# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Pro	perty	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Historic name	Seattle Yacht Club - Main Station	
Other names/si	te number	
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street & numbe	r 1807 Hamlin Street	not for publication
city or town	Seattle	vicinity
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3. State/Federal	Agency Certification	
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C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance 1920 - 1946	
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D	a cemetery.		
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10. Geographical Data	······	
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Additional Documentation		

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### **Continuation Sheets**

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

Property Owner	(Complete this item at the request of the SHF	O or FP	0.)		
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#### NARRATIVE DECRIPTION:

#### Location

The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station is located at 1807 East Hamlin Street within the Montlake Neighborhood and partially fronting on Portage Bay in Seattle, Washington. The Club is prominently located on a broad point on Portage Bay and can be viewed from a number of transportation corridors and public viewing points that lie to the south and west of the property.

#### **Neighborhood Character**

The immediate neighborhood includes residential single-family structures, the majority built between the early 1920s and World War II. The U.S. Northwest Fisheries Research Center is located southeast of the site. The western portion of Montlake has two streets, Shelby and Hamlin, which lead from Montlake Boulevard to West Montlake Park. These streets contain mature street trees and a variety of single-family residences of either one or two stories. Most of the single-story structures are of Craftsman bungalow style and many of the two-story structures are of various revival styles popular in the mid-1920s. The U.S. Northwest Fisheries Research Center sits well back from Hamlin Street and consists of three buildings, a three-story brick masonry Art Deco style building and two newer contemporary structures from the 1960s.

#### Site

The Seattle Yacht Club site is a truncated rectangular lot measuring approximately 140' wide in the eastwest direction by 60'-5" deep in the north-south direction. The site abuts Shelby Avenue North on the north, an unnamed alley on the east, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources land or lakefront on the south and west. The site slopes gently down approximately 10' from the north to the south. A circular drive serving the building's main entrance is located north of the building, a parking lot is located to the east, additional parking and lockers lie to the south, and marina floats and lawn extend from the western edge of the property line. The site is landscaped minimally on the northern, eastern, and western sides, while the southern side is paved from the property line to the façade.

Adjacent to the site are floats and covered moorage, which in their current configuration date from 1963, although a fire in 2001 destroyed about 10 percent of the structures, which were subsequently re-built. The moorage has historically been an integral part of the Seattle Yacht Club services available to its members, and the Seattle Yacht Club has leased the adjacent land from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) following the relocation of the Main Station to Portage Bay in 1920, for the express purpose of providing the safe, convenient moorage to its members, and also for moorage for the Club-owned boats.

Also adjacent to the site, but not part of the nomination, are two items owned by the Seattle Yacht Club, a "yardarm" and a "historic anchor." They are located on Seattle Parks property. The Seattle Yacht Club has, at various times in the past, considered itself to own the property on which the yardarm and anchor

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stand, but in the mid 1970s Seattle Parks made ownership clear, but gave the Yacht Club a maintenance agreement for that area on which their objects lie.

The yardarm is called a signal mast on the 1931 drawings by John Graham, Senior. It is 86 feet high and has a 32-foot wide yard crossing at a 45-foot elevation. It looks like a yacht mast, but is anchored to the ground with a concrete footing at the base of the mast and tied down by guy wires at three points. The main purpose of this yardarm is to carry the Seattle Yacht Club Burgee and other maritime signal flags.

Captain Stewart of the Alaska Steamship Company's Tanana brought the "historic anchor" to the Seattle Yacht Club in 1967. The *Tanana's* crew had brought up the anchor after their own anchor became fouled on it while anchored in 30 feet of water at the confluence of the Kvichak and Naknek rivers in Alaska. The provenance of the anchor is not known, but Captain Stewart remarked that it might have belonged to the *Charles Moody*, which had burned and sank in that vicinity. The anchor is thought to have been lost between 1885 and 1920. The anchor now sits between the yardarm and the Main Station Clubhouse on Seattle Parks Property.

#### Seattle Yacht Club: Building Structure & Exterior Features

The building in form is a two-story T-shaped wooden-framed structure composed of intersecting clipped gambrel-roofed wings with an original 1920 northern secondary wing, a tower, a colonnade, and a newer, 1967, two-story flat-roof service wing addition. The building presently measures overall approximately 92'-9" wide in the east-west direction by 108'-11" deep in the north-south direction. Both gambrel roofs have an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in-12 upper pitch and a 24-in-12 lower pitch. The original, 1920, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  story secondary wing juts approximately 9'-4" northward from the face of building's northeastern corner, intersecting the eastwest main gambrel roof. A one-story extension of the same width projects approximately 20'-10" further north in line with its higher section. Both sections have clipped gable roofs with 10-in-12 roofs. The octagonal tower is nestled into the crook created by the north wing and the main building and is approximately 14'-0" wide at its base, tapering to 12'-0" at its upper floor. The 1920 one-story classical colonnade projects approximately 15'-4" from the building's north face. The colonnade projects approximately 14'-6" from the building's western face and extends along the north face of the main building until it broadens slightly where it intersects with and wraps around the tower before meeting the north wing on its eastern end, creating a formal building entry. The newer, 1967, two-story addition joins the original flat-roofed section located at the building's southeastern corner and wraps around the building's southwestern corner projecting from the building's original southern face, also the face of the southern gambrel end, approximately 11'-6", and approximately 14'-6", aligning with the westernmost face of the colonnade to the north.

The height of the tower from the main floor line, near grade at the north main entry, is approximately 43'-3" to the top of the roof peak. The main east-west gambrel roof measures approximately 33'-4" from the main floor to the ridge, and the maximum height of the intersecting north-south gambrel is approximately 40'-6" above the lower floor line, which lies approximately at grade along the south building face. The main floor is approximately 12'-0" above the lower floor, and the second floor is approximately 12'-0" above the main floor. The ceiling height of the second floor is approximately 9'-0".

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The building's exterior walls are covered entirely with white painted cedar shingles with an exposure of 5". All trim is also painted white. All sloped roofs are presently covered with asphalt/fiberglass composition shingles. All flat roofs, balconies, and decks are covered with bitumen "torch-down" membranes. All sloped roofs have metal gutters and down spouts.

