



# Des Moines Yacht Club



## Prospective Member Packet

- Monthly Cruises to many Puget Sound Locations
- Dances
- Family Activities
- First Mates-Women's Group
- Swabbees- Children's Group
- Seasonal Events & Activities
- Ramp & Docking Facilities
- Wet & Dry Moorage Facilities

## Club House



## Ramp & Docking Facilities



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Thank you for your inquiry about membership in the Des Moines Yacht Club. Enclosed please find information about the club and the necessary application forms. Also visit our web site [www.desmoinesyachtclub.com](http://www.desmoinesyachtclub.com). I would be pleased to discuss any points of particular interest with you, and to meet with you to tour the club facilities.

New applications are reviewed at our board meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month. Prospective members must have a boat capable of cruising Puget Sound.

Before the Board can consider your application, you will need to attend three activities; one of these must be a club-sponsored overnight cruise on your boat. The other activities may be additional cruises, social functions or work parties. Membership or fleet will provide a yellow ribbon which you should tie to your burgee staff or radio mast during a cruise to identify yourselves as prospective members. If you would like to use the club-launching ramp for a club cruise, please contact membership or our fleet captain so we can make the necessary arrangements. When you attend a social event at the club, please introduce yourself to me or the person at the door and they will direct you to me or to another officer. If our membership is full, you may add your name to a waiting list; the fee is \$100.00, that amount will count toward the joining fee when membership is available again.

You may offer your application at any time but it must be received by the time you have attended the three functions along with the fees. Please note the functions attended on the application. Our membership fee is **\$500.00**, burgee cost is \$30.00 and the 2017 monthly dues are **\$45.27**.

Please make your check payable to the Des Moines Yacht Club for the following amounts:

	<u>Full Payment</u>
Membership Fee Payment	<b>\$500.00</b>
Monthly Dues Payment	<b>\$ 45.27</b>
Burgee	<b><u>\$ 30.00</u></b>
Check Amount	<b>\$575.27</b>

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Des Moines Yacht Club.

Best Regards,

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## Des Moines Yacht Club History

**Charles E. (Mac) McCurdy** and his wife **Toni** founded the **Des Moines Yacht Club** in **1957** as the **Vagabond Outboard Boating Club**, with eight charter members. Waterfront property, approximately 50' X 350' was purchased late that year providing the membership with a clubhouse, caretaker's cottage and existing buildings. The efforts of the membership the next several years brought about many improvements including a launching ramp with a dredged channel, parking facilities and a remodeled clubhouse. The membership, recognizing the material gains and broadened interest in the boating fraternity, changed the name to the **Vagabond Yacht Club** in **1963**. In 1970, the Des Moines Marina was constructed encompassing the club waterfront within its breakwater. Wishing to be defined geographically and oriented with the marina, the membership once again elected to change the club name to, "**The Des Moines Yacht Club**".

With the construction of the marina, the members fell heir to 350' of fill, approximately doubling our property and, in turn, increasing the value of the investment. The clubhouse was doubled in size in 1975 to accommodate the rapidly expanding membership, which had grown to over 200 members. In 1977, more pilings were installed in the marina area, allowing the club to substantially increase the club dock area. At that time, improvements were also made to the dock power, water and lighting systems. In the spring on 1978, it once again was becoming apparent that due to increases in membership, we were outgrowing our clubhouse facility. A building committee was formed for the purpose of determining whether we should remodel and expand our present facility or build a complete new clubhouse. In July of 1979, approval was given for construction of a completely new clubhouse. Also, the club membership was limited to 300 active members. The beautiful new facility was completed and dedicated in the spring of 1980.

Members of the Des Moines Yacht Club are privileged to fly its burgee, connoting many years of courteous conduct and safe boating habits. They benefit from the well-earned reputation, recognized by the boating community, both on and off the water. In addition to the fraternal benefits of the clubhouse and grounds for members and their friends, it boasts a launching ramp, docks, limited dry storage and moorage. Members can enjoy facilities at other yacht clubs on Puget Sound, Lake Washington, Lake Union and British Columbia.

There are approximately nine club sponsored dances and twelve cruises a year. Cruise activities are family-oriented, including children's games, dingy races, sailing, pot lucks, softball, horseshoes, etc. As part of the annual activities, there is a Special Peoples Cruise, children's Christmas party and lighted Boat Parade. The highlight of the land-oriented activities is the Commodore's Ball held each year honoring the newly elected Commodore and First Mate.

