



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

WCYC's First Annual Sawhorse Fishing Tournament

*See the tournament results & pictures
inside.....*

October, 2024

Upcoming Club Events!

See details inside.....

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*Photo of Dolphin Pod from
The Sawhorse Fishing Tournament*



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Hello Members,

What a great Labor Day Weekend. Mine included rest, relaxation and watching the fun in the harbor. The weather was perfect here in Dana Point and it was filled with people swimming and having BBQ's on the docks.

Our Fishing Tournament was on September 28th, and it was a blast. We had 3 boats that went out from Dana Point and Long Beach. Unfortunately, no one caught any of the eligible fish. You can read about all the details in my report below.

October's cruise is in Long Beach this weekend. The Captains, Richard and Susan Hepner have a great weekend planned. Lots of new things will be coming your way, so it's going to be a lot of fun. See you all who are attending on Saturday. It is going to be a memorable final cruise of the season.

November 9th is the Commodore's Dinner which is always a lot of fun. I hope you will all join us for a fun night of celebrating with members, eating good food, and dancing the night away.

Your Board members are busy at work getting ready for the Change of Watch in December which be held this year at the El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano, more details to come. As a reminder, it's not too late to throw your name into the hat for the 2024 Rear Commadore position. If you're interested, please see the JAG's letter below for the specific criteria.

If I don't see you at the cruise or on the docks, I hope everyone has a Happy Halloween.

Cheers!

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Where has summer gone? Our last cruise of the year to Long Beach Yacht Club October 4-6 is upon us. The long dock there provides shore power and water, and makes socializing so much easier. Cruise Captains, Rick and Susan Hepner have a few surprises in store for us. They are also members of the Navy Yacht Club, and as such have arranged for a special environment for us there Saturday night... a catered dinner from Dominico's!

For this I will say that you must summon your inner Italian. Please dress the part in costume and practice your broken English. My Dad, who our boat is named after, used to jest with me as a child that there were only two kinds of people in the world: Italians and those who wish they were Italian... At least I THINK he was jesting.

Don't miss this one, as this is last time this year to be cruising with your WCYC FAMILY. After all.....



Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone,

Well, where did the time go??? We are getting to the end of our cruise schedule with the last cruise on the horizon being held at LBYC. Richard Hepner has done a great job planning out some amazing activities for this event. I am looking forward to seeing you there, it should be amazing!

This past month the club members have been out on their own doing their own water activities, there was no official cruise during September. Marji and I were able to finally make it over to Catalina with Anchors Aweigh! We had a great time in Two Harbors. Great weather, great seas, and well..... Great Buffalo Milks. We are headed back to Catalina on October 18-20 for the SCYA Commodore's cruise. This cruise attendees consist of all the flag officers from all of the yacht clubs in SCYA. We will be flying our WCYC burgee proudly and getting a rare opportunity to get access to Catalina Island Yacht Club. I will post pictures in our next binnacle.

By the time you are reading this, the fishing tournament will have concluded....Thank you John Kossa and all those who participated and I am hoping that team "The Fox" is victorious. (yes I am on Team - "The Fox") We shall see.....

Please see the flyer for the upcoming Commodore's dinner being held at The Watering Hole at Nellie Gail Ranch. We have an amazing menu planned and we have a DJ scheduled for some fantastic music and dancing. Event attire is Cocktail. Please RSVP to the evite by October 25th as we need a firm headcount. As always there will be access to a no-host bar. Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding the event. We are anticipating 50 attendees so please get your responses early so that we can accurately prepare the room.

Next year I will be in charge of the club cruise schedule. We are going to try some new destinations for next year in addition to our traditional favorite locations. If you would like to host or co-host a cruise and already have an idea as to which cruise you are interested in hosting, please reach out to me so we can discuss. The earlier we can set our cruise schedule the better.

Safe boating everyone!

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM JAG/PARLIAMENTARIAN MARK BABCOCK

Ahoy!

WCYC ELECTION

The election for WCYC's Senior Officers is upon us. As a reminder, the election process is documented in Article 3 of the club By-Laws.

This year we are fortunate to have two highly qualified candidates thus far for our Rear Commodore post. Current board members Sheri Meehleis (Membership) and Marji Weber (Secretary).

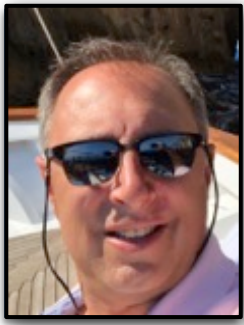
Per our By-Laws, additional nominees may be put forth by signed petition of six or more club members to the Secretary of the Board of Directors (secretary@westcoastyachtclub.com) no later than November 15th. The formal election will take place prior to our Change of Watch meeting in December.

The appointed and graduated positions on the Board for 2025 are as follows:

Senior Staff Commodore:	Mindy Sicard
Junior Staff Commodore:	Donna Groves
Commodore:	Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore:	Brian Randall
Treasurer:	Chip Riddle
Membership:	Sheri Meehleis or Julie Zimmerer
Secretary:	Marji Weber or Julie Zimmerer
Social Media Manager:	Bryan Chalais, replacing Steve Fiorillo
Fleet and Port Captain:	John Kossa
Ships Store:	Maureen Hensley
JAG/Parliamentarian:	Mark Babcock

Our formal Change of Watch will be on December 7th.

Mark Babcock
Judge Advocate General



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

I'm always looking for content for the Binnacle, so anything you'd like to share with the membership that's boating related please send it my way.

If you're not aware, we also have a Facebook group that's been active for several years, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519>. This is a private group for members only, so if go to this page and request membership I'll add you in ASAP. Or you can send me your Facebook account and I'll do it that way.

