



West Coast Yacht Club

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December, 2024

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy WCYC Members,

I can't believe this will be my final letter to you all as your Commodore. It seems like it went by so fast. I love that we had such a great year and yet sorry I will not be your Commodore. But you are all in good hands. The 2025 season looks like it is going to be a lot of fun, and you have a great Board to pull it off.

My mission as your Commodore was to raise money to give back to the Community with Boating in mind. This year your Board worked hard to accomplish just that, and through all your donations we succeeded. We raised a little over \$4000.00 for organizations such as the DWYC Sailing program sponsoring 2 kids, Fishing for Life which is an organization for children with special needs that go out fishing, and the Silver Stars which raises money for kid's scholarships. With the help of all of you, we made a difference.

Looking back, this club has grown so much... We had our first ever Opening Day complete with the Harbor Patrol leading the Dinghy Parade, grew our membership, sold out of our dinners and some cruises, had a Poker Run & BBQ, a New Year PJ dock party, and our first ever Fishing Tournament. It all has been outstanding. It makes me so proud how many members want to participate in this club month after month. You have made it easy for me to represent you all.

To my Board Members, I could not have done it without you all. Each one of you played a key role in making this Yacht Club be what it is, GREAT. I will start with Vice Commodore Rasulo who did a great job this year running all the cruises. They were some of the best we have ever had. VC Rasulo really went all out this year in making sure every detail was fulfilled, and he was always there to help the Captains in anything they needed. The Captains and Co-Captains all did such a great job. Truly each one was filled with fun surprises and different themes, including an Olympic Raft-Up, an Italian Heritage Night, Country & Western, the "Redneck Yacht Club", Progressive Boat Dinners, LCR tournaments, and the list goes on and on. They were all a blast.

Rear Commodore Randall and our Secretary Marji Weber did a great job at our dinners. From finding new restaurants & planning the menus, to making sure everyone was accommodated, they made it seamless. RC Randall was also in charge of our sailing portion of the Tiki Regatta in July. He went all out and brought our race to a professional level. He was very involved in the SCYA, and he and Marji both went to several yacht clubs getting the WCYC name out there. Marji was on our Board, and as our Secretary kept all of our minutes at each meeting. She is now moving on to be our Rear Commodore taking over RC Randall's position.

Steve Fiorillo, our Director of Web Design and Media. As you all know, he's in charge of creating our Binnacle. He always made it the best it could be. Each month he puts out fun, creative and interesting topics for us all to read. He is retiring this year and passing the torch. He will truly be missed and we thank you for the years of dedication you have given to this club.



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

John Kossa, our Fleet/Port Captain, had a busy year. First, he and his wife Crezlun did an amazing job AGAIN putting on the Tiki Regatta. A huge success as always and one of our most attended events. The time and effort they put in for this event is appreciated. This year John also took on putting together a Fishing Tournament. The boats that went out had a great time and hopefully it will be a yearly event.

Christie Threlkeld our Treasurer is also retiring this year. She always kept us up to date making sure we were always current in our finances, invoicing, and reporting our monthly statements to the Board. Thank you for all your hard work over the years. Most of all thank you for keeping us as you would say "in the black."

Sheri Meehleis is our Membership Director, and this was her first year. She is always on top of signing up our new members, getting them their membership books, updating each year the members stickers and the list goes on. Lots of detail goes into being a Membership Director and she did a great job.

Mark Babcock our JAG came in a little after the the start of the 2024 season and jumped right in, doing research for the Board, and advocating for both our Board and WCYC members. We all have enjoyed his first year on the Board and appreciate everything he has done for all of us.

Maureen Hensley is our Director of the Ship Store. Maureen has provided some great baskets for our raffles. She is always bringing in new & fun things for all of us to purchase. I can't wait to see next year's purchases.

Finally, we are always thankful for our Jr. and Sr. Staff Commodores, Mike Sandler and Mindy Sicard. They have been great mentors to all of us. This is Mike's last year, and Mindy will be moving up to the Sr. Staff Commodore position while I will take her position as the Jr. Staff Commodore. We will miss Sr. Staff Sandler, but I know he leaves knowing all the members are in great hands with the 2025 Board.