The Des Moines Yacht Club participates in the Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day the club organizes and sponsors the South Sound Opening Day and annual Swap Meet. The Des Moines Yacht Club is a member of the Northwest Boating Council and Interclub Association, both of which are concerned with legislation of interest to boaters. They are members of the National Outboard Boating Council, as well as the International Power Boat Association and affiliated with the Pacific International Yachting Association.

The ladies are encouraged to join the First Mates Organization if their interests are more than water oriented. They sponsor annual events benefiting the community and the club. The First Mates also has an active organization called, "The Swabbies", for member's children up to age 18. Events are organized and run by the children themselves with adult supervision. These events include a sports day, dingy races, a fishing derby and game nights.

## QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY NEW MEMBERS

Note: Many of the answers to these questions are directly related to club By-Laws and Rules/Regulations and as such are subject to change at the direction of the membership.

**1. Age of Members:** Members vary in age from early 20's to retirement years.

**2. Families with Children:** Many members have children and grandchildren that attend club functions. Several club activities are set up for the kids each year. Each cruise (except some mid-winter) has at least one activity planned for kids.

**3. Dry Moorage:** See the Vice Commodore for details and to get on the waiting list. You will be required to sign a "hold harmless" agreement with the club.

**4. Moorage:** At times (particularly winter months) the club may sublease some of its dock space to its club members. See the Vice Commodore for details.

**5. Dock Use:** The dock's primary use is for launch and retrieval; this takes precedence over any other use. As a courtesy to others, members are asked to move off the dock as soon as practical during launch and retrieval. A secondary dock use is for temporary boat moorage of up to 48 hours in any seven day period, however, during certain busy times of the year, there may be no or very limited space available because of heavy in and out traffic. There is no charge for the temporary tie-up. There is a moorage fee of \$1.00+ ft/day after 48 hrs which may be waved in an emergency.

**6. Use of the ramp:** Each member can use the ramp as often as desired (except commercial usage). There is no charge for its usage. The member can temporarily leave their car and trailer in the fenced lot while out on the water.

**7. Dues:** Dues are payable monthly in advance.

**8. Car Stickers:** Members cars must display a sticker while on club property.

**9. Club Burgee:** The club burgee must be flown at all times your boat is on club property or dock and must be identifiable to the dockmaster. This includes tenders. The "V" stands for Vagabond, the original name.

**10. Cruises:** Club members do not normally travel as a group, but select a destination and meet there, (mostly because of boat speed

differences). Many members do travel in groups of two's and three's for comfort and fun. New members can easily find someone to cruise with if they are uncertain of the trip.

Cruises are very informal. Dress is boating attire. Many times some sort of potluck affair is planned, so pack accordingly. If you arrive and find the dock is full, usually members will gladly allow you to raft. Please ask.

There is normally no charge for cruises but there may be a moorage fee. Average cruise length is about 25 miles for a two or three day weekend. The club cruises summer and winter with at least one cruise per month.

**11. Dances:** Dances vary from the formal Commodores Ball, casual family parties. Read the Vagabonder for information. Cost for dances vary and usually include mixer, music, snacks, ice and often a dinner or breakfast.

**12. Meetings:** A general membership meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited including swabbees, guests, and potential members. A board meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. In this meeting the offices conduct club business.

**13. First Mates:** All First Mates are invited to this organization. First Mates meet in the upstairs lounge on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm.

**14. Vagabonder:** This is the club newsletter published once a month. It gives the news and events that are happening and anyone can submit an article.

**15. Committees:** The best way to meet and get to know other members is through work on committees. These include entertainment, cruise, facilities, etc. See one of the officers for more information. You get out of the club what you put in.

**16. Reciprocity:** DMYC has reciprocity with a number of clubs in Puget Sound, B.C., California, Hawaii, and Alaska. You may get free moorage at their facility when visiting. You must show your valid membership card.

### **17. Officers Duties:**

Commodore	Presiding Officer
Vice Commodore	Facilities, ramp, dock, storage, moorage
Rear Commodore	Entertainment
Fleet Captain	Cruises
Membership	New Members, Yearbook
Treasurer	Books, Records, Taxes
Secretary	Meeting minutes, Communications
First Mates President	Preside over all First Mates activities
Trustees	Boards of Directors

Bookkeeper  
Stewards

Pay Bills, Takes Payments  
Resides on Property, Handles Rentals

**18. Activities:** You must attend a minimum of three club events before joining so that we can get to know you and get you active in club functions. The club is especially interested in members who want more than to use the ramp and dock.

**19. Voting:** Each membership has 2 votes whether held by an individual or couple.

**20. Temporary Ramp Permit:** A permit is available from the membership chairperson for use by potential members desiring to use club facilities when attending a club cruise.

