



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

April, 2022

*Check out March's Dinner Photos!
See inside for details....*



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Vessel Exam Today.
See details inside....**

Photo of Gray Whale Outside of Dana Point Harbor



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

Spring has sprung... are you ready for some fun? Our 2022 cruising season is here. Our first cruise is hosted by our Junior Staff Commodore, David Monk, and me (our wives Monique and Sheri are really doing all the work) right here in Dana Point. Our raft up starts to build this Friday, April 1st around noon. Channel 71 on your VHF for instructions. Bring your own drinks and appetizers to share on Friday evening. Be sure to dress up in your favorite "Mobsters and Molls" gear and join in the fun on Saturday evening for dinner and mob era cocktails.

We had another great turnout for our March dinner at Hennessey's. Our rear commodore Donna Groves and our Ships Store director Tammy Huntley did another fantastic job setting everything up. Thank you both for all your efforts (you too Rod).

Our board meetings, which happen every month, have had great participation and we seem to be getting a lot done. One of our biggest challenges we are working on is updating our Bylaws, and our JAG, Richard Hepner, is spearheading the project. This will take some time and we will distribute the updates to all members when completed. Thank you Richard for taking on this task.

For those of us whose boats are in Dana Point and have been frustrated and angry about the slip rate increases that DPHP implemented in September, a judge has OK'd a lawsuit brought on by a group of boaters to move forward. Thank you to several of our members in West Coast Yacht Club that have been directly involved in this effort.

Our next event is in May and will be a cruise to Avalon which will be hosted by the Babcock's and Sicard's. Let's all head back to the island. Stay tuned for details and an invitation. Well, that's all for now, and I hope to see everyone at the Danalina raft up.

Mike Sandler
Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Hello WCYC Members

West Coast Yacht Club is kicking off their cruising season with a raft-up this weekend in Danalina.

The Sandler's and the Monk's have planned an exciting weekend filled with lots of "Speakeasy" fun. If you are not able to bring your boat to the raft-up, come join the fun in your dinghy or other watercraft.

On Friday, April 1st the raft-up begins with shared appetizers and BYOB on the host boats at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., Continental breakfast will be provided followed by fun in the sun with rest and relaxation. The USCG Cutter Narwhal will be at the Ocean Institute from 10:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday evening come dressed in your favorite Mobster or Moll outfit and join the "Nautical Speakeasy" party at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Sunday departure at noon. If you are planning on participating in any part of the weekend fun, please be sure to pay \$10.00 per person to the Sandler's or the Monk's.

Save-the-Date-On for May's Cruise, Friday, May 13th – Sunday, May 15th, WCYC is going to Avalon, Catalina Island. Evite and details will be sent out soon.

Please note: There are a couple of changes to the cruise schedule.

Looking forward to this weekend,

Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy Everyone,

April Spring Flowers are in the air. Most of us would agree March went by so quickly.

We had a nice St. Patty's Day celebration at Hennessey's with a great turnout. With five employees' calling out that night our server Ricardo did the best he could do being a one man show. Food was really good. I got the Shepherd's Pie and loved every bite.

The sock contest was fun and thank you everyone that participated. Our big winner was Sheri, Ms. Commadorable. Pictures will say it all. Where people bought these socks is a mystery, but some were funny, and others were just plain cute.

Tammy brought in some great Ship Store items to the restaurant and the raffle basket was filled with great boater items. Way to go Tammy!

April will be a fun and a short cruise for most to Danalina with Cruise Captains Sandler's and Monk's running the show. I am sure it will be great fun. I will be back after the cruise months planning the dinner for November and brunch for December. Stay tuned.

