

Associate Memberships are defined in the First Coast Sailing Association's Bylaws, Article 3, Section 1. This document is a guide to describe the advantages of becoming an Associate Member, including the procedure for application and renewals.

What is the Advantage of Becoming an Associate Member:

- 1 Being an Associate Member provides an individual or organization, who is not already a Member of FCSA, the ability to participate and support FCSA and its principles.
- 2 Being an Associate Member provides an individual the ability to serve on the Board of Directors, or a Committee, however, they shall have no voting rights per the Bylaws.
- 3 Associate Membership provides a person the ability to stay involved when their member status no longer applies either because they do not have a boat registered with FCSA with a PHRF Certificate, or they are in between boats and want to continue to serve on the Board of Directors or a Committee.
- 4 An individual cannot be a Member and an Associate Member at the same time.

How to Become an Associate Member:

- 1 Applications can be found on the FCSA sailjax.com website, first page, below the listing of Member Clubs.
- 2 Applications, with the required dues, shall be mailed to FCSA, 4446 Hendricks Ave., Suite #227, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Applications and fees can also be hand delivered to the Treasurer or Chief Rater. Checks are preferred.
- 3 An Associate Member does not need to be a member of one of the FCSA Member Clubs. (Currently there are 10 Member Clubs)
- 4 For organizations, one person shall be designated as the representative for attending meetings and receiving correspondence.

Who is Required to be an Associate Member:

- 1 Any individual who wishes to serve on the Board of Directors, or a Standing Committee, must be a Member or an Associate Member of FCSA.

Who is Not Required to be an Associate Member:

- 1 Any Individual who wishes to attend the FCSA Annual Meeting.
- 2 Any individual who is invited to attend a Board of Directors Meeting, a Special Meeting, or a Committee Meeting by one of the Board of Directors or a Committee Chairman.

- 3 Volunteers to any Committee; including Race Committees, Race Organizers, and those assisting with Advertising, Fund Raising, Event Food and Merchandise Preparation and Sales, Event workers, etc.
- 4 Club Representatives who serve on the Board of Directors, or as a member of a committee are exempt from having individual Associate Member status as long as their Member Club has paid their annual Club Dues. Currently \$ 150.00 per year. These individuals may apply for their own Associate Membership if they desire. Should a representative already be a Member, or Associate Member, that individual club does not get a credit for that person.

Renewal Process for Associate Members, including Organizations:

- 1 The Chief Rater, or such person designated by the Chief Rater, shall send out renewal requests in December to Associate Members and organizations for the following year.
- 2 Acceptance of membership will be shown by listing that individual or organization at the bottom of the PHRF Rating Summary Sheet. This sheet is updated frequently, but not on a regular basis. Inquiries regarding status can be sent to the email address at the top of that sheet. No formal acceptance notice will be given.
- 3 Per the Bylaws, individuals and organizations applying for the first time will be presented to the Association Officers of FCSA for approval. Year to year membership will not require approval as long as membership, including the payment of dues, is consecutive year to year.
- 4 If Associate Membership status has lapsed for one calendar year a new application will be required and the Association Officers will again go through the approval process.
- 5 If a Member wishes to go from Member Status to Associate Member Status in consecutive years, upon application and payment of the Associate Membership dues, that person will not have to be approved by the Officers of the Association.
- 6 The current dues for Associate Members, including organizations, is \$20.00 per calendar year. This is also the renewal fee. There are no initiation, partial year, or penalty fees for Associate Members or organizations.
- 7 The Officers of FCSA have the right to decline, or not approve any Associate Membership.
- 8 The Officers of FCSA may change this procedure, including the amount of dues at any time.