



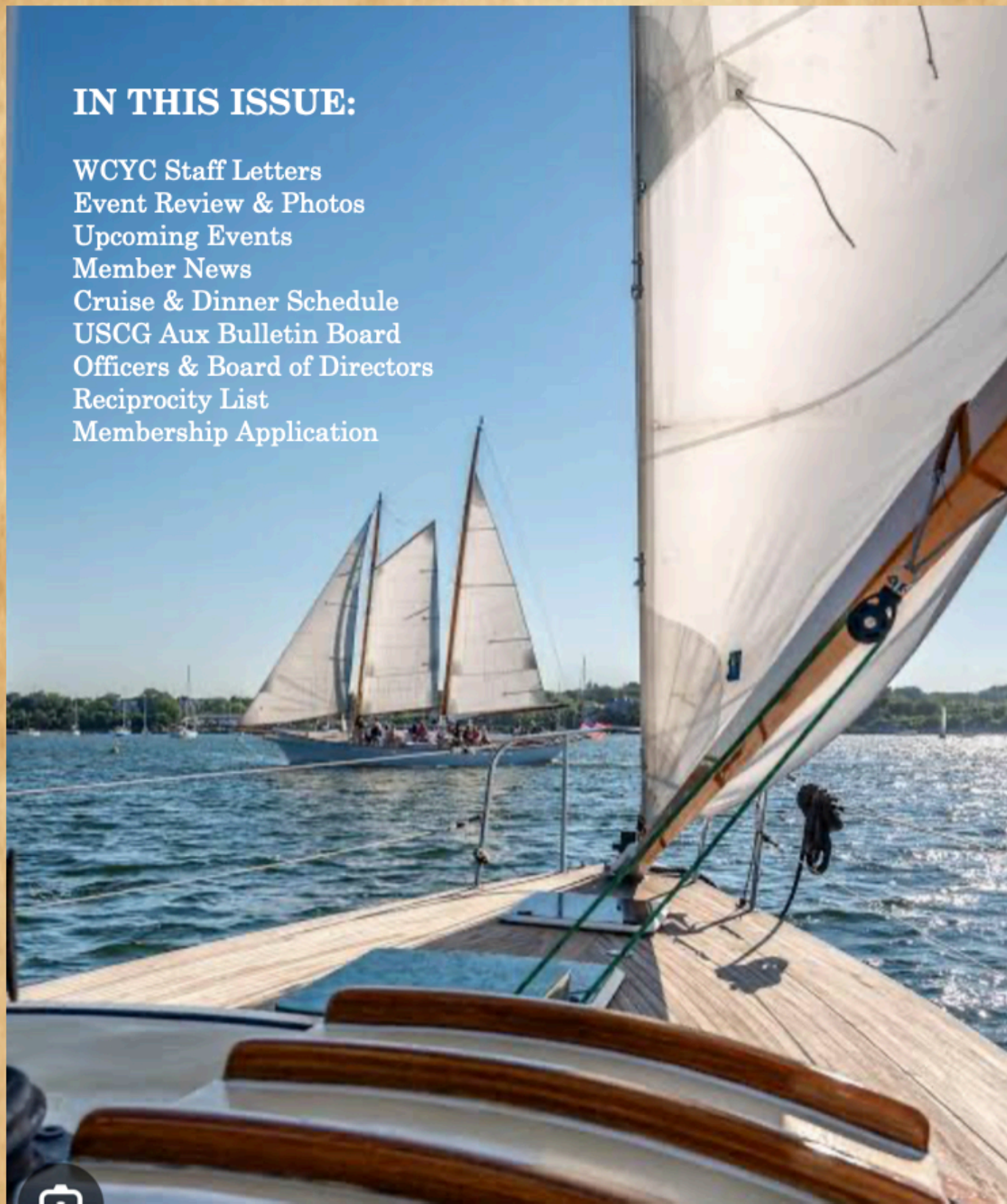
West Coast Yacht Club

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Happy January Everyone!

