



## Membership Information

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) plays a critical role in the economy of the entire Gulf coast and United States. The mission of the 117-year-old **Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA)** is to facilitate commerce through ensuring safe, reliable, and efficient Gulf Coast waterways.

### Our Vision: GICA, the Voice of the GIWW and its users.

It takes all beneficiaries of the waterway working together to ensure the continued safety, viability and efficiency of this critical navigation asset.

### Your membership dues will:

- Support GICA's leadership and oversight of the Joint Hurricane Team with the USACE, USCG and NOAA. The value of GICA's leadership and oversight of the Joint Hurricane Team was never more evident than during last year's response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane IDA and the subsequent sixty-four (64) day shut down of the GIWW. GICA provided timely updates regarding port and waterway closure status, monitored storm impacts, and coordinated industry self-help efforts including channel surveys in support of the U.S. Coast Guard's waterway reopening decision making process. GICA was the GIWW's single voice to coordinate with federal and state partners to restore waterborne commerce as quickly as possible. Our success during Hurricane IDA is a clear indication of the significant return on investment GICA members receive for their annual membership dues.
- Protect and advocate for GIWW interests on several ongoing waterway projects / studies including dredging, mooring issues and repairs affecting critical locks and floodgates on the waterway. GICA leadership and advocacy was key to facilitate our industry's input to support the Preliminary Engineering Design (PED) phase of the Brazos River Flood gate replacement. This level of boots on deck advocacy will ensure the design and function of this multi-million dollar critical infrastructure takes into consideration the concerns and recommendations of the wheelman who will use the structure for the next several decades.
- Support industry advocacy efforts to move the IHNC Lock Replacement Project forward to approval, funding, and eventual execution. A modern, reliable, and resilient lock is vital to GIWW users. The USACE has made it clear that strong industry support and advocacy of the project is a critical success factor to facilitate lock replacement.
- Assure GICA maintains key state and local relationships, as well as contacts with Congress while seeking to further waterways funding and regulatory issues on Capitol Hill.
- Fund Annual GICA Seminars, which always offer outstanding networking and information exchange opportunities among members, stakeholders, and government partners. This year, our 116th Seminar was a resounding success with over 200 participants. ***Our 117th Seminar will be held at the Westin Canal Place in New Orleans on August 3-5, 2022. Mark your calendar!***

Please don't hesitate to call me if you should have questions about membership or the benefits our 160+ members currently enjoy. I will be happy to visit with you at any time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## Application and Membership Information Form

In order to serve you better, new GICA members are requested to complete this form and return it, with your initial dues payment to:

**Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association**  
**PO Box 2698**  
**Covington, LA 70434**

Firm/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Title	City	State Zip

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to join GICA at an Annual Dues Level of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check payable to *Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association* - or provide credit card info:

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ security code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Billing address Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### **Suggested Membership Levels**

Individuals	\$ 300 Minimum
Associations, Navigation Districts, Port Authorities	\$ 600 Minimum
Small companies with annual revenues less than \$ One Million	\$ 1,000 Minimum
Companies with annual revenues between \$1 Million and \$5 Million	\$ 1,500 Minimum
Companies with annual revenues between \$5 Million and \$25 Million	\$ 2,000 Minimum
Companies with annual revenues in excess of \$25 Million	\$ 2,500 Minimum

Notes: Annual revenue refers to the portion that can be attributed directly to operations associated with the Gulf Intracoastal Canal and attributed to marine equipment employed upon it.

Dues payments to GICA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. GICA estimates that the nondeductible portion of your yearly dues - the portion that is allocable to lobbying - is 5%.