Guest’s Guide to Seattle Yacht Club and Nearby Attractions

Welcome! Whether you are here as a guest of a member, here to participate in an SYC event like Opening Day or a reciprocal guest, SYC welcomes you to our Portage Bay Mainstation. Reciprocal guests are welcome to use our guest moorage facilities if your club offers guest moorage to SYC members, and reciprocal guests are always welcome to enjoy dining and other privileges at SYC. Guest moorage is available on a first come first serve basis (guest moorage reservations are not available). Alternatively, reciprocal guests may reserve vacated SYC member slips at posted moorage rates. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that guests make dinner reservations for the Ward Room. Event guests must check with the event chair prior to arrival for details about use of SYC moorage. Upon arrival, please be sure to sign the guest book in the main entrance and check in at the main desk. For additional details about use of SYC by guests, refer to the Guidelines for Use of Seattle Yacht Club by Reciprocal Guests available on the website on the Reciprocal Guest page at www.seattleyachtclub.org.

Seattle Yacht Club was established in 1892 and has grown to include more than 3,000 members. The 19,500-square foot clubhouse is located at 1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle, Washington 98112. It was built in 1920 and is conducive to warm and friendly social gatherings. SYC’s private marina on Portage Bay accommodates approximately 255 member vessels plus 220’ of guest moorage.

Club hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Since the Club is closed for some holidays and not available during special events, it is suggested that guests call (206) 325-1000 prior to arrival or go to www.seattleyachtclub.org for more information.

Arriving by boat to SYC involves passing from saltwater to freshwater through the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in the middle of Salmon Bay and passing through four draw bridges (a train bridge west of the locks, Ballard Bridge, Fremont Bridge, and University Bridge) before reaching Portage Bay. Guests should review locking through procedures at Army Corp of Engineers website www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=lwsc&pagename=Navigating as well as nautical charts of the passage and should have 100’ lines to safely make fast to the locks.

SYC’s guest moorage of 220 feet is located on Dock 2 (160’ located on the western end for vessels 30’+ LOA and 60’ located near the gate on the south side of Dock 2 for vessels under 30’ LOA) and is available on a first come first serve basis. Dock 2 moorage is $3.00 per day for the first two (2) days per calendar year and is available for 14 additional days at posted moorage rates. Alternatively, guests may reserve moorage in vacated SYC member’s permanent slips on a space available basis at posted moorage rates (there are no courtesy days for reserved moorage). Arrangements for reserved space must be made during normal business hours with the Dock Master prior to arrival. Moorage fees are charged from the time of initial occupancy until departure. Moorage facilities include: power (110 VAC, 30/50 Amps), fresh water, restrooms with showers, ice, phones, garbage disposal and complimentary WiFi. Laundry and pump out station are not available.

Upon arrival, please register at the Front Desk located on the second floor of the Clubhouse. Guests arriving after hours may register the next morning. For assistance during regular business hours, please call the Dock Master at (206) 325-1000.
Essentials for the Crew

Grocery Store: Montlake Market 2205 22nd Avenue E. (206) 323 4518, is a well-stocked convenience market (food, beer & wine, deli) within walking distance (turn right onto 22 Avenue from E. Hamlin and cross the highway overpass). QFC 2746 NE 45 Street (206) 523-5160 or next door Safeway at 3020 NE 45 St. (206) 522 8350 are both full-service grocery stores with drug stores. Both are too far to walk and bus routes require connections, so best bet is a taxi.

Laundromats: Take Metro Bus #43 to University Laundry Center 4522 Brooklyn Ave NE (206) 548 1321 or Lost Sock Laundry 5020 Roosevelt Way NE #4 (206) 524-7855 (with free wireless internet connection).

Seattle Public Library: The Montlake branch is three blocks beyond the Montlake Market, located at 2401 24th Avenue E., (206) 684 4720.

Dining Out: Great meals are available at SYC’s Ward Room, or for more casual but equally delicious meals, walk upstairs to the Marine Room. Bar and lounge are open during Clubhouse hours, and from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Marine Room is “Ropeyarn,” where reduced priced beverages and complimentary hors d’oeuvres are offered.


Essentials for the Boat

Fuel: Morrison’s North Star Marine Fuel Dock at the north end of Lake Union (206) 284-6600.

Propane: Salmons’ Service Center (Chevron gasoline station) at 2424 NE 65th Street (north of University Village). Open 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. seven days per week (206) 523-9400.


Boat Repair Service: There are a number of boat repair services from Salmon Bay to Lake Union and Portage Bay. Check 48 North and yachting magazines or the yellow pages for contact information.

Transportation

Bus Travel: There is regular bus service located at Montlake Blvd E. and E. Shelby Street or at SR 520 and Montlake Blvd E. Either location approximately 0.2 miles E or SE respectively from SYC. Metro offers a very helpful website that can plan trip details. http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov

Taxis/ Car Service: Yellow Cab (206) 622-6500, Standard Car Service (206) 930-0316.

Washington State Ferries: To Bainbridge Island, Vashon Island, Bremerton on the Kitsap Peninsula or to Kingston or Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula (206) 464-6400 or automated information 1 (800) 843-3779 www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/.
**Car Rental**: Available close by are Budget (206) 527-7000 and Enterprise (206) 729-4580 (with free pickup service). Check yellow pages for other rental car companies.

