

# New Member Orientation

## 1) What TSS Has to Offer

- a. We are a sailing club, NOT a yacht club. We are a club that enjoys a common interest in all things sailing. We have a racing fleet, a cruising fleet, wet slips, dry slips, a railway, a magnificent BBQ area and a clubhouse for meetings and food events. TSS is a unique club, in that we are a “sweat equity” kind of sailing club. We try to accomplish most of the maintenance and improvements through our own labors. We own the land and all improvements.

## 2) Requirements of Membership

- a. As a candidate for membership, you are required to turn in an application, accompanied by the signatures of two sponsors from the club and a check (made out to the Tampa Sailing Squadron) in the amount of \$428.00. Then follow the requirements stated in the “TSS Membership Process Checklist”.

## 3) TSS Membership Checklist

- a. Included along with your application form is a TSS Membership Process Checklist (page 3). This list shows activities that you have participated in and that have been signed off by your sponsor or the leader of the activity. This completed sheet is a requirement prior to the Board’s approval of your membership. You should have this sheet in your possession. If you don’t please contact your sponsor, the Membership Chairperson or download it from the TSS website: ([www.sail-tss.org](http://www.sail-tss.org)).

## 4) Sign-In and Sign-up Sheets

- a. A sign-in sheet is sent around at the General Membership Meeting. As a guest or person who is in the membership process, we ask that you include your phone number, as well as your name(s). When you are at a work party, be sure to sign-in. The sign-in sheet is usually in the clubhouse at the head table during breakfast. Breakfast usually begins at 7:30am and the work begins at 8am. Please be sure to have the work party leader or your sponsor sign off on the TSS Membership Process Checklist so that particular part of your application is complete. We also have sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin boards for various upcoming functions. We encourage you to sign-up for events that are offered.

## 5) What are you entitled to attend?

- a. As a candidate for membership, you are invited to attend everything that is happening at the club. If you have a boat, you may join the races or cruises as an entrant, or you may crew for someone else that needs crew. Your help at the work parties are always needed and appreciated. There are many activities offered at TSS.

## 6) General Membership Meetings

- a. The General Membership meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. However, starting at 5:30pm and for a small donation, you’re encouraged to arrive early to enjoy hamburgers or hot dogs prior to the meeting.