



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Greetings to all! Have you noticed the weather is warming up? I've got the fever to get out there and hit the throttle again and I've got it BAD!

Our cruise calendar has shaped up very well under the leadership of our VC BriN Randall. This year will be different in many respects. We have plans for new destinations, new themes, new cruises with other yacht clubs and a great opening day in the works. Don't miss any of them!

As your Commodore I am duty bound to do a little house keeping here.

I want to issue a reminder that it is the responsibility of each of our members to check and here to the policy of every club we visit in our expanding reciprocal club list. We now have more reciprocal agreements in place with more clubs in Southern California than at any time in our past. Their rules for these clubs are NOT all the same. As an example, Dana West Yacht Club limits WCYC members to two (2) visits per month. Others allow more and some fewer. It's surely bad form on our part to violate these policies so be sure to call ahead for reservations and to understand what they expect from a visiting member. We have worked hard to earn these privileges, so please be sure you sign in, show your membership card and wear your WCYC name badge and enjoy the privilege of attendance. I am sure you will make us proud!

So now our season begins! Check your bilge pumps, change your oil and top off your fuel, it's gonna be a great year!

Tom Rasulo, Commodore

West Coast Yacht Club

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LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC!

By the time you're reading this our **Poker Run** will have concluded. A big thank you to Nick Papageorges and Eric Tenyeck and all the volunteers for organizing the event. As I am typing this, we have over 22 people signed up to attend. I'm sure it turned out fantastic. I can't wait to see the pictures. Thank you to all for the hard work and for participating in the event. A reminder proceeds for the Poker Run will be going to RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California) who provide lots of support at the State and Federal Levels to keep your boating rights moving forward.

Commodore Rasulo, Rear Commodore Weber and I have been attending the opening days for many SCYA Clubs. This has been a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, get new ideas, and network and promote our club. Please look at the WCYC Facebook page for the latest opening day pictures.

Interested in joining in? Let's discuss making you a delegate! This is a great way to test the waters if you are looking to join the board or move up the flags.

Marji and I are headed to Oxnard/Channel Islands Harbor on April 5-7th to participate in 6 different club opening days. Two of which are Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club and Channel Islands Yacht Club which we have reciprocal privileges with. If you haven't been there before, it is worth a visit. PCYC is gorgeous!, pool, pickleball, amazing bar, restaurant and atmosphere and most of all great people.



On a personal note, life has been super busy. I'm excited that I recently have been hired as Lake Patrol on Lake Arrowhead which I am looking as my "stepping stone" career move towards retirement (LOL) This past weekend I had the opportunity to take the patrol boat out on the lake and I have to say, it was like heaven, what a wonderful environment to work in. I have also been placed on an SCYA committee - Predicted Log (a power boat type of competition where you are given a course and you predict how long it will take then do the course and the closest to their prediction wins) This is a very popular program in the Alamitos Bay Area, many clubs have a Predicted Log program. Interestingly this is a category for Club of the Year. I'd be glad to share more on this topic.

I hope you all are getting your boats ready for the season! Don't forget your boater's card! Its the law.... Safe travels and calm seas to you all.....

Brian Randall
Vice Commodore
West Coast Yacht Club

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LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MARJI WEBER

Hello WCYC!

Happy Spring! I love this time of year! The days get longer, the weather gets warmer, and best of all it's the beginning of the boating season!

We had a great St. Patrick's Dinner at Pub Thirty-Two. We had a great turnout, and I enjoyed seeing everyone in their green! There was so much food I couldn't finish my entrée when it arrived. Hands down the Brussels sprout they served as one of our appetizers were the best I have ever had! If you missed the opportunity to join us, you could always head there on your own and give it a try! Susan Hepner had the winning ticket for the raffle basket which somehow ended up on the floor but was rescued by Brian Randall.

We are now moving into the best time of year – the start of our cruising season! I'm super excited about our first cruise to Lighthouse Marina in Newport, April 11th-13th. This is always a great cruise and once again we will take over the marina for the weekend! I'm looking forward to all the fabulous viking attire that will no doubt be on display! But that is just the start of a fabulous cruising season that our Vice Commodore has worked hard on planning for us.