Rear Commodore
Donna Groves



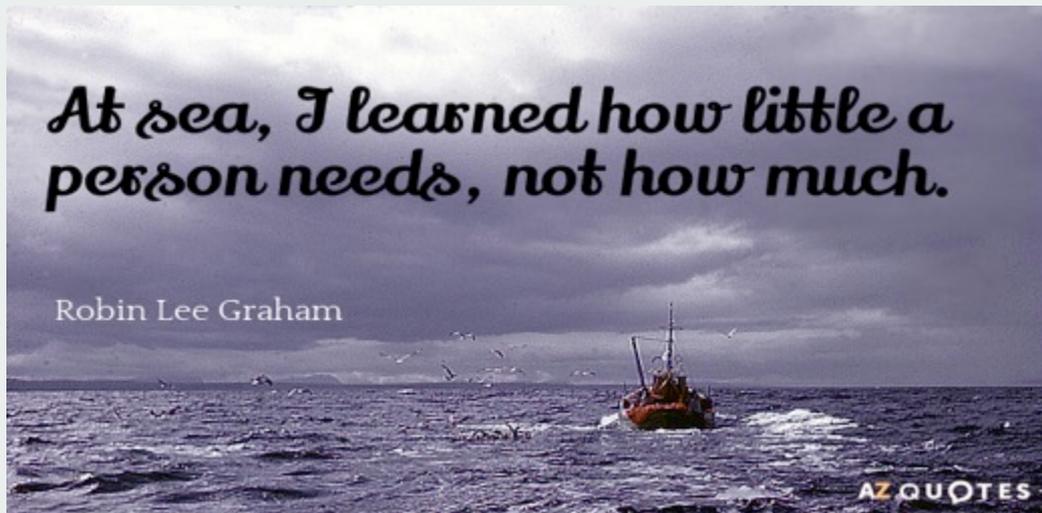
LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

Hellloooooo Thrill Seekers,

I'm so happy to report that our West Coast Yacht Club membership continues to grow. At the recent dinner in Dana Point existing members introduced me to four new prospective members. All of them enjoyed the evening and, more importantly, all were made to feel welcome by all our friendly ship-mates. One lady commented that she was introduced to so many club members that she was relieved to see them wearing name tags because without them she couldn't recall their names.

The cruise to Dana promises to be great as always. In attendance will be some unfamiliar faces. Some will be new members you've never met, and others will be guests. Still others will be prospective members getting to know us. Please climb over to that boat and extend your hand to introduce yourself. ... and wear your badge... It sooo helps.

Tom Rasulo
Membership Chair





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.

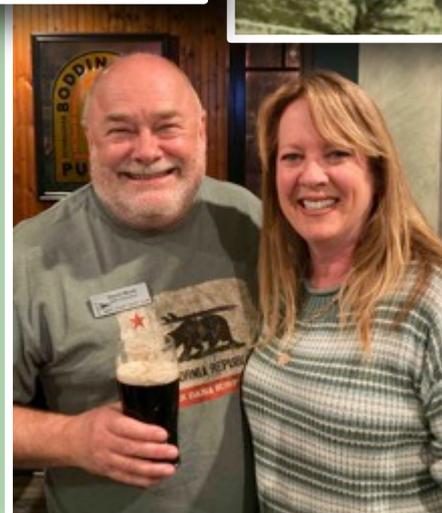
Please let me know if there's any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo

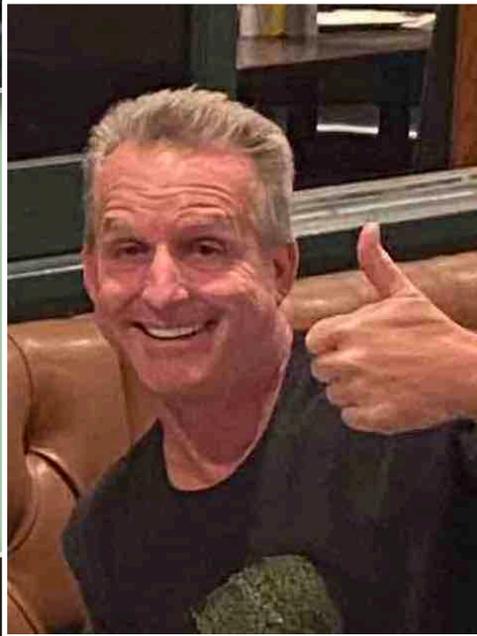
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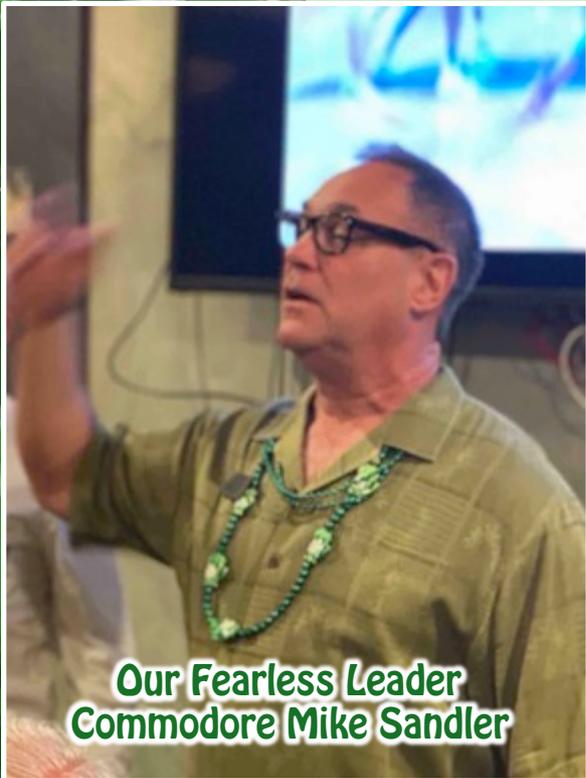
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**Our Fearless Leader
Commodore Mike Sandler**



**The Hostess with the Mostess
Commodorable Sheri Sandler**



**Basket Winner
Christie Threlkeld**



**Winner of the
"St. Patrick's Sock Contest"
Sheri Sandler**



BIRTHDAYS



April Birthdays:

Stacy Mata	10 th
Cathy Bellafaire	24 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Danalina Cruise



MONKS AND SANDLERS
714-315-6188

MOBSTERS AND MOLLS SPEAKEASY

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 AT 12:00 PM
TO SUNDAY, APRIL 3 AT 12:00 PM PT

DANA POINT HARBOR
\$10.00 per person

Friday Afternoon

Arrive at the anchorage around Noon. Contact Cruise Captains on CH 71 for Instructions

Friday Evening

Shared appetizers on host boats at 5:30 PM. Casual dress.

Saturday Morning

Continental Breakfast on host boats at 9:00 AM.

Saturday Afternoon

Rest and relax on water toys listening to great tunes.
Visit USCG Cutter Narwhal between 10:30 – 3:30 PM at Ocean Institute

Saturday Evening

Come to our Nautical Speakeasy on host boats at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served.
Dress as your favorite Mobster or Moll.
RSVP on Evite and you will get the speak 'easy" phrase to enter!

Sunday

Depart by 12:00 PM.

\$10.00 per person



May Cruise Avalon May 13-15

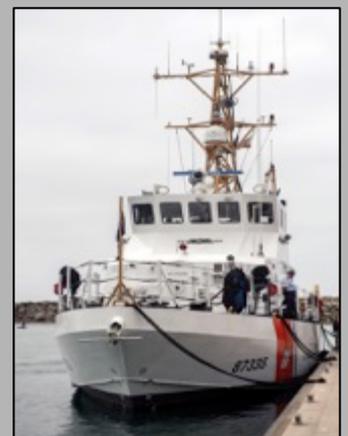
Cruise Captains: The Sicards
Co-Captains: The Babcocks



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



COME SEE
THE
USCGC NARWHAL
SATURDAY APRIL 2
10:30 - 3:30
OCEAN INSTITUTE



Sunset Rare & Reserve Tasting

April 22
Ritz Carlton



Beachside Wine Festival

April 23
Sea Terrace Park



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-california-wine-festival-dana-point-april-22-23-tickets-253315883627>



Free Virtual Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Workshop For California Waterways Users!

