## **Club** Affiliations

## **Gulf Yachting Association**

ABYC is a member of the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA). GYA was organized to promote the sport of yacht racing on the Gulf Coast and nearby areas. Founded in 1901, the GYA has over thirty member organizations from Houston Texas to St. Petersburg, Florida. As a GYA member club, ABYC members enjoy reciprocity with other GYA member yacht clubs. For details, contact the Commodore, refer to the GYA source book on the club lobby bookshelf or go to the GYA web site at www.gya.org.

## **US Sailing**

US SAILING was originally organized as the North American Yacht Racing Union (NAYRU) on October 30, 1897. The organization's original purpose was to encourage and promote yacht racing and to unify the racing and rating rules in the United States and Canada and throughout the yachting world. Today, its authority comes from an act of Congress (the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1978) and a charter to serve America's sailors directly. In recent years, US SAILING has created and maintained the definitive national standards for sailing instruction and continues to develop highly successful training programs for young and adult sailors. The organization has embraced and supported the rapidly expanding public access programs known as Community Sailing, continues to create high-quality instructional and reference materials for race officials, and field successful Olympics and Pan American Games teams.

## Boat U.S.

ABYC is a Boat U.S. Cooperating Group member. As such, ABYC members receive a 50% discount on membership in Boat U.S. Our group number is GA81150Y. This number should be provided when applying for Boat U.S. membership.