A special Thank You to my husband Mike. I know being the spouse of a Commodore can be a lot, and he was always there to support me.

I hope you are joining us for the Change of Watch. It's always a great brunch with good food, seeing the tradition of the Change of Watch with the WCYC Flag Officers, and the disbursement of the Trophies that will be given to some of our members... one may go to you!

Cheers to you all!

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

First, Congratulations to Marji Weber for being elected our 2025 Rear Commodore. I'm so excited for our whole board for next year. Marji's gonna be great and I know she'll have lots of assistance.

Congratulations to all those who helped make the Commodore's Dinner at The Watering Hole in Nelli Gail a fantastic and beautiful event. It felt like a wedding. It was a great send off for our 2024 Commodore, Donna Groves. Apparently, her skill set didn't go unnoticed as she was approached by Dana West Yacht Club to have a seat on their Board of Directors for 2025. Nice going Donna. It's a wonderful recognition of all the things she does so well that make her perfect for this assignment.

Brian Randall, our new Vice Commodore for 2025 has been working hard to create a robust cruise schedule for next year. We wanted to "mix it up a little" so you'll get your first look at the new destinations at the Change of Watch luncheon on December 7th.

It's been a great cruise year, and as your Vice Commodore, I've enjoyed helping to plan our cruises for 2024. A very special thanks to all those who volunteered to Chair or Co-Chair one of them this year.

Finally, what makes our club tick is volunteers. Pure and simple. Brian, Marji and I are fully committed to getting some newer members involved to raise their hands to Co-chair ONE cruise in 2025 with a veteran member couple. Please consider getting involved with at least one. I promise to provide plenty of help.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the December 7th lunch so please bring a willingness to help mindset.

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Happy Holidays Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and had a great time with your families and loved ones. I can't believe we are already in December!

I want to thank you all for your support with the Commodore's Dinner, a special thanks go out to Marji Weber, Karen Rasulo, Cindy Fiorillo, Mindy Sicard, and Sheri Sandler for their support in making the event such a special and beautiful occasion. Everyone seemed to have fun, the food was great and the DJ played some festive dance music. Congratulations to Commodore Groves for a successful cruising season and congratulate her on her new role as Junior Staff Commodore.

Our next event is quickly approaching with another record number of attendees projected to be 48, for the "Change of Watch" ceremony being held at El Adobe from 11:30-2:30 on December 7th. Our group has grown so much that we had to switch the room we were using last minute to accommodate our group. This will be a great event ending the 2024 cruising year.

I would like to thank all of you for your support in the land events this past season, we have had some amazing venues, and great times were had by all. We also get to celebrate that we had surpassed our attendance numbers to our events from the years past which is a great signal for the health and vitality of the club. Let's keep it going!

I will be moving on to the Vice-Commodore position and have been planning some new destinations for the 2025 cruising season. It should be a great year. On that note, I did send an invite out for the first cruise of the year already. Our shakedown cruise at Newport Marina Park will be on April 11-13 and I have reserved the entire marina. We have 23 slips. Once the slips are full, moorings are available as well as the free anchorage. Please make sure you RSVP soon, as this event sells out quickly. Once you RSVP, please contact the marina to ensure your slip reservation. Thank you to those who have let me know of your slip assignment already. Much appreciated.

Thank you to those of you who responded to the Cruise Destination Survey. It was interesting to see the desire for visiting some new locations for next year. I have attempted to create a cruise calendar with your requests as best as possible. The tentative 2025 cruise/event schedule will be shared at the Change Of Watch Ceremony. We will be asking members to sign up for hosting cruises as well as looking for co-hosts to assist cruises. We encourage newer members to take the reins for a cruise and seek veteran members to sign up as co-hosts guiding the new members in putting on a fun time on the cruise. Please reach out to me if you are interested in hosting or have ideas for a destination, activity, etc. Lastly, please note that dates may change due to destination situation needs, weather, conflicts, etc. I will do my best to update you all in a timely fashion should any changes to the calendar occur. Do note, that the most recent schedule is always posted in the Binnacle each month.

I hope the holidays are a joyous time for you and your loved ones. See you all soon.....

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Greetings!