April 26: 9a – 12p

Register At:

<https://ports-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocO-hrD8oHtH9tg7WInWMH0QDnWuJvjrM>

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **Lobster Season Is Over!**

As of March 16th, the 2022 Lobster Season has ended. Don't forget to complete your Lobster Report Card either on-line (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Invertebrates/Lobster>) or by mail by April 30th 2022 to avoid penalties.

- **No New Members This Month**

MEMBER LETTERS

Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Hello All:

Thank you to those who participated in the WCYC & DWYC Vessel Safety Check Events in Feb & Mar. While we had a good turn out, I know there's still a few more in club that haven't gotten their 2022 decals yet. Don't fret though, there's still time before the season kicks into high gear!

Please feel free to contact me or you can go to our site, <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599> to registered for your 2022 VSC.

Have a great and safe time this weekend in Danalina and enjoy the Narwhal!

-Steve Fiorillo

Letter From Jim McNamara

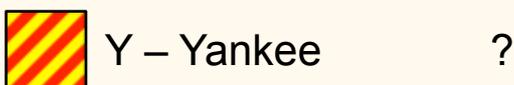
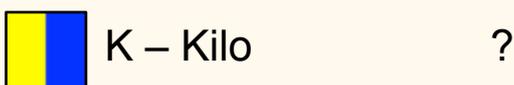
Interesting movie about the building of Dana Point Harbor...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZS3rR7cr-Y>



DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLAGS?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE BY DEFINING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FLAG'S MEANING...



Answers on the last page



2022 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2022 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

NOTE: We still need Cruise Captains for this year's season, so if you are interested, please contact Mindy Sicard.

February 5	Winter Olympic Pub Crawl
February 12	Valentine's Dinner - Brio
March 12	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Hennessey's Tavern
** April 1-3	<i>Shake Down Cruise to Danalina</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Sandlers</i>
May 13-15	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
** June 10-12	<i>Cruise to Two Harbors</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Rasulos</i>
June 25 (<i>Tentative</i>)	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 8-10	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Harrisons</i>
August 12-14	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Rasulos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 9-18	Extended Cruise to San Diego (with DWYC) <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
October 7-9	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Kossas</i>
** October 28-30	<i>Bonus Cruise to LBYC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 12 th	Commodore's Dinner
December 10 th	Holiday Brunch

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



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



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



The following are the current 2022 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
- Examiner and boat owner are to wear PPE and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet

The CG AUX also have several resources where you can conduct a virtual VSC and prepare your vessel for the safety check.....

- <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=job-aid-kits>
- <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) or scan our QR code



- Education -

Our Boating Education Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back at DPYC.

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 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves

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	Dave Monk
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed 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	Monique Monk
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Tom Rasulo
JAG / Parliamentarian	Richard Hepner

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

Commodore	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves
Jr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (<i>3rd yr</i>)
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (<i>2nd yr</i>)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (<i>2nd yr</i>)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (<i>6th yr</i>)



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

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 Harbour 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 \$150 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$150.

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.



So HOW MANY DID YOU KNOW?



E – Echo

“I am altering my course to starboard”



I – India

“I am altering my course to port”



A – Alpha

“I have a diver down keep well clear at slow speed”



C – Charlie

“Affirmative”



N – November

“Negative”



D – Delta

“Keep clear of me; I’m maneuvering with difficulty”



F – Foxtrot

“I am disabled; communicate with me”



K – Kilo

“I wish to communicate with you”



R – Romeo

Has no meaning as a signal flag since 1969



T – Tango

“Keep clear of me; I’m engage in trawling”



U – Uniform

“You are running into danger”



Y – Yankee

“I am dragging my anchor”



Z – Zulu

“I require a tug”