



# Des Moines Yacht Club



## Prospective Member Packet 2023

- Monthly Cruises to many Puget Sound locations
- Dances & Socials
- Family Activities
- First Mates – Women’s Group
- Swabbees – Children’s Group
- Seasonal Events & Activities
- Ramp & Docking Facilities
- Dry Moorage Facilities

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**Renee Perry**

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**Thank you for your interest and inquiry about membership of the Des Moines Yacht Club!**

In the following pages you will find information about the club, membership requirements, and the necessary membership application forms. I would be pleased to discuss any points of particular interest with you, answer any questions, and arrange to meet with you to tour the club facilities. Please note that it can take a couple of months to complete the membership process, depending on the club's scheduled events and your availability.

New membership 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 with sleeping quarters, galley, and head.

Before the Board considers your application, you will need to attend and participate in three club activities; one of which must be a club sponsored overnight cruise on your boat. The other activities may be additional cruises, social functions (including monthly General Membership Meetings), or work parties. When you attend a social event at the club, please introduce yourself to the person at the door and they will direct you to the Membership Chair or to another officer.

For your cruise, the Membership Chair or Fleet Captain will provide you with a yellow ribbon that you will need to tie to your burgee staff or radio mast during the cruise to identify yourselves as a prospective member(s). If you would like to use the club launching ramp for your first cruise, please contact Membership or our Fleet Captain so we can make the necessary arrangements. 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 \$500 joining fee when membership is available again.

Our membership application fee is \$500.00, burgee cost is \$30.00 and the 2023 monthly dues are \$59.98. Please make your check payable to the Des Moines Yacht Club for the following amount:

	<u>Full Payment</u>
Membership application fee	\$500.00
Monthly Dues Payment	\$ 59.98
Burgee	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Check Amount	<b>\$589.98</b>

**Prior to attending any of the club activities, please send in your completed application along with fees (outlined below), proof of ownership and proof of insurance.**

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

Best Regards,

Renee Perry – Membership Chair  
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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, caretaker's cottage, and existing buildings. The efforts of the membership over the next several years brought about many improvements including a launch 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's 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 of 1978, it once again was becoming apparent 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 new clubhouse. In July of 1979, approval was given for construction of a completely new clubhouse and 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 launch ramp, docks, limited dry storage and moorage. Through reciprocity, DMYC members can enjoy facilities at other yacht clubs on Puget Sound, Lake Washington, Lake Union, and British Columbia.

The club hosts a variety of events and parties throughout the year, along with 10 club sponsored cruises. Cruise activities are family oriented. As part of our annual activities, we host a Children's Christmas Party, and a lighted Boat Parade. The highlight of the land-oriented activities is the Commodore's Ball held each year honoring our newly elected Commodore and First Mate.

The Des Moines Yacht Club participates in the Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day, and our club organizes and sponsors the South Sound Opening Day, and our annual Marine Swap Meet. The Des Moines Yacht Club is a member of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW), the National Boating Federation and Yachting Destinations.

The ladies are invited to join the First Mates organization if their interests are more than water oriented. The First Mate's sponsor annual events that benefit the community and the club. They give out 3 scholarships every year to seniors at Rainier High School in Des Moines. These scholarships (and others from the community) are awarded at the Des Moines Yacht Club hosted annual Dollars for Scholars event. There is also a children's group called Swabbees.

## QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY NEW MEMBERS

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. 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 in 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 per week, 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. Time beyond 48 hours may be granted in an emergency.
6. **Use of the ramp:** Each member may use the ramp as often as desired (except commercial usage). There is no charge for its usage. A member may 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 when the boat is on club property or on the water. 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 twos and threes 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. The 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 Commodore's Ball to a couple of semi-formal dances, to casual dances. Cost for dances vary and usually include mixer, music, snacks, and ice. Dinner is sometimes served as well and included in the fee.
12. **Meetings:** A general membership meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited including swabbees (children), guests, and prospective members. A board meeting is held on the first Tuesday\* of each month at 7:00pm. In this meeting the officers conduct club business.
13. **First Mates:** All First Mates are invited to this organization. The First Mates meet in the upstairs lounge on the fourth Tuesday\*\* of each month at 6:30pm.
14. **Vagabonder:** The club newsletter is published once a month. It gives the news and events that are happening. Anyone may submit an article.

- 15. **DMYC e-News:** This is a weekly email sent to all members with current news and reminders of events and cruises. It is typically sent on Sunday but if there is pertinent information, there are messages emailed during the week.
- 16. **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 into it.
- 17. **Reciprocity:** DMYC has reciprocity privileges 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.

