

San Francisco Model Yacht Club

New Member Information

Membership in the SFMYC is open to all persons. There is no restriction due to age, gender, religion, ethnic origin, or place of residency. Membership entitles all persons equal opportunity to participate in Club sanctioned events, subject only to an understanding of the rules pertaining to each event.

The San Francisco Model Yacht Club was formed in 1898 (originally at Stow Lake) and has been continuously active ever since. To promote the sport of model boating (both power and sail) and provide a recreational facility for members and non-members alike, the SFMYC in 1902 made a request for construction of Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. The Lake was completed in 1904. Now spanning three centuries, the Club has exercised a responsible custodial stewardship of the Lake, to the benefit of the City and County of San Francisco, its citizens, and thousands of visitors. The SFMYC Clubhouse, located near the west shore of Spreckels Lake, was constructed as a project of the Works Progress Administration in 1937, replacing an earlier clubhouse built of salvaged earthquake debris.

The Club generally meets on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse to discuss business and share information. The monthly newsletter, *Nautical News*, is published on the fifth of each month and contains the schedule for that month. The entire season schedule is also available on our Website: www.sfmvc.net and is posted outside of the Clubhouse.

For those interested in becoming a member of the Club we ask that you fill out the form on the reverse side of this sheet and mail it to the Club's mailing address along with the membership dues which include a one-time initiation fee. Memberships are for the calendar year, and renewals are handled online. Membership applications are not prorated, but those received too late to participate in the current year's regatta calendar will be extended to the following year, i.e. applications received in October, November, or December. One form per applicant, please.

When we receive a new application for membership the Club encourages applicants to come to a meeting to introduce themselves and be welcomed. The SFMYC Membership Secretary will contact you regarding joining the Club and attending a meeting. If you do not think you can make it to a meeting in the near future the information you provide on the Application and that you share with the Membership Secretary will be used at a meeting to introduce you to members and tell your story.

Also, please note that boat storage, boat leases and keys to the Clubhouse are not given upon initial Club membership and are provided based on eligibility, availability and need. Please do not send any payment for these services with the initial membership application.

Junior Members and Associate Members are entitled to participate in all club sanctioned events, to have a voice at club meetings and to receive the electronic version of the newsletter. Junior and Associate Members are not allowed to vote, hold office, receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, lease a club-owned boat, nor store their own boat in the clubhouse.

Questions? Contact Mike Stobbe, SFMYC Membership Secretary, at mwstobbe@comcast.net