

A Finding Aid to the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club Collection

Record Unit 408



Finding aid prepared by Margot S. Weston during several years ending in 2014 with assistance from Lara J. Ullman.

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Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum
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Call Number: RU 408

Creator: Vineyard Haven Yacht Club

Title: Vineyard Haven Yacht Club collection

Dates: 1908-2012

Physical Description: 16 boxes + 3 oversize boxes (8.261 cubic feet)

Language(s): The materials are in English.

Abstract: The collection consists of minutes of meetings, correspondence, year books, legal documents, records of awards, and material relating to sailing, tennis, and other non-waterfront activities. The material was created by Vineyard Haven Yacht Club members and staff, and was compiled by Tony Van Riper, Hugh Schwarz, and Margot Schwarz Weston. Additional material was gathered by Alice Goyert.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Boxes 5, 6, 8, 9, and 16 and select folders are closed for research use. Access to restricted material requires written permission from the Manager of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club (manager@vhyc.org). There are no restrictions on the rest of the collection.

Use and Reproduction Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Anthony Van Riper in 1989. (Accession no. 1989.048). Gift of Margot S. Weston in 2008. (Accession no. 2008.053). Several additional accruals were received from Margot S. Weston since 2008 and were added to the collection by a previous staff member. Gift of Alice Goyert in May 2014. (Accession no. 2014.019).

Custodial History

The records were collected by Anthony Van Riper, Hugh Schwarz, Margot S. Weston, and Vineyard Haven Yacht Club members and office staff.

Accruals

Additional accruals are expected.

Related Materials

See also, Photograph Archive.

Index Terms

Subjects - Topics

Boats and boating
Sailboat racing
Sailing
Tennis
Yacht clubs--Massachusetts--Vineyard Haven
Yacht racing
Yachting--Associations

Yachting--Societies, etc.

Subjects - Places

Tisbury (Mass.)

Vineyard Haven (Mass.)

Form/Genre Terms

Bylaws

Correspondence

Minutes (administrative records)

Photographs

Reports

Rules and Regulations

Yearbooks

Biography/Historical Note

The Vineyard Haven Yacht Club was incorporated in 1928. The primary objective of the Club was and continues to be yachting with tennis, swimming and other sports and activities included as secondary objectives. The collection was donated on the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. The original building was owned by Charles Norton and was known as The Casino. It is on the beach at Owen Little Way in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. Mr. Norton owned an Inn on the corner of Main Street and Owen Little Way and leased the beach property to the Yacht Club for several years before the Yacht Club purchased the location. The Board of Governors looked for land or a building on the waterfront for a number of years. The original two-story building was condemned at the end of the 1966 season as unsafe. Tom Hale designed a one story building which opened for the 1967 season and lasted through 2008. The current two-story building opened for the 2009 season.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection contains minutes of the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors and other meetings. There is also material concerning the annual awards of various trophies, race results, tennis results, and correspondence related to the aforementioned topics. Also included are reports of various social events, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Yearbooks describing the means and methods of the operation of the club. Records about awards can be found in the annual reports, the

yearbooks from the time it was given until the time it ended, and are also listed in the board of governor's meetings and the annual meeting.

Arrangement

Series I: Governance, 1927-2012

Series II: Membership, 1929-2006

Series III: Programs and Activities, Water and Land, 1929-2006

Collection Contents

Series I. Governance, 1927-2012

This series includes account books, bylaws, rules and regulations, minutes of meetings, annual reports, and correspondence related to the operation of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. The Club is controlled by the actions of the Board of Governors and the vote of the head of the household at the Annual Meeting of Members. An executive committee composed of the flag officers and three or four other governors appointed by the Commodore, who is the chairman, meets as needed year round to maintain continuity and prepare the agenda for the three required Board of Governors meetings that occur during the season. Additional Board of Governors meetings can be called during the off season if necessary. Boxes 5, 6, 8, 9, and 16 are closed for research use. See access restrictions for more information.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by record group and then chronologically.

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Account Book	1928
1	2	Account Book: Accounts Payable	1929-1930
1	3	Account Book: Accounts Receivable	1929-1930
1	4	Account Book	1930
1	5	Account Book: Accounts Receivable	1931
1	6	Bylaws	1966-1969, 1997-1999, undated
1	7	Committee Assignments	1996-2004
1	8	Committees: Buildings, Grounds, and Property	1971-2006
1	9	Committees: Junior Sailing	1987-1993
1	10	Committees: Long Range Planning	1970-1996
15	1	Committees: Long Range Planning	1995-1996
2	1	Committees: Membership	1929-1980
2	2	Committees: Membership	1981-1983
2	3	Committees: Membership	1984-2002

