

Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 ▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01, **2009, and ending** 12/31, **20** 09

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Mobile, AL 36609

D Employer identification number
20-8047382
E Telephone number
251-660-1625
F Group Exemption Number ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.gsship.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check ▶ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Check ▶ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **52,286**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)			
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	22,876
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	29,410
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	0	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	52,286	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	0
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	0
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 2</u>)	16	28,157
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	28,157	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	24,129
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	18,135
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) <u>See Statement 3</u>	20	1,304
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	43,568

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments		17,205	37,088
23 Land and buildings		0	0
24 Other assets (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 4</u>)		930	6,480
25 Total assets		18,135	43,568
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)		0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)		18,135	43,568

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a <u>0</u>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>AL</u>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>Byron Dunn</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>251-660-1625</u> Located at ▶ <u>1110 Montlimar Dr Ste 200, Mobile, AL 36609</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>36609</u>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | | Yes | No |
|--|------------|-----|----|
| 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | 46 | | |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | | |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | | |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | | |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | | |
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶ _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

▶ _____ Date _____
 Signature of officer

▶ **Byron Dunn, President / Chairman**
 Type or print name and title

Preparer's signature ▶ _____	Date _____	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ _____	EIN ▶ _____	Phone no. ▶ _____	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

Statement 1 : General Explanations

Statement 2 : Other Expenses Schedule

Statement 3 : Other Changes In Net Assets Schedule

Statement 4 : Other Assets

Statement 5 : Program Service Accomplishments

Statement 6 : Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Compensation

General Explanations

Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20	Adjustment necessary because GSSC opened a PayPal account to accept web based and credit card payments for meeting registrations late in 2008. However, the account was not set up in the bookkeeping system until Feb 2009. At that time there was a balance of \$1,304.17 that was shown as the beginning balance in the bookkeeping system. Therefore, 12/31/2008 ending equity shown on balance sheet did not include those funds.

Statement 2

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Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Amount
Master Trainer Training Expenses	\$2,345
Memberships in Chambers of Commerce, Career Fair booths, etc	\$1,300
Quarterly, annual and curriculum dev meeting exp	\$22,647
Web site design, hosting & maintenance	\$630
Travel Exp	\$1,195
PayPal Fees	\$40
Total:	\$28,157

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Other Changes In Net Assets Schedule

Description	Amount
Unaccounted 08 Funds in PayPal Acct	\$1,304
Total:	\$1,304

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Other Assets

Description	BOY Amount	EOY Amount
AR	\$930	\$6,480
Total:	\$930	\$6,480

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Program Service Accomplishments

Achievement	Grants And Allocations	includes Foreign Grants	Program Service Expenses
Held annual meeting and quarterly meetings to update members on state of the industry, provide professional development opportunities and the updates on the organization. Meetings included breakout sessions led by industry experts in the areas of Health and Safety, production, welding, standardized training, reciprocal safety training, workforce development and nationally recognized credentials. 215 individuals attended these meetings.	\$0		\$20,402
Began the development of regionally recognized, standardized modular shipfitter curriculum and credentials to be used to train new and incumbent shipbuilding and repair workers. GSSC held two face to face meetings of approximately 18 shipfitter subject matter experts and supervisors from member shipyards to define required knowledge, skills, abilities and tasks of successful shipfitters. Facilitated many other conference calls and web based meetings to begin development of the curriculum, including students guides, instructor guides, performance based assessments and power point teaching aids. This activity supports our long range goal of establishing a steady stream of trained workers for the industry. The curriculum will be validated through GSSC sponsored boot camps in 2010.	\$0		\$2,245
GSSC began discussions with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) on a partnership to investigate the possibility of modifying existing NCCER curriculum and certifications for use in the shipbuilding industry. This included GSSC applying as a NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor and having the president attend Master Trainer class as part of the accreditation process. Held meetings and independent reviews with approximately 15 industry subject matter experts in welding, electrical and pipe fitting trades to evaluate the NCCER materials and begin to identify gaps. The long term goal is to have nationally recognized training curriculum and certifications for the shipbuilding trades.	\$0		\$4,550
Total:			\$27,197

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Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Compensation

Name and address	Title and Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expense
Byron Dunn 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	President and Chairman 15.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
David Cobb 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Vice President and Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Corine Dupuy 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Secretary and Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mike Leleux 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Treasurer and Director 3.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jerold Shepherd 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tracy Binion 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ray Barker 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 1.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sandra Koblas 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	
Jay Tice 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 2.00	\$0	\$0	
Ronald Pierce 1110 Montlimar Drive Ste 200 Mobile, AL 36609	Director 3.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:		\$0	\$0	\$0