FY27 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 electronically sign the Sponsor for Membership page of the application.

2. Proposed applicant must complete the application online.

3. Deliver the application deposit in the amount of $300, to the club. 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 Membership Committee. 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

FY27 Membership Fees

Due Upon Joining		
Initiation Fee		$1,750
*Junior Members pay $500		
Annual Dues		$1,670
*Junior Members pay $835		
Work Party Fee (Junior Members Exempt)		$100
Key Card Fee (2)		$50
Total (Junior Members $1385)		$3,570

Annual Dues (billed Aug 1/due Sept 30)		
Annual Dues		$1,670
*Junior Members pay $835		
Work Party Fee		$100
*Junior Members Exempt		
Total (Junior Members $835)		$1,770

Current Special Assessments		
	Billed	Total Billed
Capital Improvement & Renovation Fund	$910 each March for 5 years	$4,550
*Junior Members pay into Renovation only	$500 each March for 3 years	$1,500

Other Annual Fees		
Holiday Fund	Holiday Bonus for staff	$25

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

Initiation/Application Fee: Initiation fee $1750 ($300 deposit will be applied to this).

Annual Dues: Dues are billed immediately 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.

Capital Improvement & Renovation Fund: This fund is to be used to repair and replace things at the Club, as needed. $910 due in March annually for 5 years.

Junior Members: $500 Initiation Fee, $835 Annual Dues, no Work Party Fee, but do pay Door Key Card Deposit, Holiday Fund and Renovation Fund ($500 due in March annually for 3 years). Once a Junior Member becomes a Standard Member they pay into the Visionary Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and Lightning Bar Fund at a rate of $660 in March annually for 5 years.

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FY27 SHYC SPONSOR'S NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTING *MEMBER)*

(COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN ENTIRITY TO AVOIDDELAYS)

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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 _____

Board member to check here to accept electronic signature.

Type Names for Electronic Signatures

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.

For Membership Committee use only

Manager received: Date _____

Complete Incomplete Incomplete back to sponsor _____ Date

Compete Date _____

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 _____