



West Coast Yacht Club

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Greetings to all!

Well, the cold weather is upon us! It's a good time to go start your boat and address all those things you've "meaning to get to" before our cruise season begins. Right? Yep, I'm as guilty as anyone!

As I type this letter on this, the last day of January, I am reminded that I am duty bound as Commodore to remind any of our members who have not yet paid their \$200 renewal fee for 2025 Membership to do so as soon as possible as the deadline is today.

Next weekend features Super Bowl Sunday but more importantly, our annual Valentines Day dinner! Rear Commodore Marji Weber has planned a very special evening for us at Legends Seafood & Steakhouse in Laguna Niguel. She and Vice Commodore Brian Randall are good friends with the owner, Ricardo, so "The fix is in" .. They were able to get us the whole restaurant, a great custom menu and live music for one flat fee.

Please remember your name badges as we will have two new prospective members in attendance that evening.

We only do three dinners every year so don't miss this opportunity to see your shipmates something other than shorts. All Hands-on Deck for this one! Can't wait.

Next up is St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 8th. Marji has already selected a secret Irish venue. She'll brief us on those details soon.

It's gonna be a great year!

Tom Rasulo



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC!

Cruise Captains Wanted!!

We have a few openings for Captains and Co- Captains for our Cruising Season. If you are interested in being a captain, (you will have plenty of assistance), please let me know.

Currently we have the following available:

Danalina (Opening Day) - May 2nd -4th

Two Harbors - July 18-20 (This may turn into a team Cruise with Seal Beach Yacht Club at Corsair facility on the island.)

Avalon Cruise - August 1-3rd

Catalina Wine Mixer -is May 30th - June 1st. A reminder that movie tickets for Step Brothers in the Casino Theater for Friday night are currently on sale as well as the tickets for the Wine Mixer wine tasting on Saturday. Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out.

I am happy to announce that we have confirmation on our new destination cruise to **Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club**. This will take place on August 22nd-24th. The Sicard's and Rod Covarrubius and Tammy Huntley will be making some amazing plans for this new cruise destination. I cant wait!!

The first cruise of the year is coming in April as we will be in Newport at the Marina Park Marina. I am happy to announce that we have sold out on the slips. If you are still interested in joining via boat, please reach out to the marina office (949-270-8159) as they can assist you with a mooring. If you are planning on attending via land, please make sure you RSVP to the Evite as our hosts need to have an accurate number for food and provisions. Speaking of our hosts.....The Hamilton's and the Blanchard's are hard at work making the agenda which will be posted soon on the Evite. However, for those of you who are intrigued by what the theme will be..... "VIKINGS", so get the imagination going and start thinking of your decor and outfits!!!!

Both Marji and I attended a training with SCYA last week. It was very informative, primarily designed for Rear Commodores, however they had a presentation on "Club of the Year" requirements which are an annual documentation of your club's efforts in many categories, earning points for your participation in each of the categories in order to receive the SCYA Club of The Year recognition. The twist this year is that this year, SCYA decided to create a new category for "Cruising Clubs," since there are now several of us in SCYA. I have to say I think we have a great chance to win!

With that being said, the Commodore will be asking for a committee to be formed to organize our efforts in pulling together the needed documentation as the year moves along to prepare our submission of our club's activities in each of the stated categories in November. If you are interested in this committee and would like to help, please reach out to me.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Valentine's day Dinner this Saturday. It should be a wonderful event!

Brian Randall



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MARJI WEBER

Hello WCYC Family,

We are off to a good start this year! We had a great turnout for the Dock Party! A fun time was had by all! The white elephant exchange was intense! Many items were stolen and fought over! It was great seeing everyone in their holiday pajamas. This year's winner was Nick Papageorges! Mike Sandler look out, as you have some competition now!

Our Valentine's Dinner is up next, on February 8th at Legends Seafood & Steakhouse. We have a wonderful evening planned at a beautiful venue with a delicious dinner menu, live music and special dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone who RSVP'd to this event. Please remember to Zelle your payment to treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com.

Up next is our St. Patrick's Day dinner. I'm very excited about the venue we have secured for this event, Pub Thirty-Two in Mission Viejo! This will be a new location for the club and they are offering us a wonderful menu with several dinner choices. Keep an eye out for your Evite invitation with all the details! After this dinner event we move into our cruising season. We will pick up our dinner schedule at the end of the year for our Commodore's Dinner and Change of Watch celebration.

I want to take a moment to address concerns regarding the costs of dinner events. Since we do not have a "clubhouse" we host approximately four dinners per year. Each year we have increased attendance at our dinner events, which is great! However, we now must find venues that can accommodate our increasing numbers. This is not a bad thing! We love the participation! Many times, we need to take over an entire venue. This can be costly. We work with each venue select a menu and keep costs down. The club makes no money off the price of our dinners. I like to think about it this way, we have about four dinners a year, however we have wonderfully low annual dues. I hope this helps with a better understanding of the costs. You are always welcome to reach out to me directly with any questions/ comments/suggestions you may have.

As we move into cruising season, I will be putting my efforts into supporting our Commodore and Vice Commodore. I am also looking forward to connecting with all of you!

Wishing you fair winds and following seas!

Rear Commodore - Marji Weber



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Greetings!