A big shout out to our Rear Commodore Mark Babcock for an outstanding dock party. Fun was had by all. We had about 27 registered attendees. The Brinkis's graciously hosted us in front of their slip (Thank you!) If you missed the event, you missed a great time. The costumes were fantastic this year, with the winners being The Eansor's who definitely showed they know how to cut a rug....and I have to say, our Treasurer Chip Riddle was very creative with his subtle reminder of dues , wearing the sheet outfit with the Zelle address for dues posted on it... and it worked as I believe he got several payments right there at the dock party. Great Job Chip! The gift exchange did not disappoint. Quite the comical exchange... I am happy to announce the Tennessee Whiskey did make it back to my yacht club room after being stolen 2x... LOL... It was great to see prospective members in attendance; Patrick Gawadia and Tracy (Tanzis' proxy), it was fun to see everyone chatting with them and making them feel at home. That's what it is all about....

Thank you to DWYC and Chef Angel for their continued support to our club by providing the burritos once again, super yummy! If you happen to visit DWYC, please make sure to say thank you to Angel and Helen, for supporting us.

Fishing: On other news.... John Kossa has been registered as our SCYA Angler Chair for WCYC, and he and I attended the SCYA Anglers meeting in Marina Del Rey on Saturday night (after the dock party.) The goal was to network and get ideas with other clubs and for expanding Angling programs in our club. We had a great time and posted some pics of the event on our club's Facebook page. Please take a look! If you are interested in doing some fishing this year and/or participating in a fishing event, please reach out to John Kossa.

Opening Day: The flag officers are busy planning for the Opening day weekend in Newport Beach, and we can't wait to share the weekends planned activities (once we have items firmed up). There are only a couple of slips to fill and the entire marina will be fully occupied by WCYC (as well as some moorings) Some of our prospective new members have signed up for this cruise; Patrick and Tanzi Gawadia, Dave and Bennie Helton, Clive and Martha Gurwitz, and Patrick and Shelly Duffy. We are looking forward to showing them the WCYC family spirit and fun times to be had.



Burgees: The anniversary burgees have been ordered and should be distributed at the Valentine's dinner at Tannins on February 7th. Please make your payment to the treasurer, if you have not done so already.

Cruise Season Shirts: We will also be having sign-ups for this years Cruise season t-shirt. Order opportunities will be coming shortly. It is in a vintage style celebrating our club's 95 years of yachting.....

Model Yachts: A new add to the WCYC offerings! The club has become a registered Model Yacht program, within the Dragonflite 95 USA one design organization. This one design RC Racing Sailboat program is an international program and stretches to many countries. We are in region 8 which is basically southern California. Other clubs in our division are Long Beach Yacht Club, American Legion Yacht Club, Mission Bay Yacht Club, Lake Gregory Yacht Club, as well as about 15 other private model yacht clubs. Please check out our clubs Facebook Page for photos and videos from our initial trials of the boats. In the words of Richard Hepner, "It was a hoot!" If you are interested in joining in, we have a boat available and can guide you to getting started.

Reciprocals for 2026: Our club's reciprocal cards are being mailed out in the next few weeks, and we are hoping for yet another year of expanding the list of clubs that invite us in for visits. We will update our reciprocal club list as we receive other clubs invites. Stay tuned.

Volunteers: As stated at earlier events and meetings, the club's success is based in its volunteers. Without each of you jumping in and helping out, the club would not be able to operate. You really make a difference!! Please reach out to us if you can assist in any of the operations of the club, whether it be hosting or co-hosting a cruise, assisting with a dinner event, helping the ships store, or whatever you can help with, please do not hold back. Your assistance is always appreciated and needed!

I hope all of you are eager for the new boating season to start. I know I am. I look forward to seeing you all on the water! It's going to be an amazing year!

Brian Randall
Commodore
West Coast Yacht Club

Founded 1931

SCYA member since 1936

Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com

brianrandall@oceanrentals.com

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619-933-6209





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MARJI WEBER

Hello WCYC Friends!

Welcome to 2026! This holiday season was a whirlwind! I'm looking forward to the quiet days of January. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to move forward into the new year. We have a lot of great events and cruises planned for this year that I'm really excited about! It's our 95th Anniversary!