18. **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	Board of Directors
Bookkeeper	Pays bills, receives payments
Club Steward	Resides on property, handles rentals

- 19. **Activities:** You must attend a minimum of three club events (1 overnight cruise in your boat and 2 social functions) 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.***
- 20. **Voting:** Each membership has 2 votes whether an individual or couple.
- 21. **Temporary Ramp Permit:** A permit is available from the membership chairperson for use by potential members desiring to use the club facilities when attending a club sponsored cruise.
- 22. **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.

Note: Many of these questions and answers are directly related to Club By-Laws and Rules/Regulations. They may be changed at the direction of the membership.

*\* Board Meetings in July and August are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, immediately preceding the General Meeting*

*\*\* First Mates do not meet in July, August or December.*

Reciprocity Yacht Clubs *(subject to change)*

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
Dagmar's 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	Oak Harbor
Olympia Yacht Club	Olympia
Orcas Island Yacht Club	West Sound Marina
Oro Bay Yacht Club	Anderson Island
Pleasant Harbor Yacht Club	Brinnon
Port Angeles Yacht Club	Port Angeles
Port Ludlow Yacht Club	Port Ludlow
Port Orchard Yacht Club	Port Orchard
Port Townsend Yacht Club	Port Townsend
Portland Yacht Club	Portland
Poulsbo Yacht Club	Poulsbo
Puget Sound Yacht Club	Lake Union
Quartermaster Yacht Club	Burton
Queen City Yacht Club	Lake Union
Rainier Yacht Club	Seward Park, Lake Washington
Richmond Yacht Club	Richmond, BC
Roche Harbor Yacht Club	Harbor Island Marina
Rose City Yacht Club	Portland
San Juan Island Yacht club	Friday Harbor
Semiahmoo Yacht Club	Blaine
Schooner Cove Yacht Club	Nanoose Bay, BC
Sequim Bay Yacht Club	Sequim
Shelton Yacht club	Shelton
Sidney and North Saanich Yacht Club	Sidney, BC
Sinclair Inlet Yacht Club	Port Orchard
Swinomish Yacht Club	La Conner
Tacoma Yacht Club	Tacoma
Tomahawk Bay Yacht Club	Portland, OR
Totem Yacht Club	Tacoma
Tyee Yacht Club	Lake Union
West Seattle Yacht Club	Brownsville Marina



# Des Moines Yacht Club

## Membership Application

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/we realize the more I/we give of myself/ourselves; the more I/we will receive from this affiliation.

**Applicant #1, Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant #2, Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Spouse/Significant other / living together in domestic partnership)*

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Children (Under 18 years old – Future Swabee/s):

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hull ID#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Beam** \_\_\_\_\_

Referred/Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Applicant #1 - Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant #2 - Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

**I /We would be interested in participating, helping or hosting the following activities: please indicate/check your choices.**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruises/Day trip (Most mos.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Super Bowl Party (Feb.)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Party (Feb/Mar/Sept) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodore’s Ball (March)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swap Meet (March)          | <input type="checkbox"/> South Sound Opening (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother’s Day Breakfast (May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Get-Together (TBD)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterland Parade (July)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monster Bash (Oct)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Party (Dec)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighted Boat Parade (Dec) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom & Jerry (Dec)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Decoration (Any events)    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Year’s Eve Ball (Dec) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Mates Meeting/Events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swabbees Activities/Events |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others/Any ideas?            |   |  |

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**I /We would like to help the club in the following ways:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Party                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Clubhouse cleaning/painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Bakeless Bake Sale           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clubhouse repair/maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramp and Docking Upkeep     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet & Dry Moorage Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Equipment Upkeep  | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Beautification         | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Security                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others/Any ideas?            |  |   |

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**Personal Information:**

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

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as boat owners: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of boating experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 types of volunteer work have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please state why you want to join the Des Moines Yacht Club:**

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**How did you hear about DMYC?**

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For further information about DMYC membership, please visit our website:

[www.desmoinesyachtclub.com](http://www.desmoinesyachtclub.com)

Membership in the club shall be open to boaters of good moral character, without regard to sex, race, creed, or color – DMYC By-Laws Art. III, Sec. 1

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**For Membership use only:**

**Notes:**

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Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time rec'd.: \_\_\_\_\_

Walk-in     Drop-in     Email     Phone

**Requirements Checklist:**

- Membership Fees                      Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership Application              Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proof of Ownership                      Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proof of Insurance                      Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Event #1                          Event Name/Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Event #2                          Event Name/Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Overnight Cruise                          Cruise Name/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Board of Trustees Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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