**21. Initial Cruise:** When participating in a club cruise prior to joining, you can identify DMYC members by our yellow and black burgee. Please tie a yellow ribbon to your antenna or bow rail so we can identify you.

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## RECIPROCITY YACHT CLUBS

Anacortes Yacht Club	Cap Sante Marina
Bellingham Yacht Club	Bellingham
Bremerton Yacht Club	Bremerton
Brownsville Yacht Club	Burke Bay
Burrard Yacht Club	North Vancouver, BC
Capital City Yacht Club	Sidney, BC
Columbia River Yacht Club	Portland
Dagmars Yacht Club	Everett
Day island Yacht Club	Tacoma
Duwamish Yacht Club	Duwamish River
Edmonds Yacht Club	Edmonds
Everett Yacht Club	Everett
False Creek Yacht Club	Vancouver, BC
Fidalgo Yacht Club	Vancouver, BC
Fircrest Yacht Club	Tacoma
Flounder Bay Yacht Club	Anacortes (Skyline Marina)
Fox Island Yacht Club	Fox Island
Gig Harbor Yacht Club	Gig Harbor
Hayden Island Yacht Club	Portland
International Yacht Club	Dayton Harbor, Blaine
Kingston Cove Yacht Club	Kingston
Maple Bay Yacht Club	Maple Bay, BC
Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club	Bellevue
Nanaimo Yacht Club	Nanaimo, BC

Oak Harbor Yacht Club  
Olympia Yacht Club  
Orcas Island Yacht Club  
Oro Bay Yacht Club  
Pleasant Harbor Yacht Club  
Port Angeles Yacht Club  
Port Ludlow Yacht Club  
Port Orchard Yacht Club  
Port Townsend Yacht Club  
Portland Yacht Club  
Poulsbo Yacht Club  
Puget Sound Yacht Club  
Quartermaster Yacht Club  
Queen City Yacht Club  
Rainier Yacht Club  
Richmond Yacht Club  
Roche Harbor Yacht Club  
Rose City Yacht Club  
San Juan Island Yacht Club  
Semiahmoo Yacht Club  
Schooner Cove Yacht Club  
Sequim Bay Yacht Club  
Shelton Yacht Club  
Sidney and North Saanich Yacht Club  
Sinclair Inlet Yacht Club  
Swinomish Yacht Club  
Tacoma Yacht Club  
Tomahawk Bay Yacht Club  
Totem Yacht Club  
Tyee Yacht Club  
West Seattle Yacht Club

Oak Harbor  
Olympia  
West Sound Marina  
Anderson Island  
Brinnon  
Port Angeles  
Port Ludlow  
Port Orchard  
Port Townsend  
Portland  
Poulsbo  
Lake Union  
Burton  
Lake Union  
Seward Park, Lake Washington  
Richmond, BC  
Harbor Island Marina  
Portland  
Friday Harbor  
Blaine  
Nanoose Bay, BC  
Sequim  
Shelton  
Sidney, BC  
Port Orchard  
La Conner  
Tacoma  
Portland, OR  
Tacoma  
Lake Union  
Brownsville Marina

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I/We hereby apply for membership in the Des Moines Yacht Club of Des Moines, Washington. I/We agree to abide by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Club. I/We further agree to participate in cruises and other activities of the Club, and will through attendance at meetings and prompt payment of dues become a good, dependable member. I realize the more I/we give of myself/ourselves; the more I/we will receive from this affiliation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name / Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name / Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: First Name and Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Boat 1 Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ WN# \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Power (gas/diesel, single/twin) \_\_\_\_\_ Cruise Speed \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal References: \_\_\_\_\_

Functions Attended: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date for Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat 2 Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ WN# \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ type/Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Power (gas/diesel,  
single/twin) \_\_\_\_\_ Cruise Speed \_\_\_\_\_

**Cruising Information:**

Type of cruising desired: (one day, overnight) \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you like to cruise? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need to trailer to cruise area? \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Activities Desired:**

Bingo \_\_\_\_\_ Potluck \_\_\_\_\_ Dance Parties \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Parties \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of boating experience? \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a boat owner? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you enjoy most about boating? \_\_\_\_\_

Other water sports you enjoy (skiing, scuba diving, fishing, swimming, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Other sports, which you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Special talents (musical instruments, singing, writing, other) \_\_\_\_\_

What Organizations do you or have you belonged to? \_\_\_\_\_

What positions have you held in them? \_\_\_\_\_

What committees do or have you served on? \_\_\_\_\_

What other type of volunteer work have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why you want to join the Des Moines Yacht Club in an attached cover letter.