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
2	4	Committees: Nominating	1953-1999
2	5	Committees: Race	1957-1994
2	6	Committees: Race Committee Book	1932
2	7	Committees: Race Committee Book	1933
2	8	Committees: Race Committee Book	1934
2	9	Committees: Social, Hospitality, House	1929-2003
2	10	Committees: Tennis	1956-2004
15	2	Committees: Tennis	1988-2004
3	1	Correspondence Bound Book	1927-1928
3	2	Correspondence Bound Book	1929
4	1	Correspondence Bound Book	1930-1931
5	1	Correspondence and Minutes	1928-1939
5	2	Correspondence and Minutes	1940-1949
5	3	Correspondence and Minutes	1951-1952
5	4	Correspondence and Minutes	1953-1955
5	5	Correspondence and Minutes	1956-1960
5	6	Correspondence and Minutes	1961-1963
5	7	Correspondence and Minutes	1964-1965
5	8	Correspondence and Minutes	1977-1980
5	9	Correspondence and Minutes	1981-1983
5	10	Correspondence and Minutes	1984-1988
5	11	Correspondence and Minutes	1990-1992
16	1	Correspondence and Minutes	1991-1992
5	12	Correspondence and Minutes	1993
16	2	Correspondence and Minutes	1993
5	13	Correspondence and Minutes	1994
16	3	Correspondence and Minutes	1994
5	14	Correspondence and Minutes	1995
16	4	Correspondence and Minutes	1995
6	1	Correspondence and Minutes	1996
16	5	Correspondence and Minutes	1996
16	6	Correspondence and Minutes	1997
6	2	Correspondence and Minutes	1997-1998
16	7	Correspondence and Minutes	1998 February-July
16	8	Correspondence and Minutes	1998 August-December
6	3	Correspondence and Minutes	1999-2000
6	4	Correspondence and Minutes	2001 January-July
6	5	Correspondence and Minutes	2001 August-December
16	9	Correspondence and Minutes	2001-2003
6	6	Correspondence and Minutes	2002
6	7	Correspondence and Minutes	2003
6	8	Correspondence and Minutes	2004

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
6	9	Correspondence and Minutes	2005-2008
6	10	Correspondence Concerning Personnel	1981, 1994
15	3	Executive Board Description [Folder 1 of 3]	1993
15	4	Executive Board Description [Folder 2 of 3]	1993
15	5	Executive Board Description [Folder 3 of 3]	1993
6	11	Financial Documents	1928-1979
6	12	Financial Documents	1980-1994
6	13	Financial Documents	1995
6	14	Financial Documents	1996-2002
7	1	Financial Documents: A-G Member Accounts	1931-1935
7	2	Financial Documents: H-Q Member Accounts	1931-1935
7	3	Financial Documents: R-Z Member Accounts	1931-1935
7	4	Legal Documents	1908-1928
7	5	Legal Documents	1929-1948
7	6	Legal Documents	1954-2006
15	6	Management Study	1997 June 30
7	7	Manager's Guide	1980-1999
7	8	Manager's Reports and Suggestions	1988-1990, undated
7	9	Newsletters: High Tide	1975-1980
7	10	Newsletters: Mainsheet	1992-2002
15	7	Newsletters: Tennis	2001-2003
7	11	Record Book	1939, 1943
7	12	Rules and Regulations	1980-1999
7	13	Rules and Regulations	1981-2001, undated
8	1	Staffing, Committees, Officers: Correspondence	1931, 1982-2002
8	2	Staffing, Committees, Officers: Roles	1929-1995
8	3	Yearbooks	1928-1969
8	4	Yearbooks	1979-1990
8	5	Yearbooks	1990
8	6	Yearbooks	1991
8	7	Yearbooks	1992
8	8	Yearbooks	1993
8	9	Yearbooks	1994
8	10	Yearbooks	1995
8	11	Yearbooks	1996-1997

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
8	12	Yearbooks	1998-1999
8	13	Yearbooks	2000-2001
8	14	Yearbooks	2002-2004
9	1	Yearbooks	2005
9	2	Yearbooks	2008
9	3	Yearbooks	2011
9	4	Yearbooks	2012

Series II. Membership and Brochures, 1929-2006

This series includes membership information and brochures mailed to each member in the spring describing the programs and the charges as appropriate. Reports of membership and finances related to membership can be found in the Minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors. During the years of World War II, membership fees were discontinued although there were requests for small donations.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by record group and then chronologically.