Our first cruise of this season will be to Newport at the Marina Park Lighthouse. We will also incorporate our opening day festivities on this trip. We have reserved the entire marina for a WCYC takeover and are working hard on planning a fun weekend for all! Details will be coming soon to the Evite for this cruise. Also make sure you make your slip reservation directly with the Marina then let myself or Brian Randall know which slip they have assigned you to so we can update our list.

In looking at our list of cruises, I still have some without Cruise Captains/Co-Captains. Cruises only happen if we have volunteers to captain them. Please take a look at the list below and sign up. It would be a shame to cancel a cruise because we don't have volunteers.

May 1-3 Danalina Cruise:	Cruise Captain – Monks Co- Captain – VACANT
August 1-3 Newport Harbor Cruise:	Cruise Captain – VACANT Co-Captain – VACANT
August 21-23 Cabrillo Beach YC Cruise:	Cruise Captain – VACANT Co-Captain – VACANT
September 19-21 Avalon Cruise:	Captain – VACANT Co-Captain – VACANT
October 2-4 Alamitos Bay LBYC Cruise:	Cruise Captain – Hepners Co-Captain – VACANT

Please reach out to me and let me know which cruise you can help with. You can reach me via phone/text at 714-272-7021 or at jerseygirlmd@gmail.com.

Like our slogan says, "Having fun since 1931," let's keep the fun times going!

Marji Weber
Vice Commodore, WCYC
714-272-7021
jerseygilmd@gmail.com



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MARK BABCOCK

Ahoy WCYC,

We kicked off our 2026 WCYC season with a great dock party! A big thank you to Linus and Lynette for letting us invade their dock. The weather was fantastic so our rain delay worked well. Congrats to the Eansors for taking first place in the crazy PJs contest. Be sure to check them out along with their formidable competitors in the event photos. The white elephant gift exchange saw several steals (the fart filter did not get stolen).

Our Valentines dinner at Tannins in San Juan Capistrano is just around the corner! We have their wine cellar room reserved for 2/07. Please RSVP by 1/27 and include your salad and entrée selection in your comments box.

Mark your calendars for our St. Patrick's dinner on March 7th. A forthcoming Evite will share all the details.

Enjoy this beautiful boating weather while it lasts!

Mark Babcock
Rear Commodore
West Coast Yacht Club
(949)309-77



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BRYAN CHALAIS

Greetings to all!

January is here and the weather has mostly been unbelievable! I just wish this weather would be around for our future summer club events, as it would just make for an even more pleasurable time.

I want to give a shout out to Oceanside Yacht Club! I was in the area last weekend and stopped by on a reciprocity and found the club amazingly welcome and a lot of fun! Its definitely old school vintage for sure and the prices for libations and food reflected, if you know what I mean! They informed me they are very excited to have other yacht clubs use their facility on a reciprocity and they have a 70' end tie dock for guests. I was told there was free docking for a three night stay, if so desired. I know its kind of a voyage for some of us, but for the Dana Point Harbor people, this should be an easy trip. Hit up their port Captain, Adam Johnson at 760-586-6902 and give them a try!

I want to thank Commodore Brian Randall for contributing several of the articles this month. It helps fill the pages of the Binnacle and makes for exciting reading! If anyone else wants to contribute, send it and ill get it in!

As always, fair winds and following seas,
Bryan



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Appetizers

BRUSCHETTA, CALAMARI FRITTI

Salad

CAESAR SALAD

Romaine lettuce, croutons, shaved parmesan, Caesar dressing

TANNINS SALAD

Mixed greens, garbanzos, shallots, capers, tomato, avocado

Entrée

GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON

Peperonta and garlic seasonal fresh vegetables

CHICKEN MARSALA

Chicken sautéed with butter, sliced mushrooms, Marsala wine

RAVIOLI

Meat or Cheese ravioli with marinara sauce

GRILLED RIB-EYE

Roasted red potatoes, asparagus, garlic pesto, demi-glaze

Dessert

HOME-BAKED BROWNIE

Vanilla bean ice cream, whipped cream, fresh berries



West Coast Yacht Club

Valentine's Dinner

February 7th 2026

6:00 Cocktails and Appetizers

Tannins Wine Cellar (in back)

