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
- Dry Storage Facilities

Club House

Ramp & Docking Facilities

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Thank you for your inquiry about Membership of the Des Moines Yacht Club. Enclosed please find information about the club and the necessary application forms. Also visit our web site www.desmoinseyachtclub.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 with sleeping quarters, galley, and head.

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 launch ramp for a 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 towards the $500 joining fee when membership is available again.

Please turn in your application prior to attending any of the club activities along with the fees. Our membership application fee is $500.00, burgee cost is $30.00, and the 2026 monthly dues are $63.65. Please make your check payable to the Des Moines Yacht Club for the following amounts:

Full Payment Membership application fee	$500.00
Monthly Dues Payment	$ 63.65
Burgee	$ 30.00
Check Amount	$593.65

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, caretaker's cottage and existing buildings. The efforts of the membership 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 became heirs 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 became 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. Their benefit formed the well-earned reputation, recognized by the boating community both on the water 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 four club sponsored dances and ten cruises a year. Cruise activities are family oriented. As part of the annual activities, there is a 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 Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW), the National Boating Federation and Yachting Destinations.

The ladies are encouraged to join the First Mates organization if their interests are more than water oriented. The First Mates sponsor annual events to benefit the community and the club. They give out 3 scholarships every year to seniors at Rainier High School in Des Moines. Des Moines Yacht Club hosts the annual Dollars for Scholars event where the scholarships are awarded as well as scholarships from the community. 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 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 gravel 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 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 you can 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 about 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 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. At 6:30pm there is usually dinner served. Dinners are either potluck or prepared by a member. Everyone is invited including Swabbees (children), guests, and potential 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 Meetings: All First Mates are invited to this organization. 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 Saturday 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 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	Pay Bills, Take payments
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.

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	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

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

Name – Applicant # 1: _____ Phone: (___) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name – Applicant # 2: _____ Phone: (___) _____
(Spouse/Significant other-living together in domestic partnership)
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Birth Date: _____

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

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 : _____

Functions Attended: 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Applicant #1 - Signature: _____Date: _____

Applicant #2 - Signature: _____Date: _____

Membership Committee: _____Date:_____

Board of Trustees : _____Date: _____
Membership Number: _____

Payment Amount : _____

Payment Date: _____

Meeting Date for Introduction: _____

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

☐ Cruises/Day trip (most mos.)	☐ Super Bowl Party (Feb)	☐ Work Party (Feb, Mar/Sept)
☐ Commodore's Ball (March)	☐ Swap Met (March)	☐ South Sound Opening (May)
☐ Breakfast (May)	☐ Friday Get-Together (Jul/Aug)	☐ Waterland Parade (July)
☐ Monster Bash (Oct)	☐ Children's Party (Dec)	☐ Lighted Boat Parade (Dec)
☐ Tom & Jerry (Dec)	☐ Decoration Party (Any events)	☐ New Year's Eve Ball (Dec)
☐ First Mates Meetings/Activities	☐ Swabbees Activities	☐ Others/Any ideas?

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Employed By: _____ Employed By: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

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.) _____
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:

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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

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

********** **For Membership use only:**

Notes:

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Membership: _____Date/Time recd.: _____ ☐ Walk-in ☐ Drop-in ☐ Email ☐ Phone