

Quartermaster Yacht Club

Quartermaster Yacht Club was formed in 1948. The first facility was a short dock and float for landing boats and boarding passengers, and a Cook Shack on the bulkhead. The current facility was built in several stages with the current Club House built in the early 1980s. The docks were expanded in the 1970s and again in the 1990s.



The original photograph taken in the early 1950s shows the dock with the dogleg to the right and the ramp down to a float. These features are still basically the same. The bulkhead is also still basically the same except that now it is hidden under the deck that is cantilevered out over it. The original photograph shows one sailboat, all the other boats are powerboats from about 15 to 30 feet in length. Today the club is 35% powerboats and 65% sailboats ranging from 22 to 65 feet in length.



The new photograph shows some interesting changes. There is only one buoy visible in the original photograph while there are 18 visible in the 2009 photograph. At the bottom of the ramp, the new docks expand impressively, with a 180-foot guest dock running to the right with attached floats storing the dinghies for the Quartermaster Yacht Club/Vashon Park District cooperatively run Youth Sailing Program. There are currently slips for 93 boats, several dinghy floats, and a workshop shed.

From its very humble beginnings in 1948, Quartermaster Yacht Club has come to represent a major facility for recreational boating on Vashon.

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