The building's main entrance is located near the midpoint of the northern façade. The tapered octagonal tower designed to resemble a lighthouse dominates this façade. There is a glazed wooden paneled door located on the north face of the tower at the second floor level that provides access to a deck located above the colonnade. There are eight small six-light wooden-sash windows with brick mould trim located on various faces of the tower that provide light to the interior stair. An octagonal faux lens house surmounts the tower. The house has rectangular plate glass windows and a wooden guardrail with three horizontal rails. A small projecting cornice provides a transition to the peaked copper roof. A decorative weathervane is mounted at the roof peak. A recent shallow hipped roof addition is located on the western side of the tower. The addition extends up from the deck above the colonnade approximately midway up the tower and extends southward where it intersects with the northern face of the building and with the gambrel roof. This small addition accommodates an elevator that provides accessibility to the second floor.

The colonnade consists of a series of paired round Tuscan columns supporting a simple architrave, although square columns are placed in the corners to create clusters of columns, with two round and one square. These clusters occur at the two corners of the western projection, and at the western end on the western side of the entry. The eastern side of the entry has a cluster of four columns, two round and two square, that allow a slight offset providing near symmetry to the entry. Attached square columns are also used where the colonnade meets the building. The clusters create five bays across the colonnade. The colonnade has a ceiling of tongue-and-groove beaded ceiling. It has a flat-roof that is used as a deck or balcony with a guard railing composed of light framing with staggered horizontal rails. A light wood-framed exit stair leading down from the upper deck is located at the westernmost end of the colonnade. The colonnade is enclosed on its eastern end with a large wood-sash window and a pair of glazed entry doors with an arched transom window to create a projecting entry vestibule that accommodates the accessibility elevator. A fabric awning supported on metal posts presently provides weather shelter for the entry.

The north exterior wall beneath the colonnade has a pair of glazed doors that are on axis to the fireplace within the interior room and the center colonnade bay. The doors each have 12 lights and the pair is topped with a 12-light transom window. A large double-hung wood-sash 12-over-one window is located to the west of the French door set, centered on the colonnade next to the westernmost bay. There is a large shed dormer located on the western end of the main gable and centered between the tower and the western gable end. The dormer roof is the same slope as the upper gambrel pitch. The northern exterior wall of the dormer is in-line with the building's northern wall and has three equally spaced openings; the easternmost and center are filled with pairs of six-over-one wood-sash windows and the westernmost is filled with a pair of glazed and paneled wood doors. The lower exterior wall of the north wing has a tripartite window composed of 12-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows. The window has a raised architrave head casing featuring a centrally placed pediment. A small rectangular

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gable end vent is located above the window.

The eastern facade reveals the end of the main gambrel, side of the southern large gambrel, the end of the flat-roofed south addition, and the sides of the northern wing. The main gambrel end has three floors of window or door openings. The upper most floor, or second floor, has five symmetrically placed windows, the two outermost are narrower one-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows and the three innermost are larger one-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows. The central window has a head trim composed of a broken pediment and central urn ornament. A small square gable end vent is located in the attic wall above the central window. The main floor has five windows; the northernmost four are placed directly under the northernmost four of the floor above. Within this cluster, the northernmost two are eight-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows, and the two southernmost are taller, with the southernmost of the pair a 12-over-one wood-sash double-hung window. The northernmost window is the same size, but presently has a vent located in its upper sash. The southernmost window, an eight-over-one wood-sash double-hung window, is located within an interior service stairway and has its sill at the main floor level. This window has a gable fabric awning mounted to the wall immediately above it. The lower floor, or lower floor level, has a paneled glazed service door on the southernmost side located slightly below grade and directly below the southern stairway window. A pair of eight-light hopper windows is located directly north of this door.

The original, 1920, flat-roofed corner section and the southern addition are in plane on the eastern façade, creating a flat monolithic two-story block at its southern end. There is a pair of one-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows on the northern side of the main floor level, a glazed store-door on the southernmost end of the lower floor level, and three plate-glass casement windows irregularly spaced to the north of the door. The lower floor door has a gable fabric awning mounted to the wall immediately above it. The flat roof above this section is used for mechanical equipment and venting from the kitchen/service areas below. The flat-roofed section has a guardrail consisting of wood uprights and wood rails with intermediate glazing. Three conjoined shed dormers, each with a different pitch, are located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of the gambrel roofs.

The façade of the northern wing also is in plane with the main gambrel's eastern end. The higher roof section houses the building's main stairway and has a centrally located eight-over-one wood-sash double-hung window immediately below the roof eave line, with its midpoint near second floor level. A paneled and glazed entry door is located immediately below this window accessing the mid-level landing between the lower floor and main floor levels. This doorway has a fabric gabled entry canopy extending eastward and supported on metal poles. The lower roofed northern section of the wing has three equally spaced window openings on the main floor level—the southernmost houses an eight-over-one wood-sash double-hung window, and the northernmost are a pair of 12-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows. The lower level has a pair of four-over-one (horizontally in-line) wood-sash double-hung windows located on the southern portion of this section of the façade.

The south façade consists of a two-story flat-roofed, 1967, addition placed in front of the large southern gambrel end. The central section of this addition, corresponding to the width of the gambrel roof end, projects slightly from the remaining façade and features a centrally placed recessed entry porch that provides access to the main circulation hallway of the lower floor level. Above the porch opening is an

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architrave with a central flat arch. A sconce is located at the center of the arch and two additional sconces flank the porch opening. The porch has two symmetrically placed square columns on the face of the façade. The space between the columns is open while the two flanking openings are filled with wood screen lattice of ornate fretwork. A rectangular sign is mounted on the face of the wall above the arch. The easternmost section of the façade is blank with the exception of a grilled vent below the overhanging roof cornice. The main floor of the westernmost section of the façade has a row of large rectangular plate-glass windows along its entire width, which provide views from the second floor dining room. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows. The lower floor level portion of the addition has a wood and glass guardrail that continues around from the eastern façade. The gambrel face has a row of seven equally spaced plate-glass windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows along its face. A fabric awning is mounted above these windows and a half-round gable end vent is centrally located within the attic portion of the gambrel face. A brick chimney extends above the roof on the western side of the main gambrel. Another taller stucco faced chimney or vent extends above the eastern flat-roofed section.

