



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

HAPPY EASTER!

April, 2024

St Patrick's Dinner!

See the pictures inside.....

*1st Annual Opening
Day Ceremony!*

See details inside.....

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy fellow WCYC Members,

First, I would like to start with some very sad news. If you have not already heard, one of our members, Steve Harrison, has passed away. Most of us have met Steve and his beautiful wife Sondra, on our cruises. He was also a DWYC member where we saw them both there frequently. He was such a great guy who enjoyed boating, being with his wife, and life on the water. We will miss him dearly. Our hearts and prayers go out to Sondra and their family. This is a perfect reason you should give someone a hug today, lend a friend a helping hand, smile, and always say "I Love You". You just do not know when it is your time to cross over to ride the waves in the sky. We were all blessed to know him and call him our friend.

Our St. Patrick's Day event in March was very successful. I unfortunately did not attend, but I have received very positive reviews that the food, service, and party was a lot of fun. Thank you, Rear Commodore Randall, and Marji for all you do. Now you both get a couple of months off to enjoy the cruises. Our next event is the famous Newport Lighthouse Cruise which is always fun. Our Vice Commodore Rasulo along with the Cruise Captains have planned some great things to do. I am eager to get out of my slip, get to Newport and have some fun with the WCYC boaters.

Another event coming up in April is our Poker Run and Picnic in Dana Point. We had so much fun last year. We raised \$900.00 from the Poker Run and donated it to Jr Staff Commodore Sicard's favorite charity. The eVite went out last week. I look forward to seeing you all there. It's always a great feeling to give back to charity. If you cannot attend, please feel free to still donate to the WCYC Charity Fund by sending it to our Zelle account. Please put "2024 Poker Run DONATION" in the memo box.

In May, we will be having our raft-up in Danalina and celebrating our first ever, Opening Day. Raft-up will be Friday through Sunday, with the Opening Day Ceremonies being held on Saturday. We will have a band on Saturday afternoon and follow it with a traditional Mexican Fiesta, Ole! Decorate your dinghies in traditional décor or theme it with a Fiesta touch. Winners will take home the first ever trophy for the best traditional and best theme. Who wants to be the first WCYC member to get this trophy?

I have been very busy attending several Opening Days at different Yacht Clubs throughout Southern California. Vice Commodore Rasulo along with Rear Commodore Randall have also attended several Opening Days, and we have had some wonderful experiences. We are working hard to keep our reciprocals in place and also adding a few new ones. While I was at the LBYC Opening Day, I was honored to be in the presence of a 100 year old female veteran who served in 2 wars. The crowd gave her a standing ovation which was well deserved. We plan to attend a few more Opening Days in San Diego and the OC. We will have an updated list of all of our reciprocals soon on our website.

Everyone that is going to Newport this weekend, safe travels and can't wait to have a HEE HAW of a weekend!

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Gentlemen (and Ladies) START YOUR ENGINES! Here we go. Our first cruise of the 2024 season is finally here. This one to Marina Park in Newport Harbor on April 5th is called our "Shakedown Cruise". It's meant to clear the cobwebs and to discover what your boat needs for a trouble-free season. By now your oil and transmission fluids have been changed, your impeller replaced, and your generator tested. All you need now is to provision with food and adult beverages.

Remember, we have rented out the whole Marina! All 24 slips and 1 mooring will be occupied by WCYC boats. Our Cruise Hosts, the Ashworths and the Brinkis' have been working hard to bring you a wonderful experience.

We have a member provided plethora of yummy food on Friday night, a Saturday afternoon Newport Harbor dingy event, and a Casino Night Saturday evening including LEFT RIGHT CENTER. Bring THREE \$5 bills to participate. My estimate is that evening's winner will take home \$150-\$200. Keep in mind that even if the marina is full there's still lots of room to drop an anchor and join us.

BUT WAIT THERES MORE..... April has even more in store. This cruise will be followed by our Poker run in Dana Harbor hosted by Commodore Donna Groves. A great time and great prizes to be had for sure. Less than two weeks after that we will have our first annual WCYC Opening Day parade during our annual Danalina raft-up on May 3-5.

After that, SEVEN more water events this year! Keep your eye on the schedule in the Binnacle.

WCYC is quite a value at \$200 per year. Don't you know someone you'd like to refer to Sherri, our membership chair? All we do is Eat, Drink, and Cruise and we do it better than anyone!

See you on the water my friends.