We have Danalina and our Opening Day ceremonies coming up on May 2-4. Your Commodore, Vice-Commodore and I will be working to plan a memorable weekend for this event! Following that, Brian and I will be hosting the Catalina Wine Mixer Cruise (May 30-June 1) in Avalon. This is sure to be a fun weekend you won't want to miss! Additionally, I will be working on securing our two remaining land venues for the end of the year, the Commodore's dinner and our annual Change of Watch luncheon. I will share updates with you in the coming months for these events.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that our events would not be possible without the support of our members volunteering to host them. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and support your club! Can't commit to hosting a cruise? Maybe you could donate items for a raffle basket or volunteer to put a basket together for an event. Are you planning to attend a cruise? Reach out to the hosts to see how you can help them. We are ALWAYS looking for people to help sell the raffle tickets at our events. Want to help but just not sure what you can do? Call me! I can let you know what we need help with! We love to see everyone participating and supporting the club, YOUR club! In addition to the help, it's a great way to meet some of our new members or get re-acquainted with members you may not have seen for a while.

Now let's get ready to have a great cruising season!

Marji Weber
Rear Commodore
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BRYAN CHALAIS

Ahoy to all WCYC Members!

This April's edition of the Binnacle is certainly packed with tons of new information and deserving recognition of the West Coast Yacht Club in the yachting community. Our club is certainly active, and the boating season has only just begun! The work the leadership of the club is putting in is really obvious and much respect to everyone who is volunteering their time. Cruising season 2025 is going to be a blast! I hope there is enough diesel fuel and good wind to get us to all of our destinations planned!

As we participate in our upcoming events, take a moment and snap a few candid pics of your experience, then share them with the Binnacle! Keep the subjects in your pics close, distance photos tend to be blurry and the subjects are lost. A funny pic with a caption is worth millions.

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, Steve Fiorillo will add you in ASAP. Or you can send Steve your Facebook account and he will do it that way."

See you on the water!

Fair winds and following seas,
Bryan Chalais

"You see a lot of foolish sailors and you see a lot of older sailors, but you seldom see any older foolish sailors"



BIRTHDAYS



Darin Blizzard	2
Terri Dallape	5
Stacy Alderson	10
Michelle Hamilton	19
Cathy Bellafaire	24

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



WCYC castaways join us for Gilligan's Island Poker Run! This is a Dinghy, Walk, Paddleboard, Kayak, ride your mermaid (!!) get there any way you can type of event!

Meet at Mermaid Trap at 11:00 on Dock 25, Island Side slip 54 where you will be issued your first card and receive your departing beverage for your three hour tour!

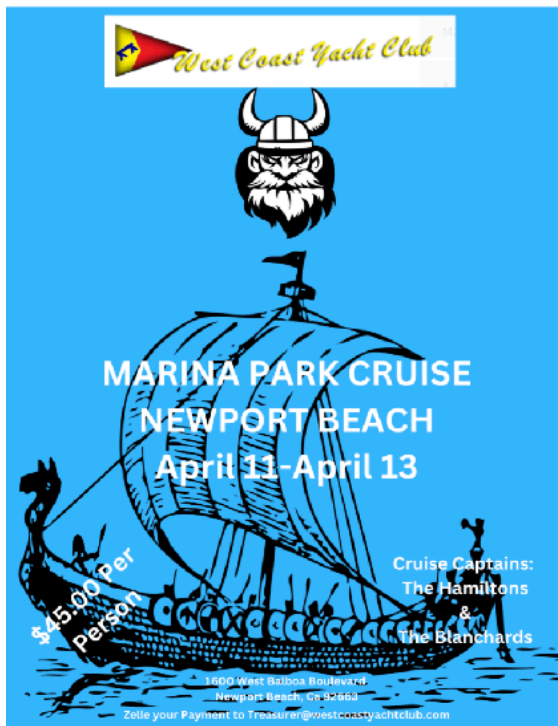
Prises with be for best hand, worst hand, and best decorated dinghy. You will also be given the chance to purchase additional cards to try and enhance your hand when everyone re-groups. Hot dogs and chili will be served at Mermaid Trap.