This group, as with the Binnacle, can be used to share your photos, trip journals, etc, but also any suggestions for contractors (upholsterers, boat cleaners, mechanics, etc), as we're all looking for "that guy".

Any contribution to the membership that is more real-time should be posted to our FB group so we all see in a timely manner.

Please let me know if there's any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo



WCYC's 1st Annual Sawhorse Fishing Tournament

Organized by:
Donna Groves, John Kossa, Mike Groves, Mike Wagner
Report by Donna Groves

The WCYC 1st Annual Fishing Tournament on September 28th was a BLAST! We had 3 Boats that entered....

The Fox: Captained by John Kossa. His fishing Anglers were Chip Threlkeld, Brian Randall and Greg VanMalsen.

The Commadorable Boat: Captained by Mike Groves. His fishing Anglers were Steve Fiorillo, Cindy Fiorillo and me, Commodore Groves.

Kryptonite: Captained by Mike Wagner. His fishing Anglers were Ed Sicard, Mike Stakowski, Brian Chastain.

Kryptonite left Friday night the day before to Avalon. They were fishing in the back bay of Catalina and had their lines in the water at 6 am.

The Fox left early at 5 am heading towards Catalina and were ready to go.

Team Commadorable well, we left around 6:15 am, headed to the Bait Dock, waited in line for 30 minutes to get bait, and then headed to the 14-mile bank. We had lines in the water around 8 am. The Vu was opened by 10 am just for Cindy and Donna.



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Team Commodorable tried everything. Bait, a Spreader Bar for Marlin, pouring a bit of Vu in the water, took some of the bait and released them to tell their friends in the Ocean. We caught a Starfish, and Steve got 2 Eel fish. Nasty looking with teeth. We think it was the same fish. LOL



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Team Fox caught 3 fish. Chip caught a Barracuda and 2 Bonita's.



Team Kryptonite did not catch anything.

But at the end of the day, the tournament was filled with lots of laughs, lots of pranks, and it was a real fun time.

Sunday we all met at DWYC for the Awards Presentation, which Included breakfast, a drink, and two raffle prizes. Chef Angel made us all a great breakfast, along with Patrick our bartender who made us some great Bloody Marys. The drawing for the loaded Fishing Basket full of goodies and gift certificates was won by Brain Randall, and the EV Wall Charger donated by Mike Wagner was won by the Fiorillos.



WCYC's 1st Annual Sawhorse Fishing Tournament

Thanks to Fleet Captain Kossa for putting this all together. He did a great job. John's experience in fishing and being in several tournament's made the event seamless. Next year, he has some new ideas and is going to change it up a bit, but I guarantee whatever he does it will be FUN! Thanks also to Crezlun Kossa. She always is there and pitches in wherever needed.

Since there was no winner, the KIDS WIN!!! They get all the money which is fabulous. Next month I will report how much was donated and to what organizations the money will go to. This is what WCYC is about.

We still have the dinner for "4 at Ocean 44 Restaurant in Newport Beach" raffle available.....

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Ocean 48

A unique experience at Ocean 48 Newport Beach,
Dinner for 4 people in one of our private dining suites
and meet our Executive Chef.

You and your guests will enjoy a great evening of dinner
and sommelier pre-selected wines by the glass,
a total experience!

For reservations, please contact
guestservices@ocean48newportbeach.com

Reservations must be made at least four weeks in advance and based on availability.

Excludes Market Priced entrées, Caviar & Wagyu selections, Bottled Wine,
Liquor & Wines by the glass over \$30 dollars, and Gratuity.

Of course, all of these items are available for additional purchase
should you choose to enjoy them.

Certificate must be presented for redemption; no reproduction or pictures
can be accepted; no trade or cash value; non-transferable.

Expires September 30, 2025



WCYC's 1st Annual Sawhorse Fishing Tournament

The new restaurant is owned by the Mastro Family. They have great steaks and a wide variety of fish. . I went there with another couple and had an amazing dinner.

The gift certificate is valued at around \$600 and includes wine paired by their sommelier. This is a great deal!

We have already sold 11 tickets so hopefully we will sell all 20 by the October cruise. The drawing will be at the November Commodore Dinner. You do not have to be present to win. If you are not going to the October cruise, email me that you want to purchase a ticket at dcgultevent@aol.com. All proceeds will go to Fish for Life.





BIRTHDAYS



October Birthdays:

Jan Casteel	17 th
Rich Hepner	19 th
Steve Alderson	20 th
Nick Papeorges	26 th
Julie Zimmerer	27 th
Tom Rasulo	28 th
Marji Weber	28 th
Sheri Sandler	29 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



BADA BING!!!
WCYC INVITES YOU TO
RELEASE YOUR INNER
ITALIAN!

OCTOBER'S ITALIAN HERITAGE CRUISE LONG BEACH YC

OCT 4TH – 6TH

CRUISE CAPTAINS: THE HEPNERS
CO-CAPTAINS: GARY CHAMPLIN & ESTELLA LEON

~ SOLD OUT ~



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



West Coast Yacht Club

2024

Commodore's Dinner

The WCYC Board of Directors invite you to attend

The 2024 Commodore's Dinner Celebrating our Commodore Donna Groves

Saturday, November 9th
The Watering Hole at Nelle Gail Ranch

~ \$100 per Person ~
Cocktail Attire

Dinner To Include:

*Appetizer
Salad*

Choice of Chicken Piccata, Salmon, Braised Short Ribs, or Veal Scallopini

Dessert - Tiramisu

No-Host Bar

Entertainment - DJ

Please RSVP to Evite by October 25th

Please send payments via Zelle to Treasurer@WestCoastYachtClub.Com



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



CLUB NEWS & INFO

- New Members
 - Marji Weber

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
IN HONOR OF HALLOWEEN...





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 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 _____ 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.