As this year draws to a close, I'd like to celebrate the excellent leadership our Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and entire WCYC Board of Directors has provided. This dedicated group of individuals has given an extraordinary amount of their personal time dedicated to crafting events that have created special new memories for us to reflect on for years to come.

With the changing of the guard, we are so fortunate to welcome our new Rear Commodore Marji Weber. Her commitment to WCYC has been extraordinary and she most certainly deserves the position she has been afforded to fulfill.

This year our membership ranks have grown with several new prospective members achieving their required participation requirements to graduate to full membership status. Congratulations to our newest members and I am thankful to all of you for recommending them to join our ranks.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Change of Watch ceremony. If you plan to pay your dues for 2025, please contact me to process payment and receive the 2025 sticker for your membership card.

Sheri Meehlies
Membership Chair



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

If you haven't heard, this will be the last Binnacle as your editor! I will also be stepping down from the board as well. After being a board member for 7 years, it's time for some fresh faces.

I've thoroughly enjoyed the last 5 years of publishing the Binnacle for our great club. We've had so many fantastic events and cruises, all thanks to our members especially those who have given their time as cruise captains, staff, and board members.



With that, I'm very happy to introduce my replacement, Bryan Chalais. Bryan and wife Jean have been a member now for over two years.

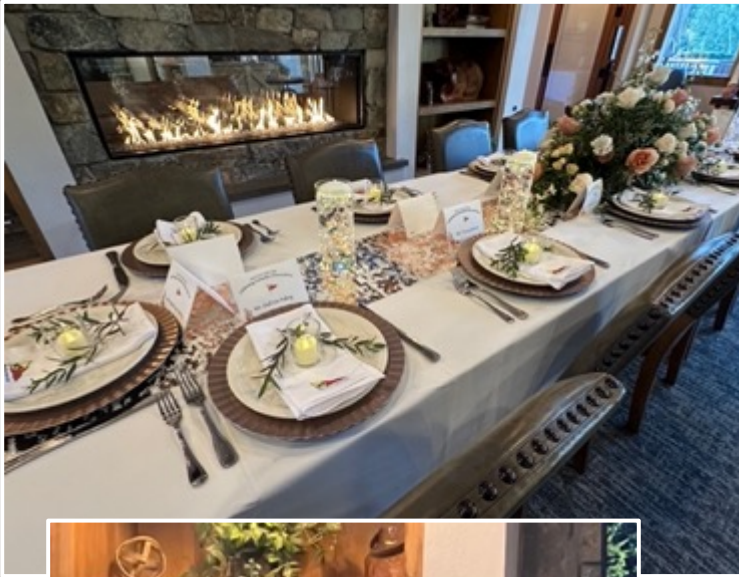
I think Bryan will bring a new and fresh perspective to this publication and do an awesome job.

The next time you see Bryan, please welcome him as the new editor and provide him any help he needs, as you've provided me over the years.

Thanks all, it's been a blast!

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo

2024 Commodore's Dinner At the Watering Hole at Nellie Gale



2024 Commadore's Dinner



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BIRTHDAYS



December Birthdays:

Jim McNamara	1 st
Cindy Fiorillo	1 st
Susan Hepner	3 rd
Walter Folsom	3 rd
Caroline Ten Eyck	5 th
Ed Sicard	5 th
Mark Babcock	10 th
Don Prideaux	11 th
Dell De Fabry	13 th
Bob Dallape	17 th
Tammy Huntley	19 th
Sheri Meehleis	22 nd