The western facade retains the original, 1920, end of the north colonnade and the face of the main gambrel end on its northern half and the flat roofed two-story addition on its southern half. The 1967 addition wraps around the southwestern corner and continues with large rectangular plate-glass windows allowing views from the main floor dining room. The fabric awing also continues around the corner above these plate-glass windows. The roof of the addition serves as a deck for the second floor dining room and has the same wood and glass guardrail as the eastern and southern facades. A shed dormer has been added to the western gambrel roof to provide additional floor space for the second floor dining room as well as additional access to the deck. The deck surface has been covered with wooden deck pallets. The lower floor level of the addition has three equally spaced one-over-one double-hung wood-sash windows. The main east-west gambrel end retains a central large horizontal plate-glass window on the second floor, but is presently flanked by identically sized plate-glass windows. A fabric awning is mounted above these three windows. A square roof vent is centrally located in the attic area of the gambrel end. The main floor of this section has a central large plate-glass window equal in size to the windows above. This window is flanked by two large 12-over-one wood-sash double-hung windows. The northern colonnade has been described in detail in the description of the north facade. The lower floor level has a central pair of glazed doors providing egress from the lower floor meeting room (former Billiard Room). Two pairs of rectangular plate-glass windows flank the door opening. A small shed roof dormer has been added to the western roof slope of the northern wing.

#### Seattle Yacht Club: Building Plan & Interior Features

The main floor has its primary formal entry located on the north. The irregularly-shaped vestibule, dating from 1989, has an elevator to the right of a large opening slightly to the left that leads to the main, 1920, north-south corridor and the main stairway branching off to the left, or east, leading up to the second floor and down to the lower floor level. The club's service areas are located to the left, or east, of the main corridor, with the kitchen located in the southeastern corner of the building. The club's original,

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1920, "Social Hall" is located to the right, or west, of the corridor and the dining room is reached by way of the a secondary corridor that branches to the right, leading to the dining room, or to the left, leading directly into the kitchen. All walls have painted 8" base trim and a simple architrave with an ogee ceiling molding. All floors within the main circulation area and public rooms are carpeted.

The Dining Room is a contemporary, 1967, space contained within the southwestern addition and features large rectangular plate-glass windows overlooking the club's moorage to the southwest. Window trim is simple stained hardwood. A central faceted chandelier with a simple box coffer and cove lighting provides focus to the room. Recessed ceiling-mounted fixtures provide additional lighting.

To the right, or west, of the main corridor is the club's original, 1920, "Social Hall." This room is approximately 44' wide and 34' deep. The room is divided into three bays by coffered beams running north-south across the room's ceiling. (Note: the coffering covers 8" x14" steel beams that are supported by roof trusses at their mid-span.) The coffering and the room's continuous architrave have a frieze of flabelliform ornamentation. The room focuses on a projecting fireplace on the south. The fireplace has as a simple Colonial revival chimneybreast. A pair of upright brass sconces is mounted above the fireplace. Recessed lights within the ceiling provide additional room lighting. Four folding doors located to the right of the fireplace provide access to the Dining Room.

The main stairway, dating from 1920, is located to the east of the main corridor and has painted colonial balusters and newels. The newels are topped by round brass finials. The main stairway leads up to an upper floor landing that provides access to restrooms on the right, the tower vestibule straight ahead (west), and to a meeting room on the left (south). The octagonal vestibule is contained within the walls and open to the interior of the tower. A steep stair to the right (north), leads up to the top of the tower, the 1989 elevator is located directly ahead (west) and the upper dining room and a 1920s conference room (Commodore's Room) is accessed by way of doorways on the left (south). The "L"-shaped Dining Room includes both the club's original, 1920, "Card & Reading Room" and additional space, now the bar, on the south that was adapted from an original, 1920, storeroom and bedroom. The original fireplace of the "Card & Reading Room" remains, although a contemporary chimney surround has been installed. The upper southwestern deck created by the southwestern 1967 addition is accessed through pairs of glazed doors from the southwestern corner of the original "Card & Reading Room" and from the bar area on the west. Simple contemporary chandeliers supplemented by recessed ceiling-mounted fixtures provide lighting in the room. All public rooms on the second floor are carpeted.

The main stairway also leads to the lower floor corridor that quickly doglegs to the left, running northsouth the entire length of the building, and ending at the southern lower floor entrance. Service areas are generally located to the left (east) of the corridor, the original, 1920, "Billiard Room" is located on the right (west) of the corridor, and the club's administrative offices are located in the southwestern corner of the building dating from 1967. All public rooms and administrative offices are carpeted.

The former "Billiard Room" is located beneath the club's original "Social Hall" and has the same overall dimensions as that room. The ceiling has simple coffers supported by a pair of square columns with simple upper brackets. The original projecting brick masonry fireplace has been painted. A pair of glazed exterior doors located on the room's western wall, provide egress. Recessed ceiling-mounted

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fluorescent fixtures provide lighting for the room.

#### Documented Building Alterations and Existing Condition

Da	ate Architect	Description
1946	Ralf E. Decker, AIA	Increase size of western windows, interior alterations to the entry and powder room. (permit # 376145)
1957	unknown	Remove second floor bearing partition. (permit # 454395)
1967	John Graham and Company Architects	Southwestern Addition adding a new main floor dining room on the southwestern corner of the building and expanding the kitchen into the existing dining room. Also included modification to the upper floor areas to create an additional dining space, deck, and meeting room. Locker rooms were also removed from the lower floor and other lower floor areas were reconfigured. (permit # 500428)
1981	Brewer Westberg Architects	Modifications to the main floor "Social Room." (permit # 596317)
1989-90	George W. Heideman, AIA	Accessibility improvements including the addition of an elevator and the creation of an entry vestibule. (permit # 648158)
1990	unknown	Alterations to lower floor restrooms (permit # 651105)

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Seattle Yacht Club - Main Station is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion "A" for its association to the broad patterns of social history in the city of Seattle. As an exclusive club in Seattle, members have been prominent community figures. Not only have many members made significant contributions to history outside of the Yacht Club, the Seattle Yacht Club, itself, has made a significant impact on Seattle's cultural events. The significant contributions include boating and yachting, sponsoring races, training young sailors, and providing a place for both professional and amateur boaters and boat builders in Seattle to congregate. Boating was the most important form of transportation in the Puget Sound region for the early settlers and native peoples as well. The Main Station Clubhouse is a physical manifestation of the height of the yachting social scene in Seattle in 1920. The period of significance begins in 1920 with the completion of the building and ends in 1946, the date when a variety of alterations to the building begin to occur and membership is at an all time low due to WWII.