West Coast Yacht Club started the year off with a bang last month with a great turnout for our New Years Dock Party. A big thanks to all of you who attended!

It's that time of year again to make sure you have received your new 2025 sticker for your membership card. If you're planning to attend our upcoming Valentine's Day soiree please check with me to pick yours up.

We have several new prospective members to be on the lookout for at our functions. Patrick and Jen Gottron, Danny and Heidi Pitkin, Randy Goodman, and Robert and Terrace Endresen join our other prospective members, Steven and Kerry Bukich, Vic Olechno/Tracy Canfield, and John and Jean Silverwood who will be attending events this year to make them eligible for approval for full membership. If you see them please welcome them!

Looking forward to seeing all of you on February 8th at our Valentine's Day dinner.



BIRTHDAYS



February Birthdays

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| Natalie Brown | 8th |
| Val Riddle | 10th |
| Danny Castell. | 12th |
| Mary Schaefer | 16th |
| Estella Leon | 16th |
| Bill Zimmer | 16th |
| Heidi Riggs | 24th |
| Glenn Rogers | 25th |
| Glenn Ashworth | 27th |

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

IT'S A
Date!

WCYC VALENTINE'S DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH 6-10PM

*LEGENDS SEAFOOD & STEAKHOUSE
31371 NIGUEL RD
LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA*



New Years Brunch Dock Party!





CLUB NEWS & INFO

Member Letter from Steve Fiorillo & the USCG Auxiliary

California Boater's Card

For those who are not aware, as of Jan 1 2025, anyone 16 years of age or older operating any privately owned vessel with an engine of more than 15HP or non-motorized sailboats over 30' LOA, must obtain a CA Boater's Card(CBC). Anyone from the ages of 12-17 may operate similar vessels while only under the supervision of someone 18 or older who has a CBC. If more than one person over the age of 18 is operating your vessel, then they also require a CBC.

Penalties for not having your CBC are as follows...First conviction: Up to \$100; Second conviction: Up to \$250; Third or subsequent conviction: Up to \$500

The CBC is a one-time certification. Information about the CBC can be found at <https://californiaboatercard.com>.

Upcoming Boating Classes

Boat America – 1 day – 8 hour class. Saturday March 1 8:30am to 6:00pm

The class will cover what you need to know about operating a boat safely. Subjects include: Rules navigation Coast Guard requirements risk management aids to navigation registering your boat and many other subjects to help you be a better & safer boater. This class will meet the state requirement for obtaining a CA Boater's Card.

Cost: \$40pp

Where: Dana Point Community Center. 34052 Del Obispo St. Dana Point CA 92629

Register: Contact Eric Gritzmacher at: (949) 632-2378 or ericgritz@gmail.com or visit <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boating-courses>.

2025 Vessel Exams now Available

While not required by law, the USCG recommends that you have your vessel examined yearly to ensure that you have all the safety equipment on board to meet both the state and federal requirements.

For information about the Vessel Safety Exam and to request your free Vessel Safety Exam from the USCG Auxiliary here in Dana Point, please visit our website at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599>



2025 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2025 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

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

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| January 4 | New Year's Brunch Dock Party |
| February 8 | Valentine's Dinner – TBD |
| March 8 | St. Patrick's Day Dinner – TBD |
| April 5 | Poker Run & BBQ |
| April 11-13 | Opening Cruise to Newport Lighthouse Marina <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| May 2-4 | Danalina Raftup & Opening Day Ceremony <i>Cruise Captains:</i> |
| May 30 – June 1 | Cruise to Catalina Wine Mixer - Avalon <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| July 18-20 | Cruise to Two Harbors <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| July 26 | The Famous Tiki Regatta |
| August 1-3 | Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| August 22-24 | Cruise to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| September 19-21 | Cruise to Newport Beach Raft-Up <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| October 10-12 | Cruise to Long Beach – Navy Yacht Club <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i> |
| November 8 | Commodore's Dinner – TBD |
| December 13 | Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD |

Possible Pop-Up Cruises/Events: Mission Bay, San Diego, Fishing Tournament

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



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2025 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_hglt_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 2025 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 2025 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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| Commodore | Tom Rasulo |
| Vice Commodore | Brian Randall |
| Rear Commodore | Marji Weber |

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

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| Jr Staff Commodore | Donna Groves |
| Sr Staff Commodore | Mindy Sicard |

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

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| Fleet / Port Captain | John Kossa |
| Secretary | Julie Zimmerer |
| Treasurer | Chip Riddle |
| 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*)

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| Commodore | Tom Rasulo |
| Vice Commodore | Brian Randall |
| Rear Commodore | Marji Weber |
| Jr Staff Commodore | Donna Groves |
| Sr Staff Commodore | Mindy Sicard |
| Active Member – Ship Store | Maureen Hensley (2 nd yr) |
| Active Member - Secretary | Julie Zimmerer (1 st yr) |
| Active Member - Membership | Sheri Meehleis (2 nd yr) |
| Active Member - Treasurer | Chip Riddle (1 st yr) |
| Active Member - JAG | Mark Babcock (2 nd yr) |
| Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain | John Kossa (4 th yr) |
| Active Member – Binnacle | Bryan Chalais (1 st 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



WCRYC 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 WCRYC:

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.