



# *West Coast Yacht Club*

**BINNACLE**

*January 2025*



# 2025

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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**







## LETTER FROM COMMODORE TOM RASULO

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Greetings,

First, as your new Commodore, Karen and I would like to wish all of our WCYC membership the warmest, heartfelt and most wonderful wishes for the Holiday Season.

I think it's accurate to say the key word for 2025 is NEW! Along with a new Commodore we have several new board members.

We welcome Bryan Chalais as our new Director of Social Media. He and Steve Fiorello have been working hard at the transition to bring you a new and exciting Binnacle as well as our WCYC Website.

We are fortunate and excited to have Julie Zimmerer who brings a wealth of experience to her new role as WCYC club Secretary and thank Marji Weber for her assistance in that transition.

Finally, Chip Riddle will be undertaking the important position as club Treasurer. He's jumped right in with both feet to keep us "In the Black" Many thanks to Christy Threlkeld for the cooperative transition assistance.

Hopefully you have been given a copy of our refreshed new 2025 Cruise and Dinner schedule. Vice Commodore Brian Randal and Rear Commodore Marji Weber have prepared a list of activities that would make any Yacht Club jealous. Many of these are to new destinations and will create some new and unique memories. As one new member told me at the Change of Watch, we are a "Participation Club". To keep up on any and all changes to this schedule save this link as it is always up to date for our Cruise and Dinner schedule:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vb5lle\\_EgaZL\\_nr2WJXR845bCfYfh7pf/edit?usp=share\\_link&ouid=107809599265437737346&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vb5lle_EgaZL_nr2WJXR845bCfYfh7pf/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=107809599265437737346&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Other clubs can only wish for a cruise schedule like this. I'm very proud to lead that initiative and to keep our club new, exciting and innovative. Let's have an awesome 2025!

Tom Rasulo  
Commodore



# LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC Family,

A big thank you to all of you who showed up for the Change of Watch Luncheon. It was once again a record attendance event with 53 members enjoying such a great venue. We love seeing that participation! Keep it up....

Congratulations to now Junior Staff Commodore - Donna Groves for such a terrific year and to Mindy Sicard for her new Senior Staff Commodore role. Thank you to Karin Rasulo and Marji Weber for their outstanding decorations on the tables. Thank you to Chip Riddle for doing such a terrific job in collecting everyone's lunch fees and membership fees. Thank you to our JAG, Mark Babcock, for making sure our transition went according to plan! Thank you to membership, Sheri Meehleis, for issuing out 2025-year stickers and our ships store, Maureen Hensley for providing some great items to purchase! Lastly a big shout out to our newly inducted Commodore, Tom Rasulo and New Rear Commodore Marji Weber. I am looking forward to working with them both. Its going to be a great team this year ensuring that WCYC has the best cruising season ever!

As your new Vice Commodore, I will be overseeing the Cruises for the 2025 cruising season. Thank you to all who responded to the Cruising Survey. I am very excited for the lineup that we have come up with.

A big shout out and thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be Cruise captains and hosts for several of the upcoming events this year!

Thank you to the following members for volunteering for the following events:

**Poker Run and BBQ** - April 5 - Papageorges  
**Marina Park Lighthouse** -April 11-13 - Hamiltons and Blanchards  
**Catalina Wine Mixer** - May 30-June 1 - Randall/Weber  
**Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club** - August 22 -24 - Sicards and Covarrubius/Huntley  
**Newport Raft Up** - September 19-21 - Brinkis and Babcock  
**Navy Yacht Club Long Beach** - October 10-12 - Kossas and Hepners

We are still looking for Cruise captains for the following Cruises:

**Danalina Raft Up - Opening Day** / May 2-4 ( I already have the permits completed and approved from OC Sheriff) - 10 Boats permitted in the Raft up.  
**Two Harbors** / July 18-20  
**Avalon** / August 1-3

## Other Updates:

- The Marina Park Cruise is almost sold out. Please go to your EVITE and RSVP for the event. Once you do, please contact the Marina and make your reservation 949-270-8159. Once you do, reach back out to me to let me know what slip you are in. Once slips are full there are moorings as well as the anchorage available. If you are not bringing your boat but are attending, please RSVP and make note you will not have a boat.
- The Catalina Wine Mixer land event ticket sales are on sale now. Please go to the Cruise calendar and scan the QR code to go to the site to get more information. This is a new cruise for us and the activities are a ton of fun.

I plan to keep everyone updated by posting on the clubs Facebook page as well as our monthly Binnacle letters. If you ever have a question or an idea, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Let's make it a great Cruising year!!!

Vice Commodore - Brian Randall



## LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MARJI WEBER

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Happy Holidays WCYC!