#### Seattle Yacht Club

The Seattle Yacht Club was organized in 1892, when the existing yachting groups in Seattle combined in order to participate in a proposed Northwest International Yachting Association.<sup>1</sup> Even at this early date, yachting was a popular pastime and boating would remain an important method of transportation on Puget Sound. The club's first clubhouse was a boathouse located in West Seattle near Duwamish Head.<sup>2</sup> The location was too exposed to winds and was too affected by wakes from passing steamers for many members. The location lead to an almost immediate split of the organization, with members of smaller vessels forming the Elliott Bay Yacht Club and returning the boat house to the Brighton pier in 1894. The remaining members moved to a two-story Queen Anne style structure with a faux lighthouse attached to its northern side.<sup>3</sup> However, the building was soon abandoned, probably due to continuing moorage problems, the continuation of the financial downturn of 1893, and the lack of membership to sustain it.<sup>4</sup>

In 1909, Seattle architect John Graham Sr. was commissioned to design the new clubhouse for the Elliott Bay Yacht Club. Graham designed a two-story Craftsman style building (see attached images) to be built on pilings off-shore of a 200-foot strip of waterfront at the foot of what is now Charles Street, more southeast of the Duwamish Head on the inside harbor in West Seattle.<sup>5</sup> With a new clubhouse completed, later that year the Seattle Yacht Club and the Elliott Bay Yacht Club recombined their organizations for a second time. <sup>6</sup> This created a stronger and more vital club.

- <sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 19.
- <sup>5</sup> Ibid., p. 43.
- <sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> James R. Warren, *The Centennial History of the Seattle Yacht Club—1882-1992* (Redmond, WA: Liang Communications, 1992), p.17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., p.18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., pp. 25 & 26.

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The Seattle Yacht Club along with other Puget Sound yacht clubs, began to conduct local sailing competitions and started competing against boats of the newly formed Royal Vancouver club starting in 1906.<sup>7</sup> In 1909, a dispute concerning methods of measurements and which set of rules should be used for the Ted Geary-designed *Spirit II* ended racing with Canadian clubs. The feud lasted three years until in 1912, Sir Thomas Lipton, an English Baronet and yachtsman, while visiting Seattle proposed a new perpetual international challenge cup between American and British Columbian clubs. Subsequently, the first Northwest Lipton cup race occurred in 1914, with the legendary *Sir Tom*, designed by Ted Geary, winning over the Vancouver Yacht Club's *Turenga*.<sup>8</sup>

By 1913, the Seattle Yacht Club had grown to 371 members and had a fleet of 88 yachts.<sup>9</sup> That same year property for the club's first outstation, located on Manzanita Bay on the north side of Bainbridge Island, was purchased. Architect John Graham Sr. also drew the plans for the clubhouse there as well, but the project was never built.<sup>10</sup>

The Yacht Club used the clubhouse in West Seattle until 1918, when, when with the advent of World War I, the U.S. government bought it. They utilized the facility for training U.S. merchant marines.<sup>11</sup> Eventually the West Seattle clubhouse was moved to Lake Union where it still stands today. The Seattle Yacht Club operated without a clubhouse for two years, conducting business in the boardroom of the Dexter Horton Bank. During this time membership fell to 70 active members.<sup>12</sup>

In 1919, the current Montlake site was acquired under the direction of Commodore Norval H. Latimer, then president of the Dexter Horton Bank.<sup>13</sup> The creation of the ship canal in 1917 made the site on Portage Bay more accessible to the open waters of the sound and provided an ideal location for a new clubhouse. Vessels passing from Lake Union into Lake Washington and vice versa had to pass directly by the new site. The location offered many boating opportunities for its members on the two lakes. Former club commodore John Graham Sr. was once again commissioned to design the new clubhouse. He designed the building in a Colonial-Revival building with an attached faux lighthouse.<sup>14</sup> The initial design shows a north-south running gambrel with the tower to the north. This design was later changed to

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., p. 74.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., p. 74; and Pratt, p. 13.

<sup>14</sup> Pratt, pp. 13-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid., pp. 36-39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid., pp. 64-66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid., p. 59.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ibid., p. 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ibid., pp. 71-74. After the war the Seattle Rod and Gun Club purchased the clubhouse. The Queen City Yacht Club bought the building in 1926, and removed it by barge to the eastern shore of Lake Union at the foot of Fairview Avenue North. The Queen City Yacht Club moved to its existing location across Portage Bay from the Seattle Yacht Club in 1938. The building is extant and, although altered, remains at its Lake Union location.

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the present T-shaped gambrel configuration. The local building firm of Sylliaasen & Sandahl was hired as the general contractor.<sup>15</sup> The mechanical sub-contactor was Fritz Hellenthal, The electrical sub-contractor was Meacham & Babcock.<sup>16</sup>

The club's fleet was moved to the site during the month of May 1919, and on May 1, 1920, the yacht club formally dedicated its new clubhouse.<sup>17</sup> The club's membership limit was increased above the original 350, and the initiation fee was reduced in half to \$25 dollars to encourage new members. By the end of the year the club had over 400 members.<sup>18</sup>

"Opening Day" ceremonies featuring a boat parade through the Montlake Cut which became an annual event after, with the first 30 yachts participating in the first year, 1920.<sup>19</sup> Also in 1920, the Pacific International Yachting Association was formed re-establishing international yacht racing, suspended in the Northwest because of World I.<sup>20</sup> Throughout the 1920s, lavish entertainment at the club was regular and many members commissioned large yachts for pleasure cruises.

