

Tokyo Yacht Club & The Club at Westpoint Burgee Exchange September 29, 2024

The Tokyo Yacht Club is based at Yumenoshima Marina in Koto City, Tokyo. This marina is located within Yumenoshima Park, an area known for its large marina facilities, sports park, tropical greenhouse, and a variety of recreational amenities. Yumenoshima, originally developed on reclaimed land, is a hub for boating and yachting activities.

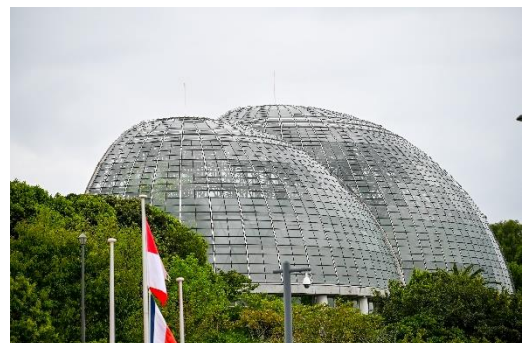
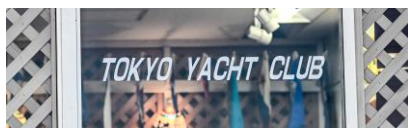


The area offers excellent access to Tokyo Bay, making it a key spot for boating enthusiasts. The marina is strategically located at the edge of the bay, just a short distance from open waters. This seamless access to Tokyo Bay attracts both local and international sailors for both leisurely cruises and competitive sailing events.

The central building of Yumenoshima Marina is the "Marine Center," which serves as a hub for activities and amenities. This facility features an atrium, owner's rooms, a restaurant, and various essential services like showers, changing rooms, and lockers. Its distinctive triangular roof, resembling a yacht's sail, symbolizes the marina's nautical theme. The center also hosts shops and serves as the focal point for visiting yachtsmen, offering conveniences such as refueling and docking assistance.



The club with its observation deck is at the far end of the building.



The dome-shaped buildings are the Yumenoshima Tropical Greenhouse Domes, part of a botanical garden located in Yumenoshima Park and each hosting a variety of tropical and subtropical plants.

The Yumenoshima Marina hosted the 2024 Marine Festival on September 28 and 29. This annual event offered a range of activities and performances, including live music, dance performances, tai chi demonstrations, and unique acts by acrobatic performers.



The festival also featured local food trucks, markets selling regional products, and a special "Enjoy Fish" fair focusing



Rickshaw rides were among the attractions, adding a traditional cultural element to the modern maritime festivities.

Many privately owned vessels at Yumenoshima Marina feature English names. This trend reflects the global culture surrounding yachting, which often adopts English as the common language, especially among international boat owners and sailing enthusiasts.



The presence of vessels with English names at Yumenoshima also aligns with Tokyo's international outlook and the marina's role in hosting a variety of local and international boaters, contributing to a sense of inclusivity and global participation in the marina community.

Local sailors at Yumenoshima Marina often enjoy spending time relaxing on their boats. The marina fosters a social atmosphere, with many boat owners using their vessels as a place to unwind and connect with fellow sailors. The camaraderie among sailors was particularly evident at the Tokyo Yacht Club.





John & Angela and her sister Linda warmly welcomed to the Tokyo Yacht Club. Sitting to John's left is Ken Saito, club president. This area is the club's entrance and has a small bar to service members and guests.



A new friendship begins.



After the exchange of burgees, we were invited to the club's main facility on the second floor.



Observation deck, looking in...



Observation deck, looking out...



Karaoke anyone?



Linda, with Ken Saito and Jerry Song, yacht club director who made the arrangements for our visit.



A perfect ending to a perfect day.

Thank you, Ken Saito and all members of the Tokyo Yacht Club, for your warm hospitality. You are always welcome to visit us at The Club at Westpoint—we'll have a place for you!