

# **GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB**

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# GRAND MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. Activities

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club is a non-profit corporation organized to promote sailboat racing. Its racing program consists of a series of races from May through October for centerboard boats and from November through April for keelboats. Several special regattas are held throughout the year. In recent years a Memorial Day regatta, known as the Wild Hog Regatta, and a Labor Day Regatta have been held for centerboard boats, and annual Fall and Spring Keelboat Regattas have been held for keelboats.

The Club publishes a monthly newsletter, named the Mainsheet, for reports of Club activities and information including racing schedules. Numerous social events are sponsored by the Club and are held in conjunction with regattas. The annual beginning of the centerboard season is celebrated with the "Spring Fling", usually held the night before the beginning of the centerboard season. The annual awards banquet, known as the "Fall Ball", is held in late November or December. At the Fall Ball, winners in all of the fleets are recognized and special awards are given. The awards include Most Improved Skipper, Best Centerboard Crew, Best Keelboat Crew, Centerboard Sail Off Champion, Keelboat Overall Champion, and the Linda Sexton Memorial Club Service Award, awarded for the first time in 1992.

GMSC is a member of U. S. Sailing, the national authority for sailboat racing, and observes its racing rules. GMSC is also a member of the Gulf Yachting Association, an association of sailing clubs along the Gulf coast, which sponsors a series of interclub regattas.

### B. Membership Requirements

In order to become a regular member of GMSC, one has to make an application and own a sailboat, either a boat with a fixed or retractable keel, or a non-keel boat of a type that has a national class association. The Club also offers an associate membership. Candidates for associate membership must have demonstrated a sincere interest in sailing in any manner satisfactory to the board of directors. Associate members enjoy all rights and privileges of regular members except "no boat and no vote," meaning they cannot keep or use a boat at the Club and do not have a vote. Current initiation fees are \$125 for a regular membership and \$20 for an associate membership, which should be submitted with the application. Application forms may be obtained from the membership chairman, one of the elected club officers, or any member.

By becoming a member and remaining in the Club, members agree to be bound by the Club's rules and bylaws and the lake rules published by the Board of Water Commissioners. Members may be expelled for reasons such as non-payment of dues and gross misconduct.

### C. Dues and Changes of Address.

Dues of \$35 per month for regular members are payable monthly by check or bank draft. The Treasurer encourages everyone to pay by bank draft, except associate members, who are asked to pay in advance \$60 for twelve months or \$30 in January and \$30 in July each year. Dues for regular members who are not on a bank draft plan may be paid semiannually, or annually in advance. Dues are set by the Board of Directors.

Checks should be mailed to:

GMSC - Attention Treasurer  
P. O. Box 55237  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72215

If you move, change telephone numbers, get married, become divorced, have children, buy or sell a boat, or do anything your friends at the Club or the Club Treasurer or Secretary should know about, send that information to the same address as above, but to the attention of the Secretary.

### D. Business Meetings

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of every month to conduct business. The meetings start at 1730. The meetings are open to all Club members.

The annual meeting for members is held in **October**, at which time elections of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer are held. Voting by secret ballot for the Linda Sexton Memorial Club Service Award is conducted. Notice of special meetings that require membership action are made by separate mailings.

### E. Organization

GMSC is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of Arkansas. The business of the Club is conducted by the Board of Directors.

Chairmen of standing committees, who are appointed by the Commodore, have responsibility for various duties regarding Club activities and property. If you have a question about something or a problem, the most direct way to get a response is to contact the committee chairman responsible.

Fleet captains of recognized fleets are also members of the Board of Directors and are elected each year by their respective fleets. Each active fleet in the Club has an elected board member representing that fleet.

#### F. Brief History of GMSC

From 1956 to 1958, the original nucleus of the Club --- Hal and Betty Jane Daugherty, Gaines Houston, Bill Graham, and others --- were launching their home-built Y-Flyers and Lightnings at Lake Norrell and at Brady Mountain Marina on Lake Ouachita where they brush raced on an informal and difficult basis. Then, in late March of 1959, Lake Maumelle was completed. This beautiful lake proved to be a perfect spot for these landlocked sailors. Jim's Landing was opened; and the original group was joined by Perry Griffin, Jim Hatcher, Russell Brown, Loyd Stanley, and others. Max Mehlburger, although not a member at the time, made the first racing buoys used by the Club. In early 1960, Holly and Clark Gillespie, Frank Gordon, Wassell Turner, Tom Grey and others joined, and an organized racing program was started. In those early days, most members trailered their boats out from Little Rock, rigged and launched, then reversed the process and took their boats home, all for a day's racing!

