

Ford Yacht Club
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Thank you for your interest in Ford Yacht Club.

Ford Yacht Club was formed by a group of Ford Engineering employees in 1947. Their objective was to establish a yacht club "to foster boating activities for families of moderate means". A 174 acre tract of vacant land at the southern tip of Grosse Ile was selected. Many days of planning followed before clearing of the land and shoreline development began. The dedication ceremony was held on October 2, 1948. From the beginning the club has relied on the participation of the membership to operate the club and improve the facilities. A majority of the work required to operate and improve the Club is still provided by the membership.

The original docks were located on the banks of what has come to be known as the East Basin. The first Club House was built in 1949. It has been rebuilt and enlarged many times over the years, most recently in 1989 when the size was more than doubled. The current facility has a view of Lake Erie that is second to none. It includes a full service restaurant and bar facility, complimented by the outdoor deck and the extensive grounds with the Outdoor Grill and Picnic shelters conveniently located near the docks.

The Club has continuously improved the docks and added to the facilities. The West Basin was started in the mid 1950's and has been expanded and enlarged over the years. The most recent harbor improvement was the addition of dockage on the inside of Banana Island. The Marina now has dockage for over 275 boats, as well as the room and the boat handling equipment to haul out and launch, and provide winter storage for them. There is also a launch ramp and storage area for trailerable boats and a single point lift facility for launching and retrieving dry sailed sailboats, dinghies, and jet skis.

The membership is about evenly divided between Power and Sail. There are many combined boating programs and an active racing program for competitive sailors. There are rendezvous by boat and bus to many points on Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and Lake Erie. Finally, there is an extensive year round social program with events covering the four seasons to meet the needs of the membership.

We offer 4 types of Membership. Our Junior membership gives the member limited club and marina privileges. Our Basic (Social) membership gives the member the use of the grounds, the Club House, (bar restaurant, social events, etc.) and limited boating privileges. Regular membership gives the boater full use of the boating equipment and storage, use of the boat ramp and Single Point Lift. Regular members have limited dockage rights. The Equity membership offers full privileges to the Club and its facilities. Docks are awarded based on member seniority and boat size compatibility. A and a Transitional - Probationary membership is available to convince people to join as full active members.

If we can answer any questions you have about Ford Yacht Club, please contact the Ford Yacht Club office at 734-676-8422 or e-mail office@fordyachtclub.com . You can also visit the club website at <http://www.fordyachtclub.com>

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FORD YACHT CLUB

The Ford Yacht Club is located at the southwestern tip of Grosse Ile, Michigan. The one hundred seventy-four acres of wooded grounds provides a very beautiful and secluded setting as the Detroit River merges into Lake Erie. The complex includes a complete marina facility and a clubhouse with all the necessary amenities. These offerings provide well- rounded boating and social activities for the enjoyment of the members and guests.

MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATIONS

The club is a “Not for Profit” corporation, owned and operated by the members. A Board of Directors elected by the Equity members administers all financial and operating functions.

For the most part, Member volunteer effort is used for small or recurring projects such as haul out and launch, social activities, and facility maintenance. Each Member is required to put forth work hours, based on membership status. Large construction projects are usually contracted to outside firms when the need for permits and /or specialized equipment is required.

The club’s owned kitchen and dining room service are maintained and operated by a food service contractor. The Club employs full time and part time persons to operate the lounge, business office and marina facilities.

THE CLUB GROUNDS

The Club grounds are semi-wooded and provide a very secluded atmosphere. Facilities include an outdoor grill, deck, shelters, picnic areas, children’s play area, and a small basketball court. To the East is Round Island, a very large and undeveloped wooded island that provides privacy for the club complex. On the west shore of the club is an area of well-trimmed willow trees, which protect the harbor, and provides a beautiful view from the club grounds.

THE CLUBHOUSE

The club house dining room has a capacity for 170 people and a kitchen equipped for full dinner menu service as well as short orders, and sandwiches. The dining room is available to rent during the non-boating season for weddings, receptions and large parties by special contract. This privilege is for members only and must be requested in advance through the club office. A separate cocktail lounge with a capacity for 50 is spacious and well staffed.

An outside balcony overlooks Lake Erie and two inside balconies provide areas for games and a lending library. The outside deck is fully licensed for liquor and food service. There is a game room with a pool table and darts for recreation and enjoyment. The upstairs boardroom is available for group meetings.

THE MARINA

The marina facility offers 281 boat wells, ranging in length from 25 to 60 feet. These wells are available for lease only to the Equity members. Basic and Regular members do have overnight visitation privileges. All wells are equipped with electricity and city water. The Club maintains a pump out station, a gin pole for mast handling and equipment for moving and launching sail and powerboats up to 15 tons. Winter storage is available for approximately 500 boats. Members who receive special training for proper operation perform all launches and haul out activities.