**Seattle by Boat**: Boating from the SYC to the Seattle waterfront can take two to three hours depending on bridge and lock traffic. Moorage is available near downtown Seattle at Bell Harbor Marina on Elliott Bay pier 66. Contact Port of Seattle at (206) 615-3952 or by radio on VHF Channel 66A. Other Port of Seattle Marinas are Fisherman’s Terminal and Shilshole Bay Marina. Check out the website, [www.portseattle.org/seaport/marinas/](http://www.portseattle.org/seaport/marinas/).

Flights are available at SEATAC International Airport on most major airlines to destinations throughout the world. Floatplane service is available from Lake Union and Lake Washington by Kenmore Air at (866) 435-9524 to destinations in the San Juan Islands as well as the Gulf Islands and Vancouver in British Columbia Canada.

**Out and About**

On a clear sunny day, no city can rival Seattle for sheer beauty, especially its spectacular views of mountains and water. Seattle is on Elliott Bay, nestled between the Puget Sound and Lake Washington. The city sprawls across hills and ridges, some of them 500 feet high, but all are dwarfed by the Olympics to the west and the Cascades to the east.

**Nearby**

The University of Washington campus is just five minutes away on foot via the Montlake Cut Bridge. Walking through this beautiful campus, especially during spring when the cherry trees are blossoming, is a fantastic way to relax. The Washington Park Arboretum is 15 minutes away on foot. This 230-acre park has a dynamic assortment of plants found nowhere else. For a map of the arboretum and directions to get there go to [www.depts.washington.edu/uwbg/](http://www.depts.washington.edu/uwbg/) and click on the “Gardens” menu item. The Burke Gilman Bicycling & Walking Trail is five minutes away on foot across the Montlake Cut Bridge and provides easy access along the ship canal to Gasworks Park on North Lake Union. Go to [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaps.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaps.htm) for more walking and bicycling trail information.

**Seattle Center**

The Space Needle which dominated Seattle’s boldly futuristic 1962 World’s Fair is still symbolic of the city’s present-day forward-looking character. This is the home of Paul Allen’s Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) designed by Frank O. Gehry, the Seattle Children’s Museum, Seattle Monorail and the Pacific Science Center.

**Seattle Waterfront & Downtown**

Pike Place Market, open seven days a week, home to dozens of local farmers and merchants, boasting over 250 shops, stalls, and restaurants can’t be missed. Seattle Aquarium is located on Pier 59, 1483 Alaskan Way (206) 386-4300 on the waterfront. The waterfront has numerous restaurants, souvenir shops and ferry rides across the Sound. Olympic Sculpture Park is a fabulous walking park located at 2901 Western Avenue (206) 654-3100. Pioneer Square, settled in 1852, burned to the ground in 1889, and was quickly rebuilt with brick structures. This historic district features 88 acres of beautifully restored architectural masterpieces. Look for the Seattle Waterfall Garden. The Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Avenue, is an architectural marvel in steel and glass. The glass in the library would cover 5 ½ football fields. Other options include Myrtle Edwards Park, Seattle Art Museum, and Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

**International District**

**Ballard**
Visit Golden Gardens Park right next door to Shilshole Bay Marina. The brand-new Nordic Heritage Museum, on Market Street near the Locks, celebrates the Nordic heritage. The Hiram Chittenden Locks, locally known as The Ballard Locks, is fascinating, and don’t miss the fish ladder. The locks maintain fresh water levels at 20 to 22 feet above sea level for Salmon Bay, the Ship Canal, Lake Union and Lake Washington, and prevent mixing of sea and fresh water.

**Green Lake Park**
At 7201 E Green Lake Way has a nice three-mile path around Green Lake with hundreds of species of trees and plants and Woodland Park Zoo at 50th Street and Fremont Avenue North.

**Fremont**
This neighborhood sometimes called the Artist’s Republic of Fremont is home of the Aurora Bridge Troll, the Lenin Statue, and Waiting for the Interurban. Look for good shopping and eating too.

**Magnolia**
Discovery Park at 3801 W. Government Way offers a spectacular five-mile loop trail in a quiet 534-acre wilderness park setting including beach access, the West Point Light House, and territorial views of the Puget Sound and the Olympic Range.

This is only a partial list of Seattle attractions. We haven’t mentioned the Museum of Flight or the Seattle Art Museum. Seattle combines a stunning natural setting and a vibrant metropolitan center with lots of art, entertainment and cuisine. It boasts a mild climate, easy access to outdoor recreational activities in all seasons, and a horticulturally diverse ecosystem. Seattle is a place guests can enjoy in rain or shine!

**Emergency Contact Information**

**U of W Medical Center:** 1595 NE Pacific St., Seattle (206) 543-5860 (911 for emergencies)

**Seattle Police:** 1519 12 Avenue, Seattle (206) 684-4300 (911 for emergencies)

**King County Sheriff:** 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle (206) 296-4155 (911 for emergencies)

**US Coast Guard:** 915 2nd Avenue, Seattle (206) 220-7000 (911 for emergencies)

**Seattle Fire Dept.:** 301 2nd Avenue S., Seattle (206) 386-1400 (911 for emergencies)

**Joining SYC**
If you are interested in learning more about membership opportunities with Seattle Yacht Club, please visit the Membership page of our website at [www.seattleyachtclub.org](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org) or contact our Membership Director, Josie Weiss, at [membership@seattleyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@seattleyachtclub.org).