Hal Daugherty was elected the first Commodore and presided over the first awards banquet at the Tiawana Club on West Markham Street. It was a milestone for the Club when, in 1964 under Commodore Clark Gillespie, the Water Works granted GMSC's request to sublease land from Jim's Landing so there could be a site expressly for the Club's activities.

Commodore Gillespie committed the Club to host the Y-Flyer National Championship in 1968. This caused much excitement, because the Club had decided to move to its present location due to space limitations and leasing difficulties. A road was cut, a small parking lot was built and graveled, and a launch ramp and dock, T-dock, and pavilion were constructed. This was also the time that the decision was made to build the clubhouse.

Since the late 1960s, many improvements have been added, the membership continued to grow, and the sailing programs have broadened to include year round racing, educational programs including adult learn-to-sail courses, junior learn-to-sail and learn-to-race courses, extensive out-of-town regatta participation, and novelty sailing occasions including moonlight sails.

## Past Commodores

1959 Hal Daugherty  
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1963 Bill Graham  
1964 Clark Gillespie  
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1967 Clark Gillespie  
1968 Clark Gillespie  
1969 "Kiko" Villalon  
1970 Max Mehlburger  
1971 Max Mehlburger  
1972 Tom Richards  
1973 Tom Richards  
1974 Hal Daugherty  
1975 Randy Oates  
1976 Don Renshaw  
1977 John Lane  
1978 Chet Hight  
1979 Howard Jones  
1980 Fred Kittler  
1981 Fred Kittler  
1982 Dudley Rodgers  
1983 Ed Grubbs  
1984 Doug Buffalo  
1985 Carl Garner  
1986 Carl Garner  
1987 Linda Sexton  
1988 Paul Moore  
1989 Bud Thurman  
1990 Bud Thurman  
1991 Jim Burgett  
1992 Don Wright  
1993 Don Wright  
1994 Trish Brierley  
1995 Trish Brierley  
1996 Jim Mulhollan  
1997 Jim Mulhollan  
1998 Bill Brierley  
1999 Bill Brierley  
2000 Pat Hollingsworth  
2001 Jeff Olm  
2002 Phyllis Haynes  
2003 Jack Meyers  
2004 Linda Moore  
2005 Merle Paule  
2006 Mark Barton  
2007 John Bryant

### **Shirley Rush Sportsmanship Award**

1968	Leon Smith	1981	Paul Moore
1969	Perry Griffin	1982	Jon Claas
1970	George Segó	1983	Randy Oates
1971	Barbara Richards	1984	Tony Mays
1972	Gary Hestir	1985	Dudley Rodgers
1973	Chet Hight	1986	Joe Erwin
1974	Avery Nelson	1987	Drew Daugherty
1975	Max Mehlburger	1988	Chick Lanphier
1976	Fred Kittler	1989	Doug Buffalo
1977	B. J. Daugherty	1990	Jim Burgett
1978	Buster Jones	1991	Linda Sexton
1979	Joe Whitesell		(Trophy was retired in 1992)
1980	Carl Garner		

### **Linda Sexton Memorial Service Award**

1992	Bud Thurman
1993	John Lane
1994	Carl Garner
1995	Trish Brierley
1996	Drew Daugherty
1997	Gary Hestir
1998	Don Wright
1999	Frank Hern
2000	Bill Brierley
2001	Cedric Williams
2002	Barney Taylor
2003	Nicloé Class
2004	David Nigus
2005	Jeff Olm