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC Family!

The St. Patrick's Day dinner at Hennessey's was a huge success. A big thank you to Marji for her fabulous decorating of the event. The tables looked wonderful! A big thank you to Maureen for putting together a wonderful raffle basket for the evening. It was great to see so many faces at the dinner. Fun was had by all.

The St. Patrick's dinner is the last Dinner event for a while. The next dinner will be the Commodore's Dinner which will be in the fall. We are looking at Luciana's in Dana Point for that event.

Between now and then we have a lot of amazing cruises planned for our summer season. I look forward to seeing you at the next event which is less than a week away in Newport Harbor!

On another note, if you have been monitoring the Club's Facebook page, you will have noticed that the Flags have been busy at the Opening Day ceremonies at our fellow SCYA clubs. This has been a great networking experience, and we are striving to get the WCYC name out there to enhance our reciprocal status and to build those club relationships.

I hope that everyone is ready for the season, and I wish you all a safe start to the 2024 boating season.

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Hello All:

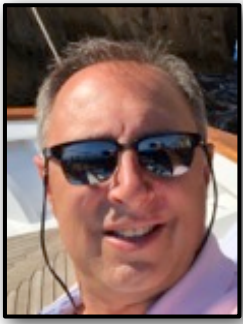
Spring is in the air....finally! And the West Coast Yacht Club cruising events are about to begin!

For those of you joining us in Newport Beach and don't have your 2024 membership stickers, please stop by "Te Tiare" and pick them up. I'd love to hear about any prospective members you are considering to sponsor.

We've started 2024 off with a bang....new members and two sold out events so we've already got bragging rights! But we're always hoping to increase our membership so please continue to sing our praises!

See you in Newport Beach!

Sheri Meehlies
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.

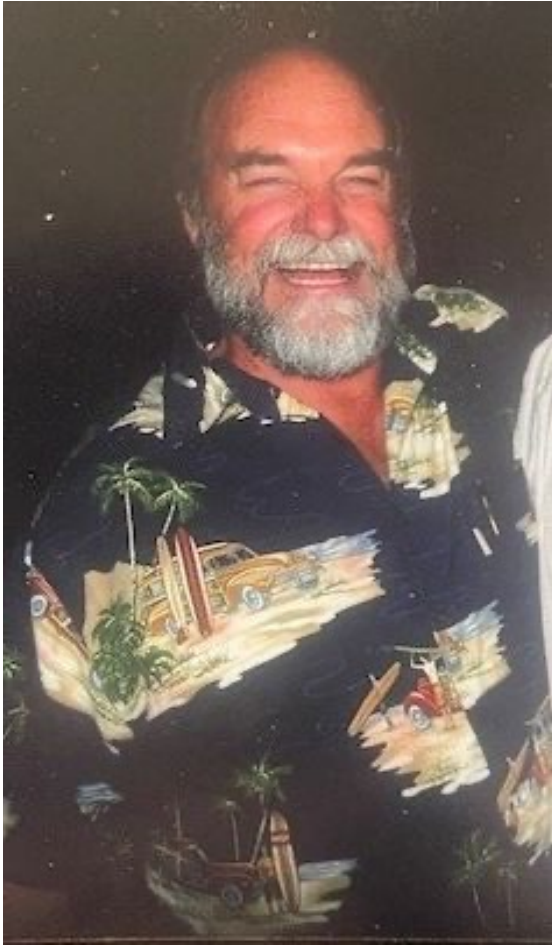
Please let me know if there's any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo



CLUB NEWS & INFO

• Remembering Steve Harrison



Steve A. Harrison

October 12, 1949, ~ March 4, 2024

Reposted from Steve's Facebook Account

As we reflect on the journey of a life well-lived, we find solace in the memories that will forever remain etched in our hearts. As we share our memories and bid our farewells, we also embrace the legacy he leaves behind—a legacy of love, strength, and family bonds that endure through the generations.

Steve was more than a husband, father, and brother; he was a steadfast pillar of strength, a source of unwavering support, and a friend to many. His journey was one of profound connections, and at the center of it all was his deep and abiding bond with his best friend and wife, Sondra. Their love story was one for the ages, a narrative of shared dreams, mutual respect, and a partnership that weathered the storms of life with grace.

In the tapestry of family life, Steve's role as a father was both nurturing and inspiring. His three daughters—Amber, Jennifer, and Stacey—were the lights of his life. Steve took pride in watching them grow, imparting wisdom, and offering a steady hand as they navigated life's twists and turns. The love he showered upon them was not just paternal but a guiding force that shaped their characters and fueled their aspirations.