Bring friends, family, boat neighbors – Everyone is invited!

Don't Miss out!!



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



Marina Park Cruise April 11th-13th The Blanchard's and the Hamilton's have a wonderful weekend planned. I can't wait to see everyone's Viking gear! Currently there is one slip available (slip #10), it is the inside slip towards the gangway by the office ramp - it can accommodate up to 50' and a 15' beam. If you are looking to joining in on the cruise, please reach out to the Marina Park office and then let me know that you are signed up. In addition, if you are attending via land (no boat) make sure to RSVP on the Evite and note that you are coming without a boat. This will help with the preparations. We currently are sitting with just over 50 people attending!!

Opening Day - Dana Lina May: May 2nd-4th - Commodore Rasulo and Vice Commodore Weber and I are planning out our opening day activities. We will once again be having our dinghy parade with the Harbor Patrol escort with Jersey Girl being the larger host lead dinghy and new this year, we will be having some visiting Commodores and Flag officers from other clubs in attendance this year. They will be on Jersey Girl for the parade. If you are interested in assisting with the weekend events, please reach out. We have reserved a permit for our raft up which can accommodate 10 boats. If you would like to volunteer to pull an additional permit on behalf of WCYC, please reach out to me so that we don't have to limit the number of boats participating in the event. We would love to see 2 rows of WCYC boats in the anchorage.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Two Harbors Cruise - July 18th-20th: We are trying something new this year ! We will be having a Co- Club cruise on this trip. We are teaming up with Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club and they will be joining us on the cruise to Two Harbors. Two years ago, the CBYC opened their doors to WCYC, offering reciprocal privileges to us. And if you have been there, you already know that they are super friendly and love to have a good time (did I mention their drinks are only \$2? LOL) Their now Club Commodore, Brian Ingersoll, has enjoyed the visits of WCYC members and after a lot of discussion, we came up with the idea to do a co-cruise. Some ideas for the cruise include having some interclub events and challenges as well as some perpetual trophies that can go between clubs based on the outcome. We are brainstorming the event details and if you have any ideas, feel free to reach out to me. This is a great opportunity to network and meet new people and develop new friendships in the cruising world.

Avalon Harbor Cruise - August 1st-3rd: Gary Champlin and Estelle and Chip & Val Riddle will be hosting the historic Avalon cruise (always a favorite) that runs from August 1st-3rd. A big thank you for volunteering to Captain and Co-Captain the cruise! Theme still to be determined.

Cabrillo Cruise - San Pedro - August 22nd-24th: The Sicard's and Rod and Tammy are our Captain and Co-captain for this new cruise destination that has been added to the WCYC cruise repertoire. This should be fantastic as we have not held a cruise there before.

Newport Raft Up Cruise - September 19th-21st: This cruise is held during some of the best weather of the season. Our Captains and Co-Captains The Brinkis and Babcock's will be planning a Harbor full of fun time! This cruise is a raft up (no docks) Never rafted up before? No worries, the usual attendees are pros at raft ups and plenty of help will be available for someone who is new to rafting up at a cruise. More information to come.

****LBYC Cruise - October 17th-19th:** **The October cruise to Alamitos Bay has been reorganized and the dates and location have changed.** We will once again be at Long Beach Yacht Club. (We will no longer be at Navy Yacht Club) The new dates for the cruise are **October 17th - 19th**. Even though we do not have reciprocal privileges to LBYC, Dock Master Scott Jarvis has graciously allowed us to come back for another October trip. If you are a member of a reciprocal club to Long Beach YC you will have one night free. The second night you will need to pay. The Kossa's and the Hepner's have some great plans in the works.



CLUB NEWS & INFO



Club of the Year Update: As you may know, we are trying to win the Cruising Club category for SCYA Club of the year. There are several other clubs in this class, some being Corsair Yacht Club, Offshore Cruising Club, Channel Cruising Club, etc. I do believe we have outstanding chances of pulling off a victory!!!! To do so is a large documentation process in 20 different categories, including charity, community service, etc. needs to occur. Richard Hepner and Brian Randall will be working diligently to document our attendance in cruises, races, fishing tournaments, community events, etc. More news to come on this project. If you would like to help, please reach out to Brian Randall.

