



TACOMA
YACHT CLUB

COMMENCEMENT BAY • EST. 1889

WELCOME TO THE TACOMA YACHT CLUB

What brings you to our Club is the very same anchor that keeps us coming back—the salt spray, the wind in our sails, and the love of coming together on the water. Those who have experienced the tide know what it means to live by it—to discover more of who you are and of the crew that surrounds you.

And there's no better crew than at the Tacoma Yacht Club, on or off the water.

MEMBERSHIP AT TYC

To be a Member at the Tacoma Yacht Club is to join a storied lineage older than Washington itself.

Brought together in 1889, our mission is as strong as the wind that moves us: *to bring people together on the water.*

If you feel the same call, we invite you to apply for Membership. From social gatherings with friends to cruises near and far, you'll encounter new waters—and new friends—like no other club can provide.

Oro Bay Outstation



FACILITIES

Enjoy top-tier amenities as a TYC Member—from our beautiful clubhouse with its stunning views to our many outstations that serve our boaters. For those with moorage needs, we operate an exclusive 290+ slip marina, sheltered from winter storms and equipped with slips large enough for boathouses.

For members who moor elsewhere, we offer plenty of space on our guest docks to visit the clubhouse and enjoy our splendid locale.

CLUBHOUSE

The entire Pacific Northwest is navigable from our marina, but you may wish to witness the sea's splendor from the heart of TYC: the clubhouse. Here, you'll enjoy panoramic views of Commencement Bay, the Tacoma Skyline, and the Olympic Mountains. The perfect spot to entertain, our clubhouse is well-equipped for gatherings of 20 to 200 guests, hosted by our friendly and attentive staff.

OUTSTATIONS

Venture to one of our many outstations throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada. Stay local and cruise to our docks and properties at Wollochet Bay just southwest of the Narrows Bridge, Oro Bay on Anderson Island, or Dock Street marina in downtown Tacoma. These nearby locations are perfect for a quick rendezvous with friends or a relaxing weekend alone.

Travel further to our dock space in Deer Harbor on Orcas Island or The Landing in Ganges Harbor, BC. Additional destination benefits are available through our Select Marina Program (SMP) and Mill Bay Marina Group (MBMG) arrangement, where Members enjoy reimbursement for certain stays at marinas around Puget Sound and Canada.

CRUISES

Join your fellow seafarers year-round with our organized cruises to popular destinations like The San Juan Islands (US), Gulf Islands (BC), Bell Harbor, Poulsbo, Bremerton, Olympia, and Kingston. Celebrate Labor Day and Memorial Day on our inimitable annual cruises to park-like Oro Bay.

PARTIES

Our social Members and boating Members alike love a tasteful party, and we know how to host an unforgettable evening. Toast the holidays at our Tom & Jerry Party (don't worry, there's a Children's Christmas Party, too) and ring in the new year at our New Year's Eve Party. Don your black-tie or gown at our Commodore's Ball. Don't forget our celebratory 4th of July Deck Party.

DAFFODIL MARINE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the end of winter and the start of boating season at our annual Daffodil Marine Festival. Enjoy a full weekend of new friends as we host all the surrounding yacht clubs in our harbor. And don't forget to join us in the clubhouse as we marvel at the 50-boat parade passing by the Tacoma waterfront.

RACING

Competitive sailors and powerboaters alike chase the thrill of racing at TYC with both sailboat racing and powerboat predicted log racing. Our active, competitive fleet sponsors several challenging races, notably the Summer and Winter Vashon Island Races. Don't know how to sail yet? Members enjoy the chance to learn on one of our Cal 20 sailboats. Once certified, feel the thrill on your own as you captain our sailboat yourself.

SHIPMATES

One of the most important and welcoming groups in the Club is our women's auxiliary, **Shipmates**. An active and benevolent organization of over 250 women, they serve the community both in action and in financial support. Organized in 1937, Shipmates have financially supported youth boating groups, Daffodil Princesses, the Foss Waterway Museum, and the Club itself.

Shipmates are especially active at Christmas as they support families in need in key ways: shopping for presents, wrapping and delivering them, and providing holiday dinners. Shipmates is a self-funded auxiliary, holding a fund-raising auction every three years. They gather the first Wednesday of every month, starting with a social hour, followed usually by an entertaining local speaker, then concluding with a short meeting. If you're interested in becoming a Shipmate, please drift in for a meeting.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Outreach Committee is the compass that keeps us on course and serving our community.

By partnering with local organizations and schools, we actively live out our mission of bringing people together, supporting youth marine causes, and helping those less fortunate.

Another beloved community event is our Lighted Boat Parade, which has brought holiday cheer and togetherness to the South Sound for many years.

BOATING EDUCATION

TYC is committed to welcoming the next tide of boaters in our community. We provide excellent boating education for a range of skill levels, promoting safety, seamanship, and camaraderie. Take sailing into your own hands and sign up for a class. Or take in an insightful seminar, covering a host of boating topics throughout the year.





HISTORIC OVERVIEW

The Tacoma Yacht Club has a long and storied history, like the sea itself. In 1889, twenty-six boaters formally organized the Club, ultimately incorporating in 1908.

Shortly thereafter, TYC's first clubhouse was acquired in the heart of Tacoma's waterfront—land leased from Northern Pacific Railroad, just opposite Tacoma's commercial dock. Its grand opening on Labor Day was the first of many holiday celebrations at the Club.

Today, our bustling clubhouse and marina are located on Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance where the entire peninsula is a shared park. The new amenity-filled Point Ruston development and the 700-acre Point Defiance Park & Zoo are located right next door for member exploration as well.

The Members of TYC have faced many a-changing tide, always adhering to the values that have kept us anchored for more than 100 years. We have remained kindred in spirit with the twenty-six boaters who launched us in 1889: a warm, friendly, Member-focused Club who are proud of our heritage and optimistic about our future.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

We invite you to join our storied lineage by filling out an application for Membership. The process is simple, and we offer several types.

Active Membership is our most popular, and it offers full boating and Club privileges. There are two types of Active Membership: Moorage and Non-Moorage. An excellent choice—and one that will bring you the joy of boating for many years.

Associate/Social Membership is also a popular choice, as it opens the chance to enjoy our clubhouse, restaurant, social events, and the use of our Cal 20 boats. No boating experience needed—just a love of coming together on and off the water.

For Members 35 or younger, we offer two types of Membership: Intermediate and Junior Membership. Active and Social Intermediate Memberships are offered for ages 21-35 at reduced dues and restaurant minimums. Junior Membership is a wonderful way to bring younger boaters into the club, available for ages 12-20.

To become a Member, apply with the sponsorship of two Members—TYC can help you find sponsors—and pay the initiation fee. Then we'll post your name and your sponsors' names in our clubhouse for two weeks. Next, the Membership Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who'll vote for final approval.

And with your TYC Membership in hand, you'll discover for yourself what makes our Club one of the oldest and finest on the West Coast.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Simply contact our Membership Manager at the TYC office, or request a call from a Membership Chairperson.



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