

# Welcome to the Mount Vernon Yacht Club

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Membership Information

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## About MVYC

The Mount Vernon Yacht Club (MVYC) is located in Yacht Haven Estates, a quiet community situated on Dogue Creek, off the Potomac River, two miles from George Washington's Mount Vernon Mansion in Northern Virginia. MVYC is about tradition, friendship, family and good times with fellow members. Beautiful well-kept facilities provide an unparalleled view of the Potomac River from the clubhouse, pool and marina with an atmosphere of tranquility.



MVYC was incorporated in June 1956, as a private, not-for-profit club. The developers of Yacht Haven Estates, led by Harley "Bud" Fraley, deeded the land and created a private lagoon for a swimming and boating club serving the local area. Today, MVYC's 230 member families enjoy one of the best-kept secrets on the Potomac River.



## Club Facilities

MVYC (Latitude 38 degrees 42.0 N; Longitude 077 degrees 07.2' W) lies directly on Dogue Creek, a Potomac River tributary which can be found on an original map of George Washington's home and property. The Club owns several acres of land directly on the water with views across the Potomac to the distant Maryland shore. A private lagoon provides a sheltered location for the Club's marina. The clubhouse is a three story structure located at the end of Tarpon Lane in Yacht Haven.

The clubhouse features a multi-purpose room with an adjoining bar, a meeting room and a member's lounge. The multi-purpose room and adjoining bar are available to rent for private events. A wrap-around deck provides a panoramic view of the pool, marina, lagoon and beautiful Dogue Creek.

The pool area contains a full length (25 meter) pool with a children's wading pool, and ample wide concrete aprons with chaises, tables and umbrellas overlooking the marina and river view.

The marina, providing slips for over 130 boats on its floating and fixed piers, is located in a sheltered lagoon. A boat ramp is available as well as a work dock for boat cleaning and small repairs.

A gasoline dock, staffed by Club volunteers, is open to MVYC members for limited periods on weekends during the boating season.



“The Point” is a grassy area located at the waters edge where the Club's yardarm, with flags flying, sets the scene for the Club's formal Commissioning Day ceremony each May. Picnic tables and charcoal grills encourage regular gatherings.

## Club Organization

MVYC was organized as a nonprofit corporation in 1956. Its activities are governed by its Article of Incorporation, Bylaws and Club rules.

Monthly meetings of both the Board of Trustees, elected annually, and the membership allow for the conduct of Club business. Each January a detailed operating budget is proposed by the Board of Trustees, then discussed and voted upon by the voting membership. Volunteer committee chairmen then carry out the budget plan through the year with oversight by the Board. Each is in charge of a member committee for grounds, clubhouse, pool, marina, membership, security and the like.

In addition to the Club's regular meetings, communications are maintained through a monthly newsletter - *The Beacon* - and by using the Club's email system and bulletin board.



The Club is limited to a total of 230 family memberships. Members pay dues (which covers all of their immediate family), enjoy all privileges of the Club, they have a vote on all Club matters (one vote per family) and are eligible to hold Club office.

Club members who are property owners in Yacht Haven Estates also have additional rights to vote on certain matters that might affect the character or size of the Club.

## MVYC Activities

The Club is run by our volunteer members and there are a wide range of activities to enjoy all year long. An active Power Fleet and Sail Fleet help foster the camaraderie of boating, both during the season and all year long. In the summer you will find many



member families cheering on our swim team, The *MVYC Dolphins*.



MVYC's social calendar offers every family member a range of entertainment options, formal and informal, adult-only and family, year-round. The Club has two formal events—Commissioning Day in May and the Commodore's Ball in November.

MVYC social gatherings occur year round including many traditional events such as Frostbite and Sock Burning picnics on the point, Mother's day tea, raft-ups, Oktoberfest, and Christmas Party. On most Fridays and many Saturdays, something interesting is almost always going on. During the summer, Friday night might mean adult-only Splash Parties with set-ups and potluck entrees by the pool. At other times it might be a party for all the family. Weekly, TGIF (Thank God Its Friday) parties are often held in the Clubhouse, some with a specific theme such as Valentines, Mardi Gras, and Cinco de Mayo, or maybe an unthemed evening of fun with fellow members.



"Young family members" have their own parties at Halloween, Easter and, of course, the children's Christmas Party with the arrival of Santa are hits.

It should be evident that any member can comfortably find both a favorite social function and social niche at MVYC.





## Membership Application Process

Once you have decided to apply, simply complete, sign and date the attached application. You must have two active members of Mount Vernon Yacht Club endorse your application in the designated spaces.

Your application will be posted on the Club bulletin board for thirty (30) days for membership input. During the thirty day posting or shortly thereafter, you will be asked to meet with the Membership Committee. A brief biographical sketch is vital for the Membership Committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Please include your reasons for seeking membership in MVYC.

Because your decision to join MVYC may be influenced by your understanding of the Club's function, especially the volunteer support required, we encourage you to read or download a copy of the By-laws and rules from our website: [http://www.mountvernonyachtclub.com/bylaws\\_and\\_regulations.asp](http://www.mountvernonyachtclub.com/bylaws_and_regulations.asp), and feel free to contact the Membership Committee Chairman at [membership@mvyc.net](mailto:membership@mvyc.net), or any MVYC member for more information.

If the membership cap is reached, your application will be placed on a waiting list. Property owners in Yacht Haven Estates may be accepted for membership without regard to the membership cap provided all other requirements are satisfied.

After your application is approved by the Board, the Membership Chair will contact you and send an invoice for dues and fees. If you have a boat, a boat slip application must be completed so that you can be placed on the Marina waiting list for an appropriate slip when available.

If you do not act upon the offer of membership within a specified period of time, the membership committee will take that as an indication you have changed your mind and are no longer interested in membership.

## Current dues and fees:

- A. Initiation fee: \$5000.00. Payable as a lump sum or in three installments with a \$150 carrying charge on the first and 2nd installments. \$1825.00 upon membership approval; \$1825.00 on first anniversary; and \$1650.00 on second anniversary.
- B. Annual Dues: \$1050.00 payable annually in February for calendar year; prorated for partial year.
- C. Slip fee: \$50.00/foot payable annually in February for boating year beginning March 15; prorated for partial year.
- D. Shore Power: based on estimated usage payable annually in February for boating year beginning March 15.
- E. Dinghy storage: \$100.00 payable annually in February for boating year beginning March 15.
- F. Security access devices: \$50.00 for two.

Dues and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the membership and may change before your acceptance.