Please RSVP by January 27th

And note your salad and entrée choice

Zelle your payment of \$85 per person

To Treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com

Location of the event:

Tannins Restaurant and Wine Bar

27211 Ortega Hwy

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675





CLUB EVENT



West Coast Yacht Club **Ring in the New Year!** **2026 Dock Party Brunch**

*We will continue with our annual
Christmas jammies contest and
our highly competitive White
Elephant gift exchange!*

Saturday January 10th 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm

Gate 7 slip 122
34555 Casitas Place entrance
Next to Bridge
Dana Point Marina

\$20 Per Person - Breakfast served
Mimosas, Bloody Marys, & Breakfast
Burritos







WCYC Heads to Del Rey Yacht Club For SCYA Angling Meeting!



  **\$20 PER PERSON**

Hosted by DRYC & SCYA Angler Chair Myles Blatt
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Come out for a night of food, fun, and fishing!

LIGHT APPETIZERS PROVIDED - CASH BAR AVAILABLE
RAFFLE PRIZES - GIVEAWAYS
FISHING TRIP INFO - 2026 PLANS
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
6PM - 9PM

RSVP with the DRYC Front Office. Call 310-823-4664
13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292



John Kossa has volunteered to be the WCYC SCYA Angling Chair Representative and his first order of business was attending the "Anglers Night Out" held at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. It was a fun night networking with other Yacht Clubs and hearing about the fishing programs and ideas for the upcoming year from the IGFA representatives. Thanks John! We look forward to some great fishing adventures for our club!



Need a Marine Resource?



**Scan on the link to see a list of
Mechanics, Bottom Cleaners,
Canvas companies, etc. that our
WCYC members use!**

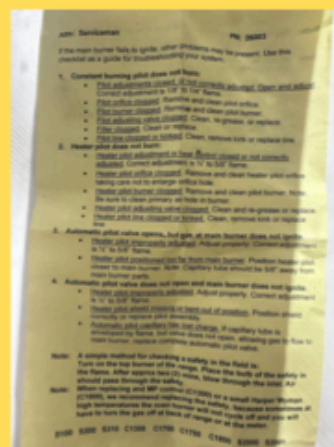


UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



Repair of the Month

Submitted By: Brian Randall



Marine repair of the week....Those of you who know me know I'm constantly repairing items on the boats I own. It's a boat - so it's inevitable. Do you Have a 43 year old stove? Well chances are you can't get parts for it. On my oven the thermostat control was not working- pilot light would go on but gas would not ignite to bring up to temperature. After a bunch of deep diving into the internet, I found a company in Seattle that has video and pics of the various situations for my stove. I reached out to them and they sell rebuilt thermostat controls and you send yours in for a core exchange (otherwise you pay an additional \$120 for the part - The part runs about \$220). I have to say- a great find. They even included trouble shooting guide for other issues. The hardest part was fishing the thermostat through a tiny hole in the side of oven from the top. The oven was never used on this boat so it's basically new. So let's get ready for chocolate chip cookies or better yet a turkey dinner - Company contact info is in the post!



WCYC ADDS MODEL YACHT PROGRAM!

95
dragonflite



This month, Richard, Rod, and Brian headed out to Alamitos Bay to launch their new Model Yachts. Richard and Brian were sporting their Dragonflite 95's and Rod was sporting his homemade RC racer (which was kick ass fast...) Several Dragon Flite 95's have been purchased by members, and the club has registered itself as a team/club in the Dragon Flite 95 USA organization. We are in Region 8 which also hosts Long Beach Yacht Club, Mission Bay Yacht Club, Lake Gregory Yacht Club, and American Legion Yacht Club. There are over 15 Model Yacht Club organizations in Region 8. Interested in trying one out? Want to join the fun, Contact Richard Hepner or Brian Randall for more information.





