

What are the benefits of joining the AMYA?

There are many, whether you plan to race locally, Regionally, Nationally, or use the boat at all. You get all these advantages of the AMYA for annual dues of a little more than \$4 a month:

Regattas and racing: The AMYA makes RC sailboat racing possible. Can a Club race, fairly and in any sort of organized fashion- with NO rules?? No rules/ no racing, at ANY level.

Regatta Support: Clubs receive funding (stipends of \$200- 300) from the AMYA for hosting Championship regattas.

AMYA Website: (www.theamya.org) this site promotes the sport and hobby of model sailing to the public as well as to our Members.

Club and Class support: the AMYA website offers a free page for each sanctioned club, that (for most) eliminates the need for a separate website. Class support: each sanctioned Class also has a separate page available where the Class can dispense information, links, and documents of interest to its owners and others. Class Secretaries: responsible for promoting the Class. Class Rules, Registrations, referrals, and other things are done for the Members by their respective (volunteer) Class Secretaries. Many Class Secretaries provide tuning information and other things to help you enjoy your boat more. **The Class, through marketing the boat, holds up resale values.**

Member Support and Information: RC sailing can seem like a very difficult “learning process” to the beginner. What about “radios”? Batteries? Tuning a boat for best performance? Building a boat in the first place? Where do you buy all the equipment to make your sailing more enjoyable? The AMYA - through its Class Secretaries, magazine and website- has information to help make your sailing more fun.

AMYA and local model sailing Club Membership Dues Covered by many Health Care programs!! The American Model Yachting Association has teamed up with Grouper, a *Medicare Advantage* and *Supplement* plan benefit to cover your membership dues! Grouper’s mission is to encourage healthy living through activities that build meaningful social connections and shared experiences. They partner with US-based health plans to pay your dues for having fun with friends. Members with an eligible health plan can enjoy all the benefits of AMYA membership **without the cost of dues.**

Model Yachting magazine- 4 times a year. In print and online. This is the best RC sailing publication in the World. The online version has hyperlinks that allow you to connect with advertisers, and AMYA Officers and staff. **New Member Package: new Members of AMYA** receive a New Member Package that includes the "Getting Started" *Model Yachting* print issue aimed at new sailors plus one or two back issues.

AMYA Insurance program: many Club sailing venues’ owners are concerned about legal liability for accidents that might happen on their property. In some cases, that concern means that a Club cannot use the facility without liability insurance. The AMYA “*Pond Owner’s Insurance*” would pay the first \$1 million on behalf of the pond owner, partially protecting Members of that Club from liability claims. As an AMYA Member, individually, you pay ZERO for this insurance if your Club buys “Pond Insurance”.

The Ship’s Store: sells many things related to the AMYA and RC sailing- from US Sailing Rule books, model yacht plans, wearing apparel, to **Model Yachting** back issues- all available for purchase through the AMYA *Ship’s Store* online through the AMYA website.

Behind the Scenes Every AMYA Member has representation on the AMYA's Board of Directors made up of our 7-Regional Directors and the four National Officers.

Truth is- you need to “support the sport”. You need to belong to the AMYA.

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