

2008

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Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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 \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 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.

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2008, and ending, 20

B Check if applicable:

- Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending

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

C Name of organization: Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium. Address: 1110 Montimar Dr, Mobile, AL 36609-1751

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: Accrual

I Website: www.gssship.org

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

J Organization type: 501(c)(6)

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.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. Total: \$38,758

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Table with 9 columns: Line number, Description, Sub-line (a, b, c), and Total. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21).

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Balance. Columns (A) Beginning of year and (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, Land, Other assets, Total assets, Total liabilities, and Net assets.



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

		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 but not reported to the IRS? 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 your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
35b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction 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. ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
37b	b Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> 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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
40c	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
40d	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	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>Alabama</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Byron Dunn</u> Telephone no. ▶ ( <u>251</u> ) <u>660-1625</u> Located at ▶ <u>1110 Montlimar Dr - STE 200, Mobile, Aabama</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>36609-1751</u>		
42b	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 <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</b>		✓
42c	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 <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ <b>43</b> _____		
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 only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- |     | Yes | No                                  |
|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 46  |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 47  |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 48  |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 49a |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 49b |     |                                     |
- 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 . . . . .
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? . . . . .
- 50 Complete this table for the 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				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

51 Complete this table for the 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		
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** ▶ *Byron Dunn* Signature of officer Date 7-14-2009

▶ **Byron Dunn - President** Type or print name and title.

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

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

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Form 990-EZ, Part 1, Line 16  
**Other Expense Statement**

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Other Expenses (Describe)

Memberships in Chambers of Commerce	\$875.00
Booth Expense at Job Fairs	715.00
Annual and Quarterly Meeting Expenses	<u>28,522.00</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>30,112.00</b>

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Form 990-EZ, Part V, Line 33

**Change in Activities (Activity not previously reported)**

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**Activity not previously reported**

The Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium (GSSC), incorporated on December 7, 2006, held its first meeting on December 14, 2006.

GSSC began working toward its mission by developing a strategic plan, beginning work on standardized skill sets, promoting the industry, developing a middle and high school career awareness program, interviewing PR firms and recruiting additional members. GSSC partnered with Old Dominion to deliver a workshop designed to expose middle and high school teachers and counselors to career opportunities in the shipbuilding industry. The event, held in September of 2007 had over 50 teachers and counselors in attendance. At that event, representatives from Atlantic Marine, Bollinger Shipyards, Northrop Grumman, and Trinity Yachts shared their career experiences. Teachers also received shipyard simulations that they could take back and share with their classes.

In February 2007, GSSC received the first donation in the form of membership dues from two member organizations and opened a bank account. From February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, GSSC collected a total of \$9,400 in total revenue. Therefore, under the "\$25,000 Gross Receipts Test" on Page 4 of the 2007 Instructions for Form 990 and Form 990-EZ, GSSC was not required to file a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ for tax year 2007 and the above mentioned activities were not reported.