## Overall Centerboard Champions

1978	Chet Hight	1992	Drew Daugherty
1979	Chet Hight	1993	Chet Hight
1980	Chet Hight	1994	Adam Engleman
1981	Burt Mann	1995	Jon Claas
1982	Chet Hight	1996	Drew Daugherty
1983	Randy Oates	1997	Barry Hurlburt
1984	Ralph Wolf	1998	Keith Newton
1985	Chet Hight	1999	Walter Bryde
1986	Chet Hight	2000	Walter Bryde
1987	Randy Oates	2001	Drew Daugherty
1988	Robbie Thomas	2002	Drew Daugherty
1989	Kevin Saunders	2003	Drew Daugherty
1990	Drew Daugherty	2004	Drew Daugherty
1991	Don Wright	2005	Bob Edmonds

## Overall Keelboat Champions

1976	Leroy Nelson
1977	Lewis Dobbs
1978	Mehlburger/Claas
1979	Mehlburger/Claas
1980	Lindsey Miller
1981	Mehlburger/Claas
1982	Mehlburger/Claas
1983	Mehlburger/Claas
1984	Gary Hestir
1985	Mehlburger/Claas
1986	Mehlburger/Claas
1987	Mehlburger/Claas
1988	Lewis Dobbs
1989	Mehlburger/Claas
1990	Chet Hight
1991	Lane/Sample
1992	Lane/Sample
1993	Barney Taylor
1994	Adam Engleman
1995	Mehlburger/Claas
1996	Smith/Newton
1997	Mehlburger/Claas
1998	Mehlburger/Claas
1999	Gary Hestir
2000	Mehlburger/Claas
2001	Mehlburger/Claas
2002	Darwin Barnes
2003	Nigus/Olm
2004	Nigus/Olm
2005	Lee Jackson

## II. BYLAWS

(As amended March 8, 2004)

### Article I NAME

The name of the corporation is Grande Maumelle Sailing Club, hereafter referred to as the "Corporation" or "the Club." The Club shall also be known as GMSC.

### Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote competitive sailing in local, national and international events, sportsmanship among yachtsmen, and water safety. These objectives will be carried out by a program of competitive sailing for centerboard boats and keelboats in separate racing programs and other ancillary activities. The centerboard racing program shall be from the first of May until the end of October. The keelboat racing program shall be from the first of November until the end of April.

### Article III MEMBERSHIP

1. Generally. Membership shall never be denied to any applicant on the basis of race, creed, age, sex, or national origin.
2. Regular Membership. Membership shall be on an individual or family basis at the discretion of the applicant, provided, however, that:
  - (a) Upon divorce of spouses who are members of the Club under a family membership, a new application fee shall be required of one of the spouses, and
  - (b) A child of a member loses the rights of membership as a result of marriage, attaining the age of 25, or moving from the home of a member as a permanent domicile.
3. Voting. Each regular membership, whether of an individual or of a family, shall have one vote.
4. Application for Regular Membership. Election of regular membership to the Club shall be in the following manner:
  - (a) An applicant must be an owner of a bona fide equity interest in a "sailboat" as defined by Article VI, Paragraph 2, "Definitions."
  - (b) An applicant must complete and sign a written application provided by the Membership Committee, which application shall have the endorsement of an active member in good standing of the fleet which the applicant proposes to join.
  - (c) The application shall be submitted to the Membership Committee which shall approve or disapprove the application and make its recommendation to the Board of Directors.
  - (d) The Board shall consider the recommendation of the Membership Committee and approve or disapprove the application.
  - (e) The secretary shall notify within a reasonable time the membership of the Club of the Board's action on any application. If no member or applicant objects in writing to the Board's action within 30 days after such notice, the Board's action shall be final. An objection shall cause the membership application to be reconsidered by the Board.
  - (f) A regular member shall enjoy all rights of Club membership.
5. Associate Membership.
  - (a) An applicant need not be an owner of any sailboat, but must satisfy the Club Board of Directors that the applicant has a sincere interest in sailing.
  - (b) An applicant must complete and sign a written application provided by the Membership Committee, which application shall have the endorsement of two active members in good standing.
  - (c) The application shall be submitted to the Membership Committee which shall approve or disapprove the application and make its recommendation to the Board of Directors.
  - (d) The Board shall consider the recommendation of the Membership Committee and approve or disapprove the application.
  - (e) The secretary shall notify within a reasonable time the membership of the Club of the Board's action on any application. If no member or applicant objects in writing to the Board's action within 30 days after such notice, the Board's action shall be final. An objection shall cause the membership application to be reconsidered by the Board.
  - (f) An associate member shall enjoy all rights of Club membership except the rights to vote and to keep a boat at the Club.