The small boat harbor with launch ramp and 3 ton single point lift is available for all trained member use.

BOATING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

One of the primary purposes of Ford Yacht Club is to provide members with opportunity to actively participate in recreational boating and social activities. Organized activities are sponsored by the Club as well as by other clubs in the area on a cooperative basis. These include sailboat racing and cruising, annual regatta, predicted log competitions, rendezvous trips and gatherings at other clubs.

Many different social activities are held at the Club throughout the year for our Members enjoyment. These events include many dances and various seasonal parties. Each spring the annual Commodore's Ball is held off site to accommodate the many members and guests who attend. The Flag Officers and other interest groups provide a wide variety of interesting theme parties, both in the clubhouse and on the grounds. There are a number of special children's activities and parties throughout the year.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The membership application form is included with this packet. The application form must be completed and returned to the Club office. You must attend a Member Orientation Meeting prior to consideration of your membership by the committee and Board of Directors. Confirmation of your attendance at an orientation meeting should be made with the Membership Committee Chairperson.

There are four active membership categories at the Ford Yacht Club. They are:

- **Junior Member** – This class of membership provides limited club social services and limited marina services.
- **Basic Member** – This class of membership provides all club social services and limited marina services at a higher rate.
- **Regular Member** – This class of membership provides all club services except the right to a permanent dock assignment.
- **Equity Member** – This class of membership provides all club services and the right to a permanent dock, dependent on availability.
- **Transitional - Probationary**

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES

Membership Fees	Junior	Basic	Regular	Equity
Initiation Fee	8 work hours	\$300*	\$500*	\$4,000*

*Non-refundable; \$1,000 non-refundable down payment is required for Equity

Annual Dues	\$96	\$394	\$540	\$540
<i>(Paid monthly:</i>		<u>\$32.83</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>

(Junior member dues to be placed in Escrow and will be applied to Basic, Regular or Equity Initiation Fee)

Work Hours(Annual)	10hrs/\$150	10hrs/\$150	16hrs/\$240	16hrs/\$240
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Quarterly Minimums: \$75.00 April through December for Equity/Regular/Transitional/Basic
\$50.00 Annually for Junior Members

Dining Room and Bar Purchases-charged on member account. (Bar & non-prepared food take out, ice, gift cards and Ship's Store don't count towards minimums)

Monthly Assessments

Mortgage (Equity/Regular)	\$29.00
Mortgage (Basic)	\$13.00

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Membership Application

Please print the following information:

Name:

First: _____ Last: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____ Business phone: _____

Marital Status _____ Married _____ Single

Spouse:

First: _____

Last: _____ Employer: _____ Position: _____

Business phone: _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail: _____

Type of membership for which you are applying: Junior ____, Basic ____, Regular ____, or Equity ____

Applicants Statement:

I (We) understand the obligations of a member of the Ford Yacht Club and agree to be obligated for all charges and bound by all Club policies as set forth in the Club Constitution for as long as I (We) retain membership. I (We) further agree to become an active member of Ford Yacht Club.

I understand that the FYC Membership Committee will review my membership application and must be approved by the FYC Board of Directors. As part of such review, the FYC may make inquiries regarding my character, general reputation and credit standings. If elected to membership, I agree to acquaint myself with the House Rules and by-laws and govern myself accordingly.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Social Security Number(Provide on Request):_ **Date of Birth:** _____

Spouse Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Spouse Social Security Number(Provide On Request):_ **Date of Birth: _____**

We have invited this applicant to become a member of the Ford Yacht Club. It is our opinion that this person will become an active member and recommend that this application be considered and approved by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.

Sponsor: _____ **Mbr.No.** _____ **Date:** _____

Director: _____ **Date:** _____

Flag Officer: _____ **Date:** _____

This Application Approved at Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

Membership Chairperson: _____ **Date:** _____

****Membership in the Ford Yacht Club is available to all persons without regard to Race, Color, Gender, Religion, Marital Status or National Origin**

Other Club or Organizational affiliations, please describe affiliation and responsibilities:

Children's Names & Ages:

Boat Ownership:

If applicant owns a boat(s), please fill in the following information for Club Records.
Please notify the Club Office as changes occur. Change forms are available for your convenience.

Type:	Make:	Boat Name:	MC#	Length:	Beam:	Draft:
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Member Work Hours Commitment:

The Ford Yacht Club is a Member Operation; all membership categories have a work hour commitment. This obligation helps the Club maintain our outstanding facilities, grounds, and harbor at a very reasonable cost. There are many different skills required to maintain our operation. Please list the talents, which you and your spouse possess, that can be used for the benefit of the Club.