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
10	1	Address Cards: A-F	1929
10	2	Address Cards: G-L	1929
10	3	Address Cards: M-R	1929
10	4	Address Cards: S-W	1929
10	5	Address Cards: A-G	1931
10	6	Address Cards: H-W	1931
10	7	Brochures and Correspondence	1930-1949
10	8	Brochures and Correspondence	1950-1959
10	9	Brochures and Correspondence	1960-1969
10	10	Brochures and Correspondence	1975-1984
10	11	Brochures and Correspondence	1985-1989
10	12	Brochures and Correspondence	1990-1992
10	13	Brochures and Correspondence	1993-1999
11	1	Brochures and Correspondence	2000-2002
11	2	Brochures and Correspondence	2003-2011
11	3	Correspondence	1931
15	8	Letters to Members	1997-1998
11	4	Membership Correspondence [RESTRICTED]	1981-1984
11	5	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1930-1931
11	6	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1942-1979
11	7	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1980-1993

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
10	1	Address Cards: A-F	1929
10	2	Address Cards: G-L	1929
10	3	Address Cards: M-R	1929
10	4	Address Cards: S-W	1929
10	5	Address Cards: A-G	1931
10	6	Address Cards: H-W	1931
10	7	Brochures and Correspondence	1930-1949
10	8	Brochures and Correspondence	1950-1959
10	9	Brochures and Correspondence	1960-1969
10	10	Brochures and Correspondence	1975-1984
10	11	Brochures and Correspondence	1985-1989
10	12	Brochures and Correspondence	1990-1992
10	13	Brochures and Correspondence	1993-1999
11	1	Brochures and Correspondence	2000-2002
11	2	Brochures and Correspondence	2003-2011
11	3	Correspondence	1931
15	8	Letters to Members	1997-1998
11	4	Membership Correspondence [RESTRICTED]	1981-1984
11	5	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1930-1931
11	6	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1942-1979
11	7	Membership Lists [RESTRICTED]	1980-1993
11	8	Newspaper Clippings	2001-2003

Series III. Programs and Activities, Water and Land, 1929-2006

The waterfront and non-waterfront activities are inter-related. Therefore, sailing race results, sailing instruction, tennis tournaments, tennis instructions, and awards for both activities, plus special awards are found in this section. These topics may be mentioned in minutes of meetings, financial documents, rules and regulations, bylaws, and staffing. Records of achievements from the founding of the club appear in the yearbooks. The programs offered varied from year to year. Private sailing lessons were available in 1928 thus establishing the emphasis on youth and instruction from the founding of the club. Tennis was available from the beginning but fell by the wayside for a number of years then made a strong return.

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Materials are arranged by record group and then chronologically.

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
11	9	Buildings, Land, and Docks	1928-1966
11	10	Buildings, Land, and Docks	1982-2008

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
11	11	History	1988-2006
11	12	Sailing and Racing	1928-1936
11	13	Sailing and Racing	1940-1962
11	14	Sailing and Racing	1963
11	15	Sailing and Racing	1964
12	1	Sailing and Racing	1965 January-May
12	2	Sailing and Racing	1965 June-December
12	3	Sailing and Racing	1966 January-March
12	4	Sailing and Racing	1966 April-November
12	5	Sailing and Racing	1967-1969
12	6	Sailing and Racing	1976-1978
12	7	Sailing and Racing	1979 January- September
12	8	Sailing and Racing	1979 October
12	9	Sailing and Racing	1979 November- December
12	10	Sailing and Racing	1980
12	11	Sailing and Racing	1981 February-August
12	12	Sailing and Racing	1981 September- December
12	13	Sailing and Racing	1982
12	14	Sailing and Racing	1983
12	15	Sailing and Racing	1984, 1988
12	16	Sailing and Racing	1990-1993
13	1	Sailing and Racing	1994-1997
13	2	Sailing and Racing	2000-2005
13	3	Sailing and Racing	undated
13	4	Sailing and Racing: Newspaper Clippings	1997, 2003
13	5	Sailing and Racing: Southern Massachusetts Yacht Racing Association	1939-1997
13	6	Sailing and Racing: Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association	2002
13	7	Sailing and Racing: Trophies	1930-2004
13	8	Sailing and Racing: USYRU	1931-1982
OS 1	1	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1959
OS 1	2	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1960
OS 1	3	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1961
OS 1	4	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1962
OS 1	5	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1963
OS 1	6	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1964
OS 1	7	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1965

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
OS 1	8	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1966
OS 1	9	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1967
OS 1	10	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1968
OS 1	11	Racing Committee: Racing Score Sheets	1969
13	9	Scrapbook	1967-1972
OS 1	12	Scrapbook	1930-1955
OS 2	1	Scrapbook	1931-1963
OS 3	1	Scrapbook	1969-1981
13	10	Social Events	1968-2005
13	11	Photograph of the Sears Cup	undated
13	12	Photograph of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club	undated
13	13	Photographs and Negatives	1990s
13	14	Photographs of Scituate Junior Regatta	2002
14	1	Photographs of Soling Regatta	1990s
14	2	Photographs of Various Events and Members	1982-1989
14	3	Photographs of Various Events and Members	2002
14	4	Photographs of Various Events and Members	undated
14	5	Photographs of Various Events and Members	undated
OS 2	2	Visitors Register: Vineyard Haven Yacht Club	1954-1968