The Main Station Clubhouse houses all of the administration offices of the Seattle Yacht Club, it also serves and continues to serve, as a main gathering place for the members, their committees and activities. Privileges of membership include the use of the Main Station Clubhouse facilities and moorage, reciprocal privileges with other yacht clubs, the use of ten Seattle Yacht Club outstations, and guest privileges.

During the Depression the club lost many members, and many of the moorages became vacant.<sup>21</sup> There were still events and races, but greater emphasis was placed on the smaller boats, catboats, and flatties. Events at the club became less lavish. By 1931 the building was beginning to show signs of wear. That year the board decided to renovate the yacht club but was unable to raise the necessary funds.<sup>22</sup>

In the 1940s, the yacht club attempted to rebuild membership. During the war years club members offered their yachts for patrol duty to the Coast Guard, and some owners served as reserve officers. In total, over 60 club boats were either loaned or sold to the government.<sup>23</sup> Openings Day ceremonies were greatly reduced during the war years with fewer boats participating. Eventually Club membership

- <sup>16</sup> Ibid., p. 16.
- 17 Warren, p. 78.
- 18 Ibid., p. 79.
- <sup>19</sup> Ibid., p. 78.
- 20 Ibid., p. 79.
- <sup>21</sup> Ibid., p. 107.
- 22 Ibid., p. 109.
- <sup>23</sup> Ibid., pp. 148-151.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Pratt, p. 16.

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increased after the war, with membership reaching 752 in 1949.<sup>24</sup> The main station clubhouse received some alterations in 1946, including larger windows on the western façade and a redecorated lobby and powder room.<sup>25</sup>

In the 1950s, the yacht club formed a women's group, added women's names to the roster, and incorporated more family events.<sup>26</sup> Over 500 vessels participated in Opening Day celebrations in 1950, 700 boats in 1951, and 1,143 in 1956. According to Commodore Phil Smith in 1952, "The yacht club had its highest club spirit in years, the physical plant and club facilities are the finest on the west coast and moorage was safe and adequate (for the number of boats)."<sup>27</sup> In 1955, the Seattle Yacht Club renewed its corporate charter for an unlimited number of years.<sup>28</sup> Commodore T. Dayton Davies said in 1958, "The financial condition of the club remains in an exceedingly sound and healthy condition."<sup>29</sup>

In 1961, opening day races were restricted by both I-90 and Evergreen Point Bridge (SR520) construction.<sup>30</sup> Membership of the club however was still growing and moorage spaces was becoming tight. The clubhouse was reaching its 60-year mark. As a result in 1967, covered moorage was added and modernization of the main station clubhouse, including an addition to the southern end of the building, was completed.<sup>31</sup> The design of these alterations was prepared by John Graham & Company, then headed by John Graham Jr., son of the original architect.

In 1966, one of the Canadian Dunsmuir Islands, commonly named Ovens Island, was acquired as an outstation.<sup>32</sup> Property for an outstation on Henry Island in the San Juan Islands was acquired the next year, and the club made a 2,500-square-foot addition to the Port Madison outstation in 1967.<sup>33</sup> In 1968, a clubhouse was constructed for the Henry Island outstation, and additional upgrades to the main station moorage facilities were completed.<sup>34</sup> Club membership became restricted to 1,500 in 1970.<sup>35</sup> Seattle Yacht Club became free of debt and claimed assets above one million dollars.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., p. 168.
<sup>25</sup> Ibid., p. 161.
<sup>26</sup> Ibid., pp. 174 & 175.
<sup>27</sup> Ibid., p. 185.
<sup>28</sup> Ibid., 189.
<sup>29</sup> Ibid., pp. 200 & 201.
<sup>30</sup> Ibid., p. 215.
<sup>31</sup> Ibid., p. 222.
<sup>32</sup> Ibid., pp. 232.
<sup>33</sup> Ibid., pp. 235 & 240.
<sup>35</sup> Ibid., p. 227.
<sup>36</sup> Ibid., pp. 232 & 233.

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Two years later in 1972, club membership reached 1,500, the proscribed limit.<sup>37</sup> The Gig Harbor outstation land was purchased and Eagle Harbor moorage space was acquired for a new outstation in 1977.<sup>38</sup> That same year land was purchased at Moss Point for another outstation, but the land was sold a few years later.<sup>39</sup> During the 1970s, the club's Junior Program produced some of the best sailors on the coast, evidenced by the fact that two members, who were also on the University of Washington sailing team, were named All-American in 1977.<sup>40</sup> In 1978, the Port Ludlow outstation land was purchased.<sup>41</sup>

In 1982, the Garden Bay outstation was purchased in Pender Harbor, Canada.<sup>42</sup> In 1985, Eagle Harbor outstation slips, which had been leased since 1978, were purchased.<sup>43</sup> In 1987, an agreement was reached between the club and the East Gig Harbor Improvement Association for the club to build a pier and a float there.<sup>44</sup> The Seattle Yacht Club outstations provide moorage and facilities for the members while on recreational boating excursions. Sometimes outstations are used for organized events or boat races.

The Seattle Yacht Club also continues to sponsors the annual Opening Day ceremonies in May through the Montlake Cut and also the annual Special Peoples Cruise for the developmentally disabled every winter. Competitive sailing continues as a major focus for the club as it sponsors the Tri-Island Sailboat Series, the oldest sailboat series on Puget Sound, every year. Currently, the Seattle Yacht Club has nine outstations and four other clubhouses besides the main station on Portage Bay.<sup>45</sup> The club, as of October 2005, has 1,247 Active members, 463 Active Intermediates (ages 21-40) members, 329 Life members, and 158 Junior (ages 16-20) members.<sup>46</sup>

#### Yacht Club Development and Buildings in North America

Early yacht clubs in the United States met in improvised quarters on members' vessels, rented rooms, or in makeshift sheds or boathouses near moorage. Among the earliest known yacht clubs is the the New York Yacht Club which was established in 1844. By 1846 the club was meeting in a small building designed by architect Andrew Jackson Davis.<sup>47</sup> This Gothic Revival cottage was probably the first

<sup>37</sup> Ibid., p. 260.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid., pp. 278 & 79.