WCYC 2026 Cruise & Dinner/Activity Schedule



For Cruises Contact:
Vice Commodore - Marji Weber
714-271-7021

For Land Events/Dinners Contact:
Rear Commodore - Mark Babcock
949-309-7781



July 17-19 Social Yachting Invitational



Location: Two Harbors
Cruise Captains: Weber/Randall
Co-Captains: CBYC Commodore
Shoreline YC Commodore

July 25 Tikki Regatta
Location:
Dana Point Harbor

Dinner Host: Eansor
Race Host: Brian Randall

July 30 -Aug 2- Newport Harbor Cruise

Location: Newport
Raft Up or BCYC (TBD)

Cruise Captains:

Co-Captains:



January 10 New Year Dock Party

Location: Dana Point Harbor

Dock- Green Lantern Dock 6 #80 - Dana Point Marina
Breakfast Party on the Dock - Bring your unwanted Christmas Gift from the holiday, Wear your best Holiday PJ outfit!
Breakfast and drinks served \$20.00 per person

February 7 Valentines Dinner

Location: **Tannins**
San Juan Capistrano \$85

March 7 St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Location: TBD

April 10-12 Marina Park Lighthouse



Opening Day - 23 slips
Cruise Captains: Flag Officers
Co-Captains:



August 21-23 Cabrillo Beach YC Cruise



Location: San Pedro
Cruise Captains:
Co-Captains:

September 18-20 Avalon Cruise

Location: Avalon
Captains:
Co-Captains:

October 2 - 4 LBYC Cruise



Location: Alamitos Bay
Cruise Captains: Hepner
Co-Captains:



May 1-3 Danalina Cruise

Location: Dana Point Harbor
Cruise Captains: _____

Co-Captains: _____

This cruise will contain the **Poker Run** event as well and be the main activity for the cruise

May 29-May 31



Catalina Wine Mixer Cruise
Location: Avalon Harbor
Cruise Captains: Randall/Weber
Co-Captains: Hunt/Stoneman



November 7 Commodore's Dinner

Location: TBA

December 12 Change Of Watch

Location: TBA

Possible Pop Up Cruises:
Shoreline YC Cruise
White Island Anchorage

****NOTE****

The Annual Fishing Tournament will be a pop-up event this year based on Fishing conditions! - Stay Tuned!

Please make sure your email accepts messages from Evite.com
Members register for all events via "Evite.com".
All payments made via Zelle:
Treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com

CANCELLATIONS MADE TO AN RSVP AFTER THE CUT OFF DATE WILL RESULT IN YOU STILL BEING CHARGED FOR THE EVENT





USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2026 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



Boating safety is an important part of being a vessel owner. As an owner it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of yourself, family, and friends that you have as guests on your vessel.

The best way to do this is to have your vessel examined by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on an annual basis, ensuring that your vessel and safety equipment meets the current Coast Guard, State, and Federal requirements.

The Auxiliary has several resources where you can conduct a virtual VSC and prepare your vessel for the safety check.....

- <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=virtual-vsc>
- Download a copy of the Current Exam Form to review at https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wow/114-06-08/2023_vsc_form_hq1t_sample.pdf.

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact scan our QR code or go to the Dana Point CG Auxiliary VSC page to request a VSC, <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599>



- Education -

Our Boating Education 2026 Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back.

Please scan the QR code to the left to or click the link below check out our current offerings.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boating-courses>



WCYC 2026 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **Elective Officers** of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

Commodore	Brian Randall
Vice Commodore	Marji Weber
Rear Commodore	Mark Babcock

The **Flag Officers** of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore

Jr Staff Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Sr Staff Commodore	Donna Groves

The **Appointive Officers** of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian

Fleet / Port Captain	Greg Eansor
Secretary	Teri Dallape
Treasurer	Chip Riddle
Membership Chairperson	Richard Hepner
JAG / Parliamentarian	Clare Kenny

The Board of Directors shall consist of the aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (*Consecutive Years of BOD Service*)

