

Gulf Harbor Yacht Club Cruise Deposit Procedure

Most Gulf Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC) cruises require a deposit for participation. The deposit serves two purposes. The first is as an indication that the person signing up for the cruise is serious about participation. The second is to provide funds for the cruise leader to make advance or group purchases or reservations, to handle centralized tipping, etc.

Each cruise leader will determine the size of the deposit required for the cruise they are planning. For short, simple cruises, the deposit may be as low as \$25 or \$50. For longer cruises, with many activities, the deposit may be in the \$100 to \$300+ range. Deposit checks should be made out by cruise participants to the cruise leader personally. The cruise leader will serve as the banker for all centralized expenses. Of course most expenses will be personal - dockage, most meals, drinks, etc.

A person making a reservation for a cruise should consider their entire deposit as money spent. If they have to cancel, and a replacement can be found, then they may receive a refund. Likewise, if only a portion of the deposit is spent, they may receive a partial refund.

After the conclusion of every cruise, the cruise leader will do an accounting of all central expenses compared to deposits collected, and refund excess funds collected, or if necessary, request each participant to pay their portion of expenses exceeding collections.

Reservations for cruises are on first come first served basis. No reservations or deposits will be accepted until after all members have been notified through the Marker 73 and email. The cruise leader will set an OPENING DATE to begin receiving reservations. Each cruise leader shall determine the number of boats possible for a given cruise. If that number is exceeded then the cruise leader shall maintain a waiting list for the cruise, and try to accommodate those on the waiting list if there are cancellations, or if for some reason it is possible to increase the number of participants.