



LOCATED ON BEAUTIFUL
COMMENCEMENT BAY
ESTABLISHED 1889



Thank you for your interest in one of the oldest and finest yacht clubs on Puget Sound.

Tacoma Yacht Club offers many activities for boating and non-boating members of all ages. Our year-round schedule of events is designed to offer something for every member of the family.

We have an excellent dining room and separate meeting rooms for your social or business entertaining requirements. Our club is financially sound and very well managed by a professional club manager and staff.

HISTORIC OVERVIEW

On September 30, 1889, 26 boaters joined together with the expressed desire to organize a yacht club. Unfortunately, this initial effort failed due to hard financial times and a second attempt to organize in 1898 also failed. Finally, in 1908, on December 17, 1908, the organization that is Tacoma Yacht Club, was incorporated. The first order of business was to find a suitable location for a clubhouse. Sites from Browns Point to Day Island were considered.

On Labor Day, 1909, a grand opening was held for the new clubhouse which was located on land leased from Northern Pacific Railroad which was located just opposite the commercial dock in Tacoma.

Eventually, pressure for the valuable waterfront forced the members to move their clubhouse. The building was relocated to a site at Point Defiance near the current ferry landing. This site proved to be a bad choice due to storm induced sea conditions raising havoc on boats and the building.

As the nearby Asarco slag breakwater grew, a fine protected moorage evolved. An old shipyard office building was acquired and relocated to the south end of the basin to serve as a new clubhouse. This was 'home' until the current building was completed in 1971. And now the entire peninsula has been transformed into a park shared with the Tacoma Yacht Club.

For more than 100 years, Tacoma Yacht Club has managed to hold on to its basic principles.

The goal of our founders was to establish a yacht club with a warm and friendly disposition that meets the needs of its members. This attitude exists today just as it did in 1889, and our plan is to have these traditions continue.

The members of Tacoma Yacht Club are proud of our heritage and excited about our future.



Oro Bay Outstation

OUTSTATIONS

The club maintains seven outstations for the enjoyment of Active Members. Wollochet Bay in Gig Harbor and Oro Bay on Anderson Island are great weekend getaways. To the south is Swan Town Marina in Olympia. Farther north are Cornet Bay in Deception Pass and Deer Harbor on Orcas Island. We also have outstations at Dock Street Marina in downtown Tacoma, and the TYC guest dock. TYC also offers a Select Marina Program which reimburses members for stays at other marinas in the Puget Sound area.



Wollochet Bay Outstation



Tacoma Yacht Club Basin

FACILITIES

Tacoma Yacht Club operates an exclusive 290+ slip marina for its members. Sheltered from winter storms, and with easy access to cruising in the south sound, the TYC marina is an outstanding facility.

Our clubhouse is located at the entrance to the breakwater and offers beautiful views of Commencement Bay, Tacoma and the Olympic Mountains. Enjoy a sunny summer afternoon in the club lounge and open deck areas or a fierce winter storm from inside the cozy clubhouse.

Catered receptions and banquets may be scheduled for your family & guests. The club can easily accommodate from 20 to 200 people for such gatherings and has a fine reputation for successful event planning.

CRUISES

There are club cruises throughout the year to popular places such as Bell Harbor, Poulsbo, Bremerton, Olympia and Des Moines. The Memorial Day Cruise and the Labor Day Cruise to Oro Bay are always a fun time. Activities and good food are usually provided. Opening of Boating Season at Seattle Yacht Club is a must.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There are many social events in the clubhouse which provide entertainment and good times. They include the Tom and Jerry Party, New Year's Eve Party, Commodore's Ball, Daffodil Marine Festival, Children's Christmas Party, 4th of July Deck Party, Happy Hour and more.



SHIPMATES

An important part of the club is our ladies auxiliary, the Shipmates. Organized in 1937, this active group is a benevolent organization supporting the club and many other local organizations through scholarships and donations to youth groups in boating, Daffodil Princesses and the Foss Waterway Maritime Museum. They also provide Christmas to several families in need each year by shopping for, wrapping, and delivering gifts and dinner. They have a Tour of Boats each year and an auction every 3 years to help raise funds. The meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. They include a social hour, lunch, program, and short meeting.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Tacoma Yacht Club Outreach Committee partners with Tacoma Metro Parks Specialized Recreation for several significant events throughout the year. The Tacoma Yacht Club has partnered with the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, military support groups and others to provide boating experiences for the disabled community, the active military, veterans, Wounded Warriors and deploying soldiers. The Lighted Boat Parade in December has brought holiday joy to the South Sound for many years.



DAFFODIL MARINE FESTIVAL

Every spring Tacoma Yacht Club hosts all of the area yacht clubs for a festive weekend celebrating the opening of boating season in South Puget Sound. Activities begin on Friday and culminate on Sunday with a Marine Daffodil Parade along Tacoma's waterfront. The TYC basin is host to almost 200 boats in search of camaraderie, friends, fun and entertainment.



RACING ACTIVITY

Tacoma Yacht Club has an active and competitive sailing fleet campaigning up and down the sound. The club sponsors many local sailboat races with our main events being the Summer and Winter Vashon Island race which attracts over 100 entries. Power boaters at TYC also have the opportunity to participate in predicted log racing. There are several challenging races sponsored by TYC. As a member you can also learn how to sail on one of our Cal 20 sailboats. Once you are certified you can take one out on the water.

BOATING EDUCATION

The yacht club provides ongoing classes and seminars to promote safe boating. There are classes covering a wide range of topics throughout the year.



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

To initiate the membership process, submit an application form with the required signatures and initiation fee to the membership manager in the TYC office or to the membership chair. Your name and your sponsors' names will be posted in the clubhouse for two weeks. The membership committee makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees who will then vote on final approval.

We offer several types of membership. Active memberships are the most popular and offer a full range of boating and club privileges. There are two types of Active, Moorage and Non-Moorage. We also have an Associate/Social Membership which allows the use of the restaurant, clubhouse and attendance at the club social functions. Active & Social Intermediate memberships are offered for ages 21-35 and offer reduced membership dues and restaurant minimums. Junior Membership is available to any person from 12 to 20 years of age.

For additional information please contact our Membership Manager in the TYC office or request a call from a Membership Chair.



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