6. Termination of Membership. A member may be suspended for a period or expelled from the Club for violation of the bylaws, regulations, or rules of the Club or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Suspension or expulsion shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. No suspension or expulsion shall be made unless notice of proposed action shall have been mailed by certified or registered mail to the member at the last recorded address on the records of the corporation at least ten days before final action is to be taken thereon. Such statements shall be accompanied by notice of the time and place where the Board is to take action. The member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense at such time.

7. Membership Card. Each member shall be issued a card or certificate showing the name of the Club, the name of the member, and the member's number.

8. Annual Meeting.

(a) The Club shall hold its annual meeting in Pulaski County, Arkansas on a date in October determined by the Board of Directors each year for election of Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer for the following year and any other matters that may be required to be submitted to a vote of the membership or that are considered advisable.

(b) A quorum of the membership shall be thirty-five percent (35%) of the membership, present in person or by proxy.

(c) Members may vote and attend meetings in person or by proxy. A proxy must be signed, in writing, and dated to be valid but is void if the member is physically present.

9. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members for any purpose may be called by the Board of Directors or at the request of not less than 10% of the members.

10. Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given to each member of record entitled to vote at such meeting. Notice shall be delivered no less than ten (10) and no more than fifty (50) days before the date of the annual meeting, and no less than thirty (30) and no more than seventy-five (75) days before a special meeting. If a proposal to incur debt of more than \$10,000; to dissolve, merge or liquidate; to sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the corporate assets; or to amend the articles of incorporation, is to be submitted at an annual meeting of the members, such annual meeting shall be deemed a special meeting for the purpose of notice. If mailed, notice of a meeting, special or annual, shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U.S. Mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the books of the Club, with postage thereon prepaid.

#### Article IV OFFICERS

1. General. The officers of the Club shall be a Commodore (who shall function as the President of the Club), a Vice-Commodore (who shall function as a Vice President), a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the membership at its annual meeting. Such other officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors. No two offices may be held by the same person. Officers shall be owners of a sailboat at the time of their election.

2. Term of Office. The officers of the Club shall be elected annually for a term of one year at the annual meeting of the membership. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until his death, resignation or removal.

3. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board whenever in its collective judgment, the best interest of the Club would be served thereby. Such removal may be effected by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. Commodore. The Commodore shall preside at all Board and membership meetings and enforce all bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Club. He shall appoint the members and prescribe the duties of all committees which he shall consider necessary for the proper management of the Club. The Commodore or Treasurer shall sign all checks or other obligations of the Club.

6. Vice-Commodore. The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties and preside at all Board and membership meetings in the absence of the Commodore.

7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all general meetings and Board meetings and a correct and current roll of the members of the Club. He shall notify the membership of such meetings. The Secretary shall be custodian of the corporate records.

8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all monies collected for the Club and pay all bills lawfully contracted by the Club, keeping a true and correct account of the same. He shall make a complete and comprehensive report annually, file all required federal, state or local tax returns and make other reports from time to time as required by the Commodore. He shall deposit funds of the Club in a financial institution insured by the FDIC or FSLIC to the credit and in the name of the Club.

The Treasurer may be bonded, at the expense of the Club, in an appropriate amount as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

#### Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Generally. The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Board of Directors (herein sometimes referred to as "Board").
  2. Directors. The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of the following persons in their official capacity:
    - (a) Commodore;
    - (b) Vice-Commodore;
    - (c) Secretary;
    - (d) Treasurer;
    - (e) Race Committee Chairman;
    - (f) Clubhouse Committee Chairman;
    - (g) Grounds Committee Chairman;
    - (h) Equipment Committee Chairman;
    - (i) Social Committee Chairman;
    - (j) Dock Committee Chairman;
    - (k) Membership Committee Chairman;
    - (l) Captain of each fleet, as recognized from time to time by the Board; and
    - (m) Immediate Past Commodore, ex-officio.
3. Qualification. Directors must be members of the Club in good standing. If a Committee is headed by two or more co-chairmen, only one may vote as a director. A person may not hold office or act in the capacity of more than one director.
4. Meetings. The Board shall meet on the first Monday of each month (except for holidays, in which case the Board shall meet on the next succeeding Monday that is not a holiday) at a time and place which may be set by the Board of Directors from time to time. The meetings shall be held within Pulaski County, Arkansas. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the request of the Commodore or twenty-five percent of the directors. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least three days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally to each director at his recorded address on the records of the Club. Any director may waive notice of such meeting. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of such notice except where a director attends a meeting for the expressed purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.
5. Quorum. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, but if less than such majority is present, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn from time to time without further notice.
6. Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. Directors may not vote by proxy.
7. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the position of a director who is not an officer of the corporation may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum of the Board. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.
8. Compensation. No Board member or officer of the corporation shall receive compensation for services. Reimbursement for expenses actually incurred and not otherwise reimbursed may be approved by the Board of Directors.
9. Action Without a Meeting. Any action that may be taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the directors.

#### Article VI FLEETS

1. Generally. The Board of Directors shall from time to time recognize various one-design and keelboat fleets for purposes of racing and representation on the Board of Directors. Recognition of any fleet as an active fleet shall be valid for these purposes.
2. Definitions. The term "centerboard boat" shall be deemed to include boats with one or more hulls which may or may not have centerboards, which are generally non-self-righting, and which have national class organizations. The term "keelboat" shall be deemed to describe boats with one hull which has a weighted keel, which is either fixed or retractable, and which are generally self-righting.
3. Active Fleets. An active fleet may be recognized upon the application to the Board of Directors of five persons each of whom owns a sailboat and wishes to form a fleet for purposes of racing together as a class. An active fleet can be comprised of similar sailboats who wish to race as a one-design fleet or dissimilar sailboats who wish to race with a system which

attempts to equate the sailboats by means of handicaps; however, no active fleet can have both centerboard boats and keelboats.

4. Fleet Criteria. Factors to be considered by the Board of Directors when considering whether to grant active fleet status shall include, but not be limited to, any effect on existing fleets, the presence of a fleet of similar boats, and the ability of the racing program to accommodate such fleet.
5. Fleet Representation. Any fleet designated as an active fleet by the Board of Directors shall be entitled to elect a fleet captain who shall represent the fleet as a member of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Sunfish and Optimist pram classes may be designated as fleets for purposes of racing but not for representation as a fleet on the Board of Directors.
6. Fleet Captains. Each fleet recognized by the Board as an active fleet shall designate no less often than annually a fleet captain to represent the fleet on the Board of Directors. The fleet captain may designate in writing an alternate from that fleet to serve on the Board of Directors in his or her absence. Representation as fleet captain may not be by proxy.

#### Article VII COMMITTEES

1. Committees. There shall be seven standing committees, namely:
  - (a) Race Committee, which shall have responsibility for conducting Club races;
  - (b) Clubhouse Committee, which shall have responsibility for care and maintenance of the clubhouse;
  - (c) Grounds Committee, which shall have responsibility for care and maintenance of the club grounds except for the clubhouse;
  - (d) Dock Committee, which shall have responsibility for coordinating the care and maintenance of keelboat slips by the keelboat slip owners and the care and maintenance of docks and launching facilities provided by the Club;
  - (e) Social Committee, which shall have responsibility for arranging and coordinating social activities ancillary to various Club events;
  - (f) Equipment Committee, which shall have responsibility for care and maintenance of boats and racing equipment; and
  - (g) Membership Committee, which shall have the responsibility for processing applications for membership.
2. Nominating Committee. The Commodore shall appoint not less than three members to serve as a nominating committee to recommend candidates for officers for the following year.
3. Appointments. The Commodore shall appoint the Chairman for each committee. Each committee may be composed of one or more members. Committee chairmen shall serve for a term of one year.

#### Article VIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended only upon the affirmative vote of at least thirty-five percent of the membership at a regular or special meeting called especially for that purpose.
2. Rules. The Board of Directors shall from time to time adopt rules for regulation of the activities and purposes of the Club.
3. Parliamentary Rules. Proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Club membership, and the various committees shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.