

**Tampa Sailing Squadron, Inc. (TSS) Membership Process Checklist**

We appreciate your interest in TSS and welcome your application for membership. It is our sincere desire that you understand the process and expectations during the application period. This Membership Process Checklist will help you and the Membership Chair ("MC") chart your course. The MC, the Membership Committee, your sponsors and TSS members wish you smooth sailing and are standing by to help you learn the ropes. When you have completed the membership process, please sign and return this form to the MC, who will present it to the TSS Board of Directors for consideration. With the Board's approval, you will be invoiced for your annual dues, or pro rata share, and the Board's conferral of your TSS membership is effective upon your dues payment.

1. Give your completed application, signed by your sponsors (2 TSS members in good standing), with a check for your initiation fee to the Membership Chairperson, preferably at the regular membership meeting (third Monday, 7:30 p.m.), but in any event, before the Board Meeting (first Monday, 7:30 p.m.). The Membership Chairman ("MC") will notify the Board of your pending membership application and notify you of its acceptance by the Board. After acceptance, your initiation fee is nonrefundable.

MC initials/Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. As an applicant, you must be present at two regular membership meetings, with one or both of your sponsors, who will introduce you to the membership. TSS tradition calls these introductions your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings.

MC initials/1<sup>st</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MC initials/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Applicants are required to participate in a casual interview with the membership committee. You can either (1) attend one of the Membership Committee's monthly coffee on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse or (2) schedule an interview with the Membership Committee. At the interview, we will answer your questions about the membership process, advise and assist you, tell you about TSS, and convey the expectations and goals TSS holds for its membership.

MC initials/Interview Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. You are invited and encouraged to become active and involved. Join in our races, cruises, youth programs, socials and work parties and lend a hand with the events and functions TSS members all enjoy. Our facilities, operations and programs are built and maintained by TSS members for TSS members. A proud TSS tradition calls this your "sweat equity" in the Club. No experience or boat ownership is required. Your skills and interests are appreciated, and of value to our "self help" Club, so we ask you to list them on the application form. Applicants are required to assist in a minimum of two different official TSS activities. The MC or an Officer, Director, Membership Committee member or activity leader will complete the section below, indicating your participation.

Activity 1 Description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MC or Auth. Signature/Activity 1 Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity 2 Description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MC or Auth. Signature/Activity 2 Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_