As a brother, Steve shared a special bond with Kenny Sr. Their connection was more than just blood; it was a bond forged in shared experiences, laughter, and the unspoken understanding that only siblings can share. The memories they created together, the triumphs, and the challenges they faced side by side, are a testament to the strength of family ties.

Steve's impact reached beyond his immediate family, extending to friends and community alike. His kindness, warmth, and genuine nature left an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to know him. Steve's legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were touched by his presence, a legacy of love, resilience, and the enduring power of meaningful connections.

As we bid farewell to Steve, let us remember not only the tears of parting but also the smiles and laughter he brought into our lives. In the tapestry of memories, let us find comfort and strength, knowing that the love and wisdom he shared will continue to guide us in the days to come.

Rest in peace, Steve Harrison. May your spirit find eternal peace and may the love you shared continue to echo through the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to call you friend, husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

A Service will be held at DWYC on Saturday April 13th with a Burial at Sea 9 AM, all by Followed by the Celebration of Life at Dana West Yacht Club.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

HOSTED BY BRIAN RANDALL & MARTI WEBER



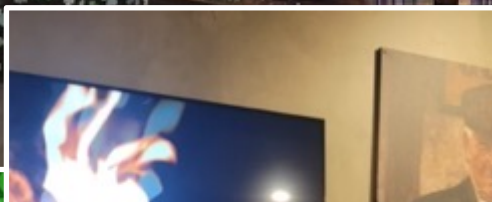


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BIRTHDAYS



April Birthdays:

Darin Blizzard	2 nd
Teri Dallape	7 th
Stacy Alderson	10 th
Michelle Hamilton	19 th
Cathy Bellafaire	24 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April Cruise Season Opener



GATHER 'ROUND AND DUST OFF YOUR COWBOY HATS BECAUSE WE'RE FIXIN' TO RIDE INTO THE SUNSET FOR A WESTERN-THEMED YACHT CLUB CRUISE LIKE NO OTHER! WESTERN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!

FINAL RSVP IS TUE 4/2

CRUISE COST IS \$45 PER INDIVIDUAL.

INCLUDES

SATURDAY MORNING: BREAKFAST WITH BOTTOMLESS BLOODY MARYS AND MIMOSAS.

SATURDAY EVENING: BBQ FEAST CATERED RIGHT ONTO THE DOCKS.

ALL 24 BOAT SLIPS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR OUR EXCLUSIVE PARTY.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE BY RESERVING AN EXTRA DAY DIRECTLY WITH THE MARINA.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RESERVED A SLIP, YOU CAN STILL SECURE A MOORING BALL WITH THE MARINA OFFICE OR ANCHOR IN THE TURNING BASIN/ANCHORAGE

PLEASE COORDINATE WITH THE HOSTS FOR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS OR ASSISTANCE DURING THE CRUISE.



POKER RUN

Western Poker Run & Picnic



April 20th



Poker Run Entry, Eye Openers, & Lunch - \$45.00/pp
Additional lunch & eye openers for couples only getting one playing hand,
\$25.00/pp

~ RSVP by April 15th ~

Come join WCYC for our 2nd Annual, but first time ever, "Western Poker Run and Picnic". Dinghy, Walk, Paddle Board, Kayak, get here any way you can. Bring, friends, family, boat neighbors. Everyone is invited.

Start time 12:00 noon at Commodore Grove's boat in the East Cove, Dock 6 Slip #74 to get your first hand, the rules, maps and a Screwdriver, Mimosa or Bloody Mary to go.

There will be additional stops throughout the harbor. Afterwards, bring your completed unopened envelopes back to the Commodore's Boat where your hand will be revealed. You can donate for additional cards to make your hand better or worse.

Cash Prize for the Best Hand and the Worst Hand. Lunch will follow.

Dress in your best Western wear and decorate your "Hee Haw" dinghy or ride, for a cash prize. Let's have some WCYC fun!



Portions of the Poker Run will be donated to a
Charity of choice by the Commodore
that relates to supporting the Boating Community.





May Cruise to Danalina May 3 - 5



Featuring
The 1st Annual

West Coast Yacht Club

Opening Day Ceremony & Dingy Parade

Saturday May 4th

eVite Coming Soon!