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

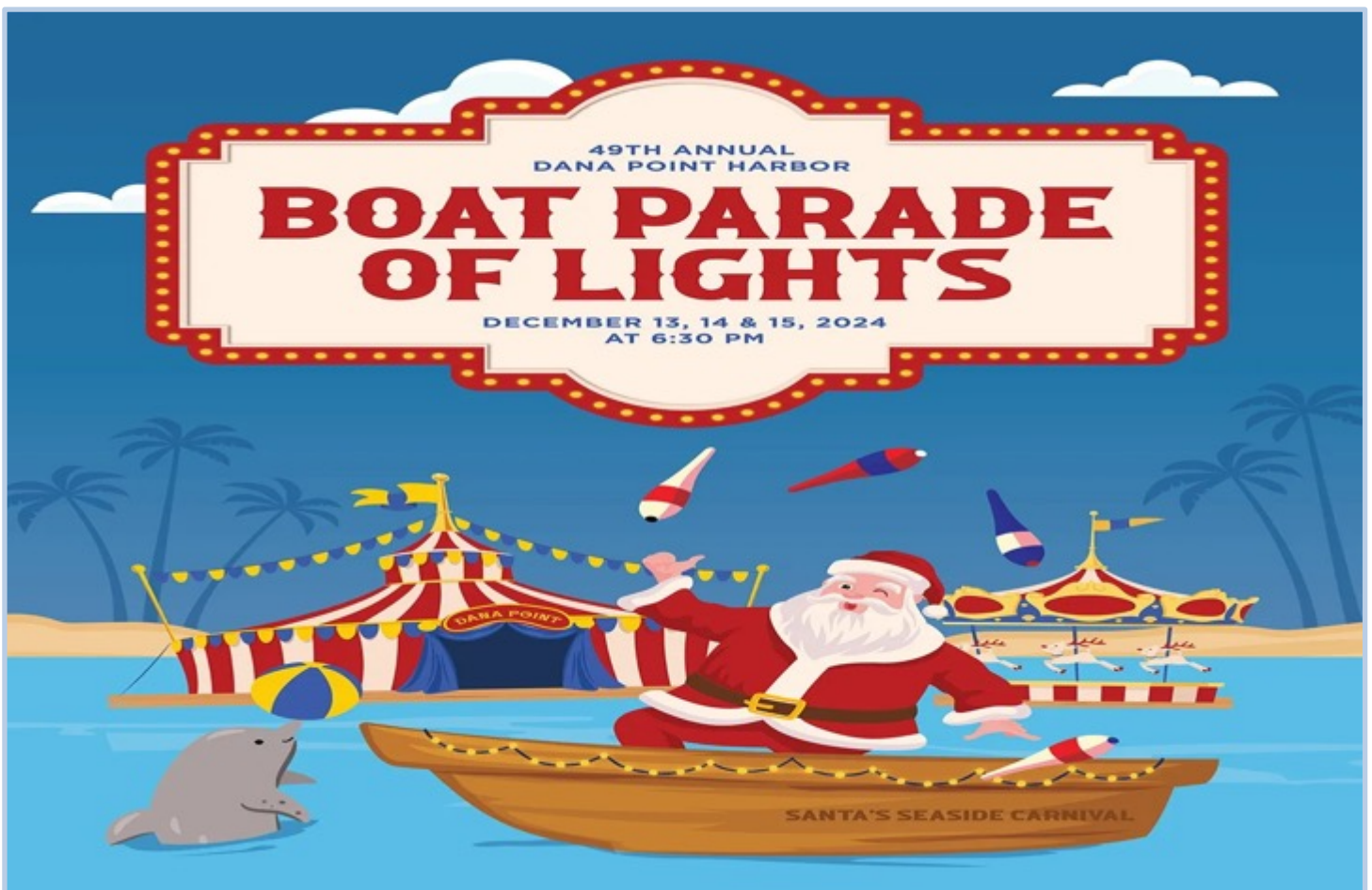




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UPCOMING AREA EVENTS





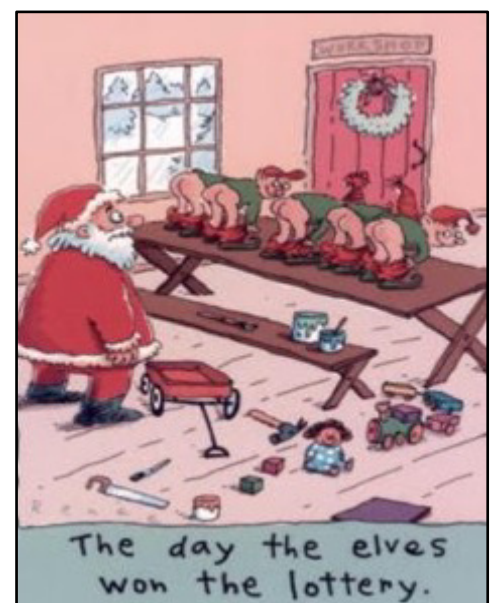
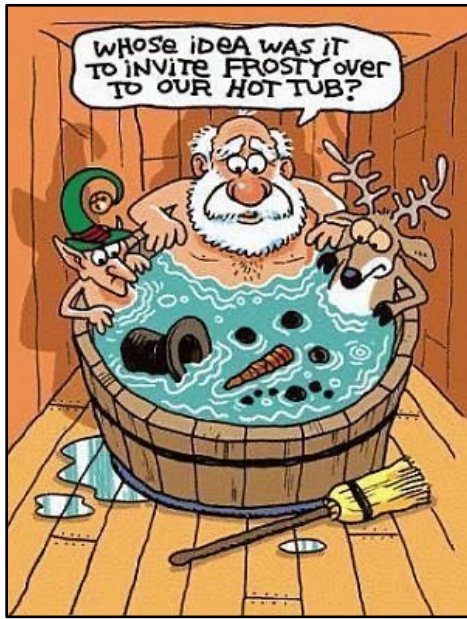
CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **No New Members**
- **Check Presentation to DWYC Junior Sailors**

As a result of our club's participation and generosity during our First Annual Sawhorse Fishing Tournament, our Commodore Donna Groves and Fleet/Port Captain John Kossa we were able to donate \$350 to Steve White of the DWYC Juniors Sailing Program



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE IN HONOR OF THE HOLIDAYS...





2024 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2024 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!
Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

January 6	New Year's Brunch Dock Party – East Cove Gate 6-74
February 10	Valentine's Dinner – Jack's, Dana Point
March 9	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Paddy's Station, San Juan Cap
April 5-7	Opening Cruise to Newport Lighthouse Marina <i>Cruise Captains: The Ashworths</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Brinkis</i>
April 20	Poker Run & BBQ
May 3-5	Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade <i>Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership</i>
June 7-9	Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup <i>Cruise Captains: Huntley / Covarrubias</i> <i>Co-Captains: Monks / Slanders</i>
July 12-14	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
July 27	The Famous Tiki Regatta
** Aug 3	Olympic Pub Crawl
August 9-11	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
August 11-15	Optional Extended Cruise From Avalon: 8/11-12: Long Beach > 8/13 San Pedro > 8/14 Newport
September 28	Fishing Tournament
** October 18-20 4-6	<i>Cruise to Long Beach YC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon</i>
** November 2 9	<i>Commodore's Dinner – The Watering Hole, Nelle Gale Clubhouse</i>
December 7	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – El Adobe, San Juan Cap
December 13-15	Dana Point Parade of Lights

**** Please note this indicates date/venue change from original schedule or new event.**



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2024 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2024 guidelines allowing the CG AUX to conduct VSCs while conforming with the current social distancing restrictions. However, as with all COVID restrictions they are subject to change.

