

EYC Membership Process:

At the Everett Yacht Club, we are member operated. That means that the same members, boating folks just like you, joined for their own personal reasons. That also means that our members, folks just like you, are the people who volunteer to make the club successful and fun! Everyone's time is valued and respected. As a club, we strive for a balance between common sense simplicity and tradition. Being part of the Grand 14, traditions are vitally important to us; they will give you a sense of history and respect when flying your own Everett Yacht Club burgee.

This outline gives you the general process of joining the yacht club:

1. Visit our club any Wednesday either by invitation from a member or by simply introducing yourself. Consider visiting multiple times as you decide if our club is one you'd like to pursue. You may even inquire about attending one of our cruises or social events.
2. During your visits you will have informal conversations (not interviews) with our Bridge Officers and individual members. Our Vice Commodore or the Membership Committee Chairperson will guide you through the process. Obtain a membership application either from a Club Officer, a member, or our [website](#). If you aren't acquainted with a member who may act as a sponsor, we will find one for you. This application process is not meant to be intimidating. We look forward to getting acquainted!
3. Once the membership application is completed and payment is received, your induction process will begin. A completed application entail:
 - a. Filled out in full and signed by you (and your spouse/partner, if applicable).
 - b. The required Everett Yacht Club signatures are obtained.
 - c. The induction fee and prorated (by quarter) dues are received.
4. Induction Process:
 - a. On the next Wednesday or Club gathering after we receive the completed paperwork, we will read sections of your application aloud to the members in attendance. We will read your names, employment, boat information (if flag member), and reasons for joining. We will invite you to tell us something about yourselves.
 - b. We will repeat this process one more time on the following Wednesday. Your presence at these readings isn't required but it is encouraged.
 - c. You will be initiated at the first General Meeting (1st Wednesday of each month) or Change of Watch celebration that follows your second reading. You must be in attendance.
 - d. The induction process is quite simple (no uniform required). It requires an oath and many welcoming handshakes and hugs. It is a 10-minute process that you'll always remember. You will receive your membership cards, burgee, membership directory, name badges and other small items.
5. During the entire induction process, you are invited and encouraged to attend all regular member events. Don't be shy – jump in with both feet. This means that you need not wait for information, encouragement, or an invitation to get involved! Reach out to your sponsoring member or any officer with any question or concern. Please consider volunteering – nothing creates a bond better than getting your hands dirty with somebody else!

We look forward to meeting you soon!