Schedule of Events:

Friday

10a-3p: Arrival - Contact Cruise Captains on CH72 for anchoring instructions
5:00pm - Happy Hour - Bring appetizer to share

Saturday - OPENING DAY

9:00a - Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar
10:45a - Opening Day Ceremony
11:00a - Dingy Parade
1:30-4:30 - Music with Live Band
6:30 - Cinco de Mayo Dinner
8:00p - LCR Tournament

Sunday

Departure - Contact Cruise Captains on CH72 for departure instructions



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Come Tour The USCGC CUTTER NARWHAL

At The Ocean Institute

April 13, 2024

10am – 3pm

Free Admission



Newport Beach
April 19th – 21st
Tickets \$25/day

The Newport Beach International Boat Show (NBIBS) will take place in 2024 at Lido Marina Village with both on-water and on-land exhibitions, activations and entertainment, the reimagined show will transform Lido Marina into a beautiful European coastal experience for all to enjoy.

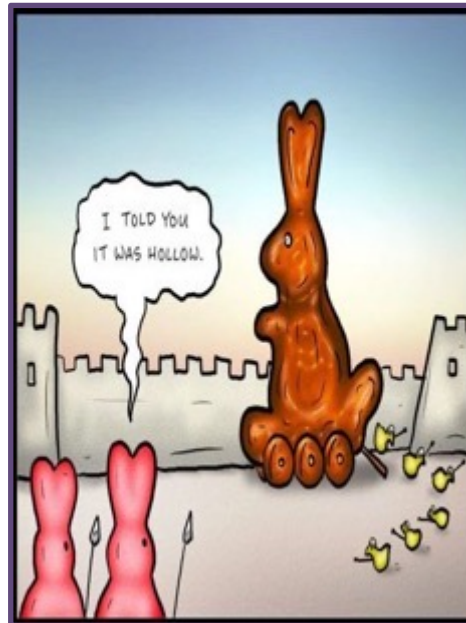
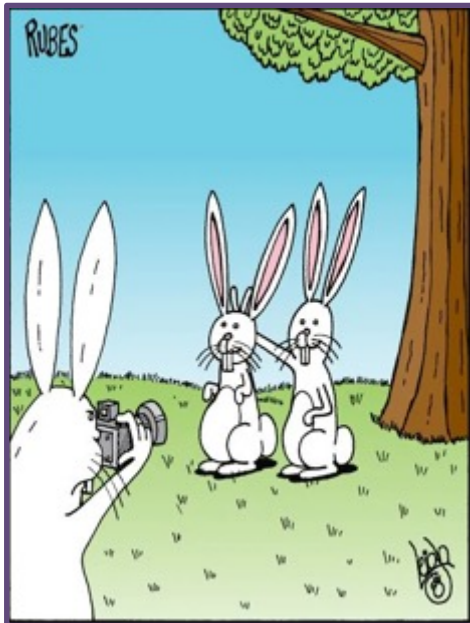
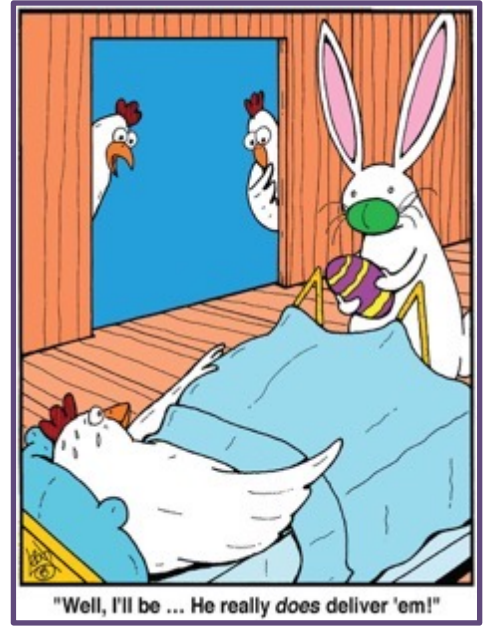
2024 California Wine Festival

Friday, April 19 from 6:30-9pm
Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort
Sunset Rare & Reserve Tasting

Saturday, April 20
Sea Terrace Park



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF EASTER.....





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: Chalis'</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	Avalon Extended Cruise: 8/11-12: Long Beach > 8/13 San Pedro > 8/14 Newport
September	Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21 st or 28 th)
** 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	Commodore's Dinner – TBD
December 7	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD
December 6,7,8	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.