- <sup>40</sup> Ibid., pp. 280 & 281.
- <sup>41</sup> Ibid., p. 281.
- <sup>42</sup> Ibid., p. 304.

<sup>45</sup> Ibid., p. 79.

<sup>46</sup> Bramstet, John, Membership Director, Seattle Yacht Club, telephone interview, October 26, 2005.

<sup>47</sup> Michael Levitt, "About the New York Yacht Club," http://nyyc.org/index.cfm?relatedlink=History& content=dcms&option=dcms&rltest=1, accessed October 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Ibid., p. 272.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Ibid., pp. 283 & 312.

<sup>44</sup> Ibid., pp. 334 & 335

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dedicated yacht club building in the United States. Other American yacht clubs were subsequently formed in the latter half of the nineteenth century on the East Coast, including the Portland Yacht Club in Maine, 1869; the Rhode Island Yacht Club, 1875; the Florida Yacht Club, 1878; the Hull Yacht Club, near Boston, Massachusetts, 1880; the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts, 1885; the Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Connecticut, 1889; and on the West Coast the San Francisco Yacht Club, 1869; the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, 1872; the San Francisco's Corinthian Yacht Club, 1886; the San Diego Yacht Club in 1886; and the Seattle Yacht Club in 1892.

Yacht club clubhouses tended to be makeshift affairs throughout the turn of the nineteenth century with a few notable exceptions. In 1882, the Hull Yacht Club near Boston built a four-story Shingle style clubhouse on Boston Harbor, enticing new members with three bowling alleys, a billiard room, a dining room, and two reception rooms.<sup>48</sup> The building, after being sold to private investors for speculation as a hotel, was deemed a fire hazard and dismantled in the mid-1930's. In 1898, the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts, built a major Colonial-Revival clubhouse that, although altered, remains in use today.<sup>49</sup> In 1901, the New York Yacht Club erected a grand Beaux-Arts building on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan designed by architects Whitney Warren and Charles D. Wetmore.<sup>50</sup> In 1911, the Corinthian Yacht Club of San Francisco erected a flat-roofed Colonial-Revival clubhouse in Tiburon, the oldest extant clubhouse on the West Coast.<sup>51</sup>

The general prosperity of the early 1920s, and an increase in the popularity of yachting, led several clubs to build new more substantial structures. Many focused on the idea of using a light station as a basis for a design motif. Seattle architect John Graham Sr. Colonial-Revival building complete with a faux lighthouse for the Seattle Yacht Club in 1920 may have been the first.<sup>52</sup> The San Diego Yacht club also built a lighthouse-inspired clubhouse at Coronado in 1923, later barging it across the bay to Shelter Island.<sup>53</sup> The Santa Barbara Yacht Club built a Colonial-Revival clubhouse, also with a faux lighthouse, designed by yachtsman and local architect Winsor Soule, on Stern's Wharf in 1926.<sup>54</sup> This fascination with lighthouses was later brought to its logical conclusion when the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco purchased a 1905 lighthouse and relocated it on Tinsley Island on the Sacramento Delta in the 1970s as an outstation.<sup>55</sup>

PageId=202050&b=1&sI=1&vnf=&ssid=100&dpageid=201727&bhcp=1, accessed October 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Hull Yacht Club, "A Brief History of The Hull Yacht Club," http://www.hullyc.org/club\_history.shtml, accessed October 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Corinthian Yacht Club, "Corinthian Yacht Club History," http://corinthianyc.org/history62.html, accessed October 14, 2005. <sup>50</sup> Levitt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Corinthian Yacht Club of San Francisco, "About the Corinthian Yacht Club," http://www.cyc.org/about.html, accessed October 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Daniel L. Pratt, "The Creation of the New Seattle Yacht Club," Pacific Motor Boat, July 1920, pp. 13-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> San Diego Yacht Club, "SDYC History," http://www.sdyc.org/about/history.htm, accessed October 14, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Santa Barbara Yacht Club, "Club History from 1872 to Present," http://www.abyc.org/history.html, accessed October 14, 2005. <sup>55</sup> St. Francis Yacht Club, "About the Club," http://www.stfyc.com/default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&

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As the yacht clubs turned to other social activities to attract new membership, post-Depression clubhouses began to resemble waterside restaurants rather than mainly providing meeting rooms and locker rooms. Older facilities were enlarged and modified to accept additional social events.

#### John Graham Sr. (1873-1955)

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Seattle architect John Graham Sr. was born in Liverpool and acquired his professional skills in England through apprenticeship. He moved to Seattle in 1901, practicing architecture mainly in Seattle until 1940.<sup>56</sup> An early project was the reconstruction of the Trinity Episcopal Church (1902-03) after the original 1891 church had been destroyed by fire. He was briefly associated with Alfred Bodley in 1904, before joining with architect David Myers in 1905, in a partnership that lasted until 1910. <sup>57</sup> This partnership produced designs for three apartment buildings, the Kenny Presbyterian Home, and at least two large eclectic houses. Graham and Myers also designed several of the pavilions for the 1909 Alaska Yukon Exhibition, and designed the first clubhouse for the Elliott Bay Yacht Club (later the Seattle Yacht Club) that same year.<sup>58</sup>

In 1910, John Graham Sr. became a sole practitioner and began designing buildings of major significance in Seattle.<sup>59</sup> His first major commission was for the Joshua Green Building (1913), one of the first major buildings in the expansion of the business district north from Pioneer Square. This building incorporated the steel frame and terra cotta cladding. That same year Graham designed an assembly plant for the Ford Motor Company (1913, now Shurguard Storage) in Seattle. That led Graham to open an office in Detroit, Michigan where he supervised several other Ford assembly plants built around the United States between 1914 and 1918.<sup>60</sup>

Graham's design of the Fredrick and Nelson Department Store (1916-19) was the first of several finely detailed terra-cotta-clad commercial buildings in Seattle, the Dexter Horton Building (1921-24) being another example.<sup>61</sup> His Bank of California Building (1923-24), also clad with light colored terra cotta, demonstrates superb classical detailing on the interior.<sup>62</sup>

- <sup>59</sup> Hildebrand, p. 90.
- <sup>60</sup> Ibid., p. 90.
- <sup>61</sup> Ibid., p. 90 & 93.
- <sup>62</sup> Ibid., p. 91 & 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Grant Hildebrand, "John Graham, Sr.," in Shaping Seattle Architecture: A Historical Guide to Architects, ed. Jeffrey Karl Ochsner (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1994), p. 90.