Commodore	Brian Randall
Vice Commodore	Marji Weber
Rear Commodore	Mark Babcock
Jr Staff Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Sr Staff Commodore	Donna Groves
Active Member – Ship Store	Vicky Eansor (1st year)
Active Member - Secretary	Teri Dallape (1st year)
Active Member - Membership	Richard Hepner (1st year)
Active Member - Treasurer	Chip Riddle (2 st yr)
Active Member - JAG	Clare Kenny (1st year)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Greg Eansor (1st year)
Active Member – Binnacle	Bryan Chalais (2nd yr)



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES AT ANY OF THE BELOW CLUBS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT THE CLUB TO CONFIRM OUR RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES BEFORE ARRIVAL.**

Alamitos Bay YC

7201 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551

American Legion YC

215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Anacapa YC

2810 S. Harbor Blvd.
B-6
Oxnard, CA 93035

Bahia Corinthian YC

1601 Bayside Drive
Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832

Balboa Basin YC

829 Harbor Island Drive #38
Newport Beach, CA. 92660

Buccaneer YC

P.O. Box 76
San Pedro, CA. 90733

Cabrillo Beach YC

211 W 22nd Street
San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207

Cerritos Bahia YC

6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, CA 90803

Channel Islands YC

4100 S Harbor Blvd.
Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310

Chula Vista YC

642 Marina Parkway #83
Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058

Convair Sailing Club

P.O. Box 22981
San Diego, CA. 92192-2981

Coronado Cays YC

30 Caribe Cay Blvd.
Coronado, CA. 92118

Dana West YC

24601 Dana Drive
Dana Point, CA. 92629

Hollywood YC

Holiday Harbor Marina
Berth 201
Wilmington, CA 90744

Huntington Harbor YC

3821 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA.
92649

Lido Isle YC

701 Via Lido Soud
Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Little Ships Fleet YC

233 Marina Dr.
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Long Beach YC

602 Appian Way
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Marina Venice YC

4333 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Marina YC of Long Beach

233 Corsair Way
Seal Beach, CA. 90740

Mission Bay YC

1215 El Carmel CT.
San Diego, CA 92109

Morro Bay YC

541 Embarcadero Drive
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Navy YC Long Beach

223 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Navy YC San Diego

Fiddlers Cove Marina
POB 182111
San Diego, CA. 92187

Oceanside YC

1950 N. Harbor Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92054

Pacific Corinthian YC

2600 Harbor Blvd
Oxnard, CA 93035

Pacific Mariners YC

13915 Panay Way
Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Port Royal YC

555 N. Harbor Dr.
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Redondo Beach YC

210 Yacht Club Way
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Seal Beach YC

255 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive South
Long Beach, CA. 90802

Silver Gate YC

2091 Shelter Island Drive
San Diego, CA. 92106

South Coast Corinthian YC

13445 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

South Shore YC

1099 Bayside Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Ventura YC

1755 Spinnaker Drive
Ventura, CA. 93001-4396

Westlake YC

32123 Lindero Rd
Westlake Village, CA 91361



WCYC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly

Name _____ Occupation _____ Birthdate _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Occupation _____ Birthdate _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Vessel Type _____ Length _____

Vessel Name _____

Home Port _____

Slip No. _____ Slip Length _____ Slip Width _____

Reason for joining WCYC:

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS: A one-time Application/Initiation Fee of \$300 is due with the Membership Application. The Application/Initiation Fee is non-refundable. The Membership Application shall be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration at their next scheduled meeting. To complete the membership process, prospective members are required to participate in two WCYC events, at least one of which must be a cruise in which the prospective member must captain the vessel. An Annual Membership Fee of \$250 is due when the Applicant has completed the membership process and shall be prorated to the quarter in which the new member is voted into the Club.

The undersigned hereby agree to abide by the Club's By-Laws, Policies and Protocols:

Applicant #1 Signature: _____

Applicant #2 Signature: _____

Sponsor #1 Name/Signature: _____

Sponsor #2 Name/Signature: _____

PLEASE email your completed Membership Application to Membership@WestCoastYachtClub.com, and submit the Application/Initiation Fee in the amount of \$300.00 via Zelle to Treasurer@WestCoastYachtClub.com.

Direct any questions to Membership@WestCoastYachtClub.com. THANK YOU for your interest in WCYC!