date \_\_\_\_\_