



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Davis Island Yacht Club - <http://www.diytc.org/>

The Yacht Club is located at the south end of a small group of islands known as Davis Islands, which were developed from mangrove swamps in the 1920's. While Davis Islands are located very close to downtown Tampa, the community has a small-town feel. Davis Islands' "downtown" is about one block full of restaurants and amenities (two convenience stores, two banks, a Subway sandwich shop, an English pub, laundry, a drug-store, Mexican, Thai, Italian, and Greek restaurants, a coffee shop, a cigar shop, etc.)

Our liquor license does not permit outside alcoholic beverages on the Clubhouse footprint, but with the tiki bar so close, many of our guests enjoy drinks poolside. Shower facilities are located in the restrooms beside the pool. These doors are not kept locked, although they do stick from time to time.

The club has free coffee and iced tea, which start brewing when the doors open at around 8 Tuesday-Sunday, as well as a full-service bar and lunch service daily.

Parking Cars, Boats, Trailers

The spaces around the Clubhouse are reserved for members. Cars can be parked outside of the "Members Only" signs, anywhere you are not blocking access to boats. A-Cats will be placed on the grass next to the beach, on the West side of the Clubhouse and pool. Trailers can be parked on the grass on the South side of the Clubhouse. The club locks its gates after 10 p.m., so if you arrive late it might not be possible to drop off your boat.

Camping / Housing

Camping is permitted at DIYC. Recreational vehicles can be accommodated, but require a reservation (diytc@diytc.org) and no electrical hookups are available. Dogs are not allowed.

Limited housing will be available with local families, and aboard boats docked in the DIYC basin. Contact Amy Linton to make reservations. Email aslinton@aol.com

Lodging

The Marriott Residence Inn on East Tyler (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpatd-residence-inn-tampa-downtown/>) and the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpatd-courtyard-tampa-downtown/>) are both close by, and the Tahitian Inn has proven to be quite sailor-friendly (<http://www.tahitianinn.com/>).

Prefer a New Orleans atmosphere? The Hilton Garden Suites is in the heart of Tampa's cultural and party center of Ybor City, about 5 miles from the club.

(<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/accommodations.jhtml?ctyhocn=TPAYCGI>)

There are a few no-tell motels on Kennedy within a couple of miles of the club, but we don't recommend them.

Area Attractions

If you are bringing family, Tampa offers plenty of tourist attractions, including Busch Gardens, Lowry Park Zoo, the Florida Aquarium, the new Glazer Children's Museum, and more. At local music venues, Diana Ross will play in St. Petersburg on Friday, February 24, and Uncle John's Band covers the Grateful Dead on Thursday, February 23 at Skipper's Smokehouse. (<http://skipperssmokehouse.com>)