<sup>57</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Ibid., pp. 90 & 92; Warren, p. 43

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Graham also excelled in the development of the Art Deco style; the Bon Marché Building (1927-29, now Macy's), the Roosevelt Hotel (1928-29), and the Exchange Building (1929-31) all demonstrate mastery in detail and development of Art Deco motifs.<sup>63</sup> Graham also collaborated with Bebb & Gould on the design of the U.S. Marine Hospital Campus (1931-34, now Pacific Medical Center, altered), considered one of the finest examples of the style in the Northwest.<sup>64</sup> Despite embracing the new Moderne style, Graham could also fall back on his eclectic roots to please the University of Washington Board of Regents. Graham designed four major Collegiate Gothic buildings on the campus, beginning with the Physics Hall (1927-28, altered, now Mary Gates Hall).<sup>65</sup>

Between 1936 and 1942, while associated with engineer William Painter, Graham also operated from an office at Rockefeller Center in New York City.<sup>66</sup> His son John Graham Jr. joined the firm New York office in the 1937, specializing in department store design.<sup>67</sup> Over the next few years Graham began transfer the practice to his son, retiring from active practice in 1946.<sup>68</sup> After his father's retirement, John Graham Jr. returned to Seattle and completely took over his father's firm, John Graham & Company. John Graham Jr. would lead the company until his death in 1991, the firm becoming one of the premier commercial architectural firms in the United States.<sup>69</sup> Notable projects include: the Northgate Shopping Center (1946-50, altered) in Seattle, the Ala Moana Center (1960, altered) in Honolulu, The Space Needle (1960-62, with Victor Steinbrueck, altered) in Seattle, the Wells Fargo Building (1960-66, now 44 Montgomery Street Building) in San Francisco, and the Bank of California Building (1971-74, now Key Bank).<sup>70</sup> John Graham & Company also designed the south addition to the Seattle Yacht Club, Main Station between 1962 and 1963.<sup>71</sup>

John Graham Sr. was an enthusiastic yachtsman, a competitive sailor in his early years, and an active member of the Seattle Yacht Club, serving as commodore for the club in 1913 and 1929.<sup>72</sup> Graham designed the club's second clubhouse in 1909, the outstation clubhouse at Port Madison, and the main station clubhouse in 1920.<sup>73</sup> Graham owned several boats and yachts during his life, including the Ted

<sup>70</sup> Ibid., p. 260.

<sup>71</sup> The firm is identified on the plan set "Additions and Alterations to Seattle Yacht Club" dated 1963.

72 Warren, p. 95.

<sup>73</sup> Ibid., p. 48 & 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Ibid., p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Ibid., p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Ibid., p.94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Ibid., p. 92.

<sup>67</sup> Ibid., p. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Ibid., p. 92. This transfer may have been somewhat acrimonious. See Norman C. Blanchard and Stephen Wilen, *Knee-Deep in Shavings: Memories of Early Yachting and Boatbuilding on the West Coast* (Victoria, B.C., Canada: Horsdal & Schubart, 1999), p. 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Meredith L. Clausen, "John Graham, Jr.," in Shaping Seattle Architecture: A Historical Guide to Architects, ed. Jeffrey Karl Ochsner (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1994), p. 259.

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Geary-designed 45' yawl *Ortuna*, the 40' auxiliary schooner *Sovereign*, and the 65' Geary-designed motor yacht *Mary*.<sup>74</sup> Graham also commissioned the 96' Geary-designed *Blue Peter* in 1928, but lost her during the Depression.<sup>75</sup> *Blue Peter* is presently based in Seattle and is considered one of the premier classic yachts in the Northwest. Graham's last yacht was the Anchor Jensen-built 65' motor yacht *Pelagic*.<sup>76</sup>

#### Norval H. Latimer (1863-1923)

As commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club between 1917 and 1919, Norval H. Latimer spearheading the purchase of the Montlake property of the Yacht Club's main station and oversaw the construction of the Yacht Club's main station clubhouse.<sup>77</sup> He also organized and administered the financing of the new clubhouse, and is generally credited along with John Graham Senior as the two men responsible for the construction of the Seattle Yacht Club's Main Station Clubhouse.<sup>78</sup>

Originally born in Berwick, Illinois, Norval H. Latimer moved to Seattle where he gained employment with the Dexter Horton Company in 1882.<sup>79</sup> He became manager of the Dexter Horton Bank in 1889, and was elected president and became one of the directors of the newly reorganized Dexter Horton National Bank in 1910.<sup>80</sup> Latimer was considered one of the foremost bankers in the state, serving as president of the Washington State Bankers Association.<sup>81</sup> He also served as president of the Snoqualmie Power Company and the Diamond Ice Company.<sup>82</sup> Latimer was active in the Artic Club, the Rainier Club, the Seattle Athletic Club, and the Tacoma Club.<sup>83</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Blanchard, pp. 48-55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Ibid., p. 49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Ibid., p. 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Warren, p. 57; Pratt, p. 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Ibid., p.14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Clarence B. Bagley, "Norval Hastings Latimer," in *History of King County, Washington, vol.2* (Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1929), p. 882.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Ibid., p. 882.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Ibid., p. 882.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Ibid., p. 882.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Ibid., p. 882.

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#### **Boundary Description:**

The nominated property includes Lots 1 through 7, Block 3, Montlake Park, according to plat thereof, recorded in Volume 18, page 20, in King County, Washington; together with those portions of the vacated alleys in said Block 3 which would attach by operation of law, said alleys having been vacated pursuant to City of Seattle Ordinance Numbers 89765 and 100408, a copy of the latter of which was recorded under Recording Number 7111500308.