It's a great honor to be your Rear Commodore for 2025. We have a great Board of Directors leading our club this year, with your new Commodore, Tom Rasulo at the helm. Supporting him and overseeing the cruising schedule this year is your new Vice Commodore, Brian Randall. I am charged with our land-based events, starting off with our New Year's Dock Party. I'm working to secure venues for our Valentine's and St. Patrick's Day dinners as well as the locations for the rest of our dinners this year. We have had such a great turnout for these events that we now have to find locations that accommodate our growing numbers!

I'm excited for this coming year! I look forward to getting to know each of you. I would love to see more members get involved. There are plenty of ways to participate! Not ready to commit to hosting a cruise? There are lots of other opportunities! We are always looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at one of our dinners or events. Additionally, our events require set-up and take down, and we can always use assistance. Reach out to one of our cruise hosts and see if you can help with a cruise activity, decorations, etc. Perhaps offer to help out with the Ship Store at an event. We are always looking for donations for raffle baskets too! The most important part is to get involved!

As we kick off 2025, come join your WCYC family at our second annual dock party! This was a fun event last year. Come in your best Christmas jammies for a chance to beat last year's winner Mike Sandler! I can only imagine what he has in store this year! Make sure you RSVP through Evite by December 30<sup>th</sup> and Zelle your payment to [treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com). Hope to see you there!

Lastly, I'd like to wish each of you a very happy and safe holiday!

Marji Weber

Rear Commodore





## LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had an awesome Holiday season and are ready to begin a new year full of exciting events our new Flag Officers have crafted. A big thank you to this great new team who have spent an extraordinary amount of time putting together the calendar for our great Yacht Club this year. We have exciting new destinations to explore... so the potential is there for us to engage other cruisers who might be interested in joining our Club.

99% of our prospective new member interest happens because of YOU!! A casual "hi" to a new neighbor on the dock or a wave during our cruising events can spark curiosity. I'm hopeful 2025 brings many new members to join us in what we do best..... cruising for fun and relaxation!

Just a reminder.... If you have paid your dues and haven't received the 2025 sticker for your membership card please reach out to me and I will mail it to you.

Sheri Meehlies  
Membership Chair



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BRYAN CHALAIS

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Howdy to all,

As the new editor of the WCYC Binnacle for 2025, I am excited about participating in and carrying on the traditions of our yacht club through our monthly news letter. Looking at our yacht club's ninety four years of existence, I can't help but feel as if I am now a momentary curator of something dreamed up years ago by individuals who came together to support each other in their love of boating. From humble beginnings often come great things, and all members should feel the pride in our yacht club equally. I am amazed at the quality of the leadership we have and the friendliness of our membership, I only have positive thoughts for WCYC's bright future.

I want to acknowledge and thank Steve Fiorillo for his years of dedicated work as editor and appreciate him turning over the reins; I will do my best to carry on his great work. I am not a computer guy, so bear with me as I learn as I go.

Part of the Binnacle's purpose is to keep everyone informed of upcoming events, and remembering the events of the past. If you have any photos or contributions you would like to see featured here, compliments and criticism, please email me at [thebinnacle@westcoastyachtclub.com](mailto:thebinnacle@westcoastyachtclub.com) and I will take it from there. Please put in the subject line WCYC so it will not get lost in the email pit.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve.

Fair winds and following seas,  
Bryan Chalais





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## BIRTHDAYS

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Eric Ten Eyck 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sondra Harrison 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dino Bellafaire 20<sup>th</sup>

Bryan Chalais 21<sup>st</sup>

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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# *West Coast Yacht Club*

## 2025 WCYC Board of Directors

### 2025 FLAG OFFICERS



Tom Rasulo  
Commodore



Brian Randall  
ViceCommodore



Marji Weber  
Rear Commodore



Donna Groves  
Jr Staff Commodore

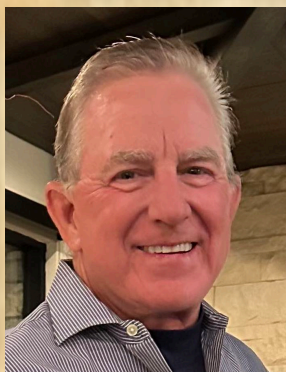


Mindy Sicard  
Sr Staff Commodore

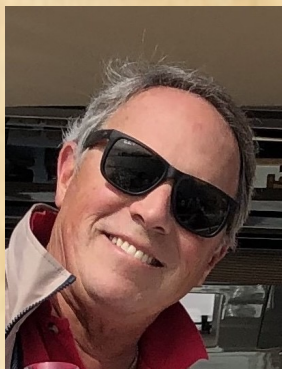
### 2025 APPOINTED OFFICERS



John Kossa  
Fleet/Port Captain



Mark Babcock  
JAG/Parliamentarian



Chip Riddle  
Treasurer



Sher Meehlies  
Membership



Julie Zimmerer  
Secretary

### 2025 CLUB POSITIONS



Bryan Chalais  
Binnacle



Steve Fiorillo  
Website



Maureen Hensley  
Ship Store





## 2024 Awards



**VAUGHN PERPETUAL**  
**Nick Papageorges**

Trophy shall be presented each year to a cruising type sailboat for some outstanding performance



