

TGCC Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships in the Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Clubs (TGCC) is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals from Texas and surrounding States.

TGCC's Purpose and Objectives:

- a) To promote education in the dive community.
- b) To support higher education for members of the dive community.
- c) To provide recognition for outstanding contributors to the dive community.
- d) To foster environmental awareness in the dive community.
- e) To provide and participate in an annual trash clean-up event that utilizes diving skills.
- f) To provide or participate in various events that utilize diving skills.
- g) To promote safe skin and Scuba diving.
- h) To encourage, coordinate and promote cooperation and water safety among all divers, member and non-member clubs.
- i) To encourage and facilitate communication among its various member clubs.
- j) To enable the individual dive clubs to participate jointly in the dive and local communities.
- k) To defend and advance the legal rights and privileges of all divers through appropriate State and Federal legislation.
- l) To keep its clubs abreast with respect to Federal, State and Local proposed or enacted rules, regulations and actions that affect them and their members.

TGCC's web-site is available to individual members and clubs to inform members of dive trips and activities, as well as of news of interest from around the world. Any individual member or club can submit reports for publication and events for the calendar. TGCC members, members of TGCC Member clubs, their children and grandchildren can also participate in the **TGCC College Scholarship Program** which is conducted annually. Awards are based upon merit, the value and number of awards are based upon the Council's budget.

To join as an individual (must be a certified scuba diver) - fill out the application below:

[] \$10 (member of _____)
Name of TGCC Member Club

[] \$15 (not a member of a TGCC club)

Certifying Agency: _____ C-Card Number: _____

To apply for Club Memberships - fill out the application below: (See Descriptions Below)

[] \$35 Full (Voting)

[] \$25 Affiliate Club

[] \$15 Associate Club

Make Checks Payable To: **TGCC, P.O. Box 2314, Bellaire, TX 77402-2314**

Name: _____ Phone (Home): _____

Address: _____ Phone (Work) _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Website Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Membership Requirements – Club membership requires approval of the Council. Applying club(s) must submit a copy of their Club's Constitution & By-Laws, a statement that the club is a non-profit organization, that it promotes safe diving practices and holds general member meetings with their club members a minimum of four (4) times a year. Those applying as a "Full Member" club must also annually delegate a Club Representative to attend meetings and vote on that club's behalf; and update a club information form.

Definitions of club membership categories:

- (1) Full member is a voting member and is required to have a properly delegated "representative" attend all Council meetings.
- (2) Affiliate members are non-voting members, normally because they have determined that they cannot regularly attend the TGCC meetings.
- (3) Associate members are non-voting members that are primarily youth or special interest organizations.