Follow along in the next few pages to see the dedication of our club leadership representing WCYC at area events!





CLUB NEWS & INFO

Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club Opening Day Ceremonies March 8, 2025

In Attendance:
Vice Commodore Brian Randall
Rear Commodore Marji Weber

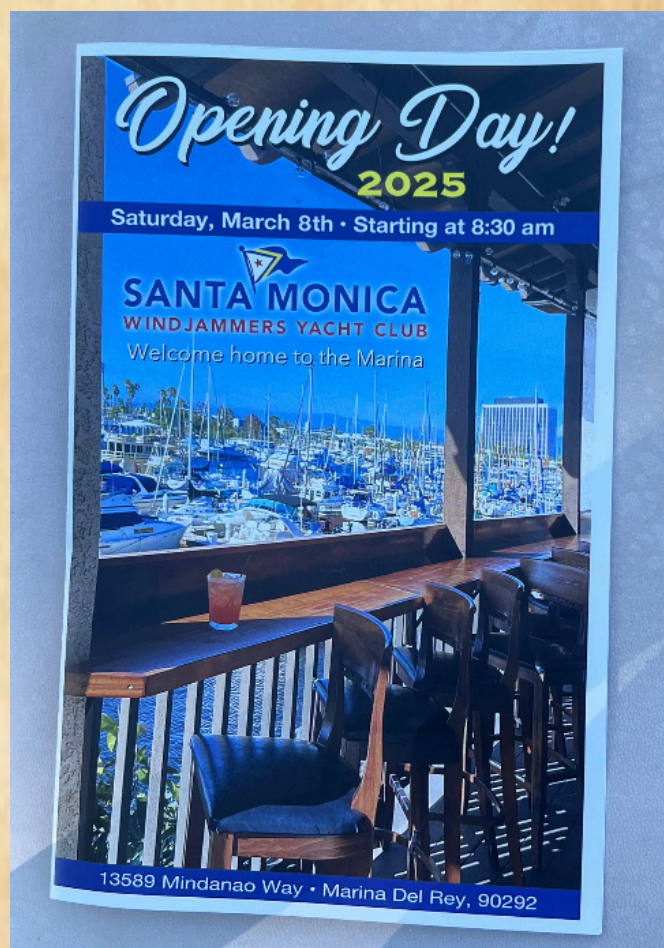




CLUB NEWS & INFO

Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club Opening Day Ceremonies March 8, 2025

In Attendance:
WCYC Commodore Tom Rasulo





CLUB NEWS & INFO

Hollywood Yacht Club Opening Day Ceremonies March 23, 2025

In Attendance:

WCYC Commodore Tom Rasulo

With: Hollywood Yacht Club Commodore Grace Harley





CLUB NEWS & INFO

Shorline Yacht Club Opening Day, March 29th

Representing WCYC:

Vice Commodore: Brian Randall

Rear Commodore: Marji Weber

With, SYC Commodore Patricia Covarrubias



Vice Commodore	Chris Hancock & Marisela
Rear Commodore	
Ventura Yacht Club	
Commodore	Don Clark
Vice Commodore	Dwight Rowe
Rear Commodore	John Spille
West Coast Yacht Club	
Commodore	Tom Rasulo & Karen
Vice Commodore	Brian Randall & Marji Weber
Rear Commodore	Marji Weber & Brian Randall
Westlake Yacht Club	
Commodore	Greg Morrow
Vice Commodore	Cookie Webb
Rear Commodore	Anvid Raulinaitis
Women's Sailing Association - Orange County	
Commodore	Candice Coleman & Jim
Vice Commodore	Karen Cooper & David
Rear Commodore	Debby Platt



Welcome to



Shoreline Yacht Club
of Long Beach

 **42nd
OPENING DAY
Ceremony**
March 29th, 2025

10:30 Registration
12:00 Ceremony



Saint Patrick's Day Event-Luck of the Irish-WCYC Style





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
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: Rasulo/Webber</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: Champlin/Estelle/Riddle</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 17-19	Cruise to Long Beach 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

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 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



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.