**STEVE NEWMARK PERPETUAL**  
**Andrew Von Gremp**

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has served WCYC with distinction in the true Corinthian spirit



**GALATEA PERPETUA**  
**Steve & Lori Ash**

Trophy shall be presented each year to a power boat cruising on a pleasure cruise of the greatest distance from her home port and returns



**ROD LEONARD PERPETUAL**  
**Bryan Chalais**

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has participated in the WCYC Race as a member of WCYC and represented the club to the fullest





## 2024 Awards



### **MARK HULSMAN PERPETUAL** **Del and Barbie De Farby**

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person(s) who has made an outstanding contribution to yachting



### **BUD CUMINS PERPETUAL** **Walter Folsom**

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has participated in the most boat races



### **GOLDEN SAWHORSE** **Tom Rasulo**

This award is presented to the person who made the biggest nautical blunder of the year



### **CATALINA TOUCHES PERPETUAL** **The Threlkelds**

This trophy shall be presented each year to a Power or Sailboat making the most cruises to Catalina Island.





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## CLUB NEWS & INFO

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### Getting Involved- Hosting Cruises By Brian Randall-Vice Commodore



For those who may not know..... generally, the cruises are led by a "Captain Host" and a "Co-Captain Host". Usually, two sets of members assisting each other in putting together the events of a cruise. Cruises typically run Friday through Sunday.

As Vice-Commodore, I will be working with the Captains and Co-Captains in sending Evites out, getting any necessary permits, and providing guidance to the organization of the cruise.

The main job of the Captains and Co-captains is to create an agenda for the cruise and arranging the activities, food, music/band ( if providing one), etc. Typically, Friday night is an appetizer party, Saturday Mornings are drinks and treats on the back of someone's boat, followed by events, dinghy cruises, etc. Saturday night is a group dinner followed by some shenanigans.. Sunday the group departs from the location. The Sky is the limit on creativity!

We try to keep the costs to the members to a minimum. Some cruises require fees for dockage or moorings in addition to the "Cruise fee" from the club. If you would like to sign up for a cruise or assist someone on a cruise, please reach out to me. I would gladly discuss some options, and I can assist you along the way.

Getting involved by hosting a cruise may seem intimidating, but it is actually a lot of fun! It's just getting over the first time doing it, then you will be a pro. Also, there are many members who have hosted events in the past and are always available to help, so don't think you will be alone on a life raft!



# 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*

January 4	New Year's Brunch Dock Party, G-24 Island Side West Slip 52 Breakfast party on the dock, bring unwanted Christmas gift and wear your best holiday PJ outfit. Breakfast and drinks served
February 8	Valentine's Dinner – TBD
March 8	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – TBD
April 5	Poker Run & BBQ- Host; Papageorges 11:30-3:30 On the dock, Dana Point Harbor
April 11-13	Opening Cruise to <a href="#">Newport Lighthouse Marina</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Hamilton</i> <i>Co-Captains: Blanchard</i>
May 2-4	Danalina Raftup & Opening Day Ceremony <i>Cruise Captains:</i>
May 30 – June 1	Cruise to <a href="#">Catalina Wine Mixer</a> - Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Randall</i> <i>Co-Captains: Weber</i>
July 18-20	Cruise to <a href="#">Two Harbors</a> <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
July 26	The Famous Tiki Regatta Kossa-Dinner, Randall-Race Race starts 12:00, Dinner 5:00 @ Grassy knoll DP Harbor
August 1-3	Cruise to <a href="#">Avalon</a> <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
August 22-24	Cruise to <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Sicard</i> <i>Co-Captains: Covarrubius</i>
September 19-21	Cruise to Newport Beach Raft-Up <i>Cruise Captains: Brinkis</i> <i>Co-Captains: Babcock</i>
October 10-12	Cruise to Long Beach – <a href="#">Navy Yacht Club</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Kossa</i> <i>Co-Captains: Hepner</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](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

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

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

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*)

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 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Julie Zimmerer (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Chip Riddle (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (4 <sup>th</sup> yr)
Active Member – Binnacle	Bryan Chalais (1 <sup>st</sup> 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:

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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.