The new VSC guidelines include:

- As much as possible the exam should take place in the open air, however per the owner's permission, the examiner can now board the vessel to examine those items that cannot be brought topside
- One examiner per vessel
- Upon request, the examiner can wear PPE

The CG AUX also have 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>

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 2024 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 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall

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	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler

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

Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa
Secretary	Marji Weber
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Sheri Meehleis
JAG / Parliamentarian	Mark Babcock

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

Commodore	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall
Jr Staff Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler
Active Member – Ship Store	Maureen Hensley (1 st yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Marji Weber (1 st yr)
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1 st yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4 th yr)
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (1 st yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (3 rd yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 th yr)



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCLE 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 _____ Basin (if in DP harbor) _____

Slip _____ Slip Size _____ Beam _____

Reason for Joining WCYC:

Prospective members are required to attend two events and be introduced at that time by their sponsors or a Club Officer.

The Membership Chairperson's recommendation, the signatures of two sponsoring

Club Members and all dues will be presented to the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting. Current dues are

\$200 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$200.

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

Applicant #1 _____ Date _____

Applicant #2 _____ Date _____

Sponsoring Member #1 _____ Date _____

Sponsoring Member #2 _____ Date _____

Please return your Membership Application together with your check (made payable to West Coast Yacht Club) to the Membership Chair.