#### **Boundary Justification:**

The nominated property encompasses the entire urban tax lot, which is under exclusive ownership of the Seattle Yacht Club and has historically been associated with the main clubhouse building. Other resources historically associated with the Seattle Yacht Club, such as the "Yardarm" and the "Historic Anchor" and slips, are not included within the boundary of the nominated property. The Seattle Yacht Club moorage is on leased property owned by the Department of Natural Resources and the yarndarn and anchor are located on property owned by Seattle Parks that is under a maintenance agreement with the Seattle Yacht Club.

#### HISTORIC FIGURES AMONG MEMBERS OF SEATTLE YACHT CLUB, 1892-2006

**N. H. Latimer**; Banker, Financier, President of Dexter Horton Bank – one of the first banks in Seattle, 3-term Commodore of SYC. Latimer led the Club through the planning and construction of its present Portage Bay club house (1917-1919).

**Col. C. B. Blethen**; Yachtsman and Commodore of SYC in 1931. Owner and publisher of <u>*The Seattle Times*</u>. Some of his descendants continue as SYC club members.

**Miller Freeman**; Life Member, developer, publisher. Freeman was an active promoter of pleasure boating and ocean science. He established the University of Washington campus for Oceanography and Fisheries and published <u>Pacific Motor Boat</u> magazine with Daniel Pratt, editor.

**Scott Calhoun**; One time Seattle City Attorney and first attorney for the Port of Seattle. With Miller Freeman, Calhoun negotiated the agreement with the City for the SYC club house site.

**L. E. "Ted" Geary**; Arguably the West Coast's best yacht designer and Commodore of SYC in 1930. A renowned naval architect and racing skipper, Geary also designed the first diesel-powered tug boat in North America, the **Chickamauga** (1915).

**Robert Moran**; Yachtsman, financier, ship builder. Moran was the managing owner of Moran Brothers Shipyard, Seattle, builders of the battleship **Nebraska**. He also built the schooner **San Wan**, and the retreat (now resort) at Rosario, Orcas Island, Washington.

**Capt. James Griffiths**; 3-term Commodore of SYC, sea captain, importer, financier and ship builder. Capt. Griffiths ran his ship yard at Winslow on Bainbridge Island (formerly Hall Bros.) and owned a number of the finest motor yachts. He arranged the first regular shipments of silk from the Orient with NYK Lines.

**Henry Kotkins**; Manufacturer, Seattle Port Commissioner and yachtsman. Kotkins owned and skippered the famous yawl **Diamond Hea**d for over forty years and founded Skyway Luggage.

**John Graham, Sr.**; Architect, yachtsman and 2-term Commodore of SYC. He designed numerous Seattle landmarks including *The Bon Marche* (now, *Macy's*), the Dexter Horton Building and the present Portage Bay club house for SYC (1918-1919).

**Stanley Sayers**; Auto dealer and race boat innovator. Sayers' then-revolutionary unlimited hydroplane *Slo-Mo-Shun IV* brought the Unlimited Hydroplane Gold Cup to Seattle in 1950.

**Bill & Carl Buchan**; Father and son sailboat racers, they both won Gold Medals in their respective classes in the 1984 Olympic Games at Los Angeles. Bill has also won the Star Class World Championship twice, Carl once.











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# **Photographs**

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- 2) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Ellen Mirro 8/25/05 IMG\_2580.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing south at north facade
- 3) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0916.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, detail of tower viewing south
- 4) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Ellen Mirro 8/25/05 IMG\_2583.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing west at east facade
- 5) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Ellen Mirro 8/25/05 IMG\_2584.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing north at south facade
- 6) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0904.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing east at west facade

- 7) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0890.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, lower floor, former "Billiard Room," viewing southwest
- 8) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0862.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, main floor entry, viewing southeast
- 9) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson
  9/19/05 IMG\_0875.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, main floor hall, viewing north

10)The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0869.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, main floor dining room, viewing southwest

11)The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station
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Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, upper floor tower stair, viewing north

12)The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County, Washington Larry Johnson 9/19/05 IMG\_0844.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, upper floor dining room/lounge, viewing southwest 13)The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station Yardarm King County, Washington Ellen Mirro 11/17/05 IMG\_4101.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station Yardarm, viewing south from West Montlake Park

14)The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station Historic Anchor King County, Washington Ellen Mirro 11/17/05 IMG\_4104.JPG Seattle Yacht Club Main Station Historic Anchor, viewing west

# Historic photos of the property

 15) The Seattle Yacht Club, West Seattle King County Washington Unknown photographer, property of Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, Joe Williamson Collection 7/3/1909 negative #1741-94 Seattle Yacht Club West Seattle, viewing southeast across Elliott Bay

- 16) The Seattle Yacht Club, West Seattle King County Washington Unknown photographer, property of Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, Hudson Collection No date negative #879-59 Seattle Yacht Club West Seattle, viewing northwest
- 17) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County Washington Staff Photographer, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, property of Museum of History and Industry, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Collection Circa 1925 image #PI21580 Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing east

- 18) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County Washington Unknown photographer, property of Museum of History and Industry, Pemco, Webster and Stevens Collection Circa 1920 image #1983.10.1944 Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing southeast
- 19) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station King County Washington Tax Assessors Photograph, property of Puget Sound Regional Archives Circa 1938 Folio #1794, parcel number 5605000305 Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, viewing southeast
- 20) The Seattle Yacht Club Main Station and surrounding King County Washington Staff Photographer, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, property of Museum of History and Industry, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Collection No date Image # PI-21583 Seattle Yacht Club Main Station, Portage Bay moorage, West Montlake Park, and houses, aerial viewing southwest

# Attachments

Plans: John Graham Senior, Architect 6/29/1919 Plans: John Graham Senior, Architect 5/1/31 Plans: John Graham and Company, Architects 1/7/1963 Plans: Brewer Westberg, Architects 3/13/1979 Plans: George W. Heideman, Architect 3/15/1989