



Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Weekend is rapidly approaching, and we are delighted to invite you to join us in celebrating the annual Daffodil Marine Festival and Parade. This year's theme, "**Bloom Where the World Takes You,**" promises a festive and memorable weekend for all.

Our basin crew will be ready to welcome visiting boaters beginning at **12:00 noon on Thursday, April 16**. While we will make every effort to accommodate all boats, power cannot be guaranteed. Diesel generators may only be used if they do not pose a carbon monoxide risk to others. Please also note that we cannot guarantee pet-friendly shore access, so plan accordingly if traveling with dogs.

Thursday Evening, April 16

Kick off the weekend with **Karaoke in the clubhouse from 7:00–10:00 pm**. Arrive early, settle in, and join the fun!

Friday Evening, April 17

At **7:00 pm**, we will hold a competition to determine trivia seating and Token Parade placement. At **7:30 pm**, the celebration continues with music and dancing at our **Neon Nights-themed dance party**. The Daffodil Chair and Co-Chairs will award prizes for the best costume(s), so come ready to compete and dance the night away.

Saturday Afternoon, April 18

A highlight of the weekend is the **Token Parade at 1:30 pm**, followed immediately by **Trivia from 2:00–4:00 pm**. Please note the following trivia details:

- Bar snacks, beer, wine, and Daffy Drinks will be available
- Trivia will be pub-style
- Each club's trivia team may include up to four people (including the Token)
- Teams will be seated at tables determined by Friday night's competition
- Other club members will be seated around the ballroom to cheer on their team

Bribes & Changemaker Awards

Bribes have long been part of Daffodil trivia, and in recent years we've proudly emphasized donation-based bribes. Last year, participating clubs donated an incredible **\$167,000** to your local charities!

On Friday night, we will announce our **Changemaker Awards** honoring the top three clubs with the highest charitable donations *per member*. In 2025, the awards went to Poulsbo Yacht Club, Olympia Yacht Club, and Seattle Singles Yacht Club. Let's start early and beat last year's total! The final donation amount will also be announced during the **Flag Ceremony on Sunday morning**, recognizing everyone's generosity and hard work.

Changemaker Award Guidelines

- Award Levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum
- Calculation: Total donations made between **4/14/25–4/17/26**, divided by number of memberships (excluding youth/junior memberships)
- Proof of donation required (screenshot, email confirmation, receipt, etc.)
- Please email documentation to larich0402@gmail.com

Saturday Evening, April 18

At **7:30 pm** there will be **Live music and Dancing** with the country/western band “**Nic Cane**”.

Sunday, April 19

The **Flag Ceremony** will take place at **10:00 am**, and the weekend will conclude with the **Decorated Boat Parade, starting at 11:30am**, along the Tacoma waterfront. We can't wait to see your creative designs!

Registration Information

- Each club must register (only once)
- Every boat, and RV must complete an online registration form
- All festival participants must also register. *Online registration is highly encouraged to avoid the lines, but registration at the door will be allowed*
- Register online at <https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil>
- Festival entry fee: **\$5 per person** (due at check-in)
- Boat or RV registration: **\$25 non-refundable**, due at registration
 - Includes two complimentary entry passes
- No entry fee for children under 18

The registration deadline is **March 21, 2026**, or until capacity is reached. Please note that we are unable to accommodate boats over **65 feet** in length.

Registration and order forms are available online:

<https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil>

If you have questions, please visit our website or contact **Bentley Rickmers** at tycdaffodil@gmail.com.

To request a visitation to your club, please contact **P/C Jeff Krueger** at jpkruieger1@outlook.com, **Pam Krueger** at pkpekrueger@gmail.com, or complete the Visitation Request Form on the Daffodil page of our website.

Each participating club's **Commodore and one guest** are invited to a reception in the **Crow's Nest** of the TYC clubhouse on **Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 pm**. Dress is boating casual. Appetizers and a no-host bar will be available.

For additional details on **menus, highlights, and parade judging criteria**, please visit our website. The Tacoma Yacht Club looks forward to welcoming you for an unforgettable **2026 Daffodil Weekend Festival!**

Sincerely,

Commodore Dave & Judy Bender

Tacoma Yacht Club