



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC:

First, I hope that you and your families are all well and safe during these challenging times. I think we should all be grateful that we have an additional sanctuary in our boats and that our dinghy's have built-in 6ft of social distancing!

Monique and I have escaped down to the boat and the harbor to not only enjoy our beautiful weather, but also experience the joy of being on the water and hopefully connect (safely) with you all. Although we cannot organize social gatherings, we have still been able to see many of you at the harbor.

Regarding our cruise schedule, our board decided to cancel the April cruise to Oceanside due to Covid-19 but keep the rest of the cruise schedule in place as we are staying optimistic that this will all be over by the end of April!

To keep up with all of the news from the harbor be sure to visit the marina website and sign up for their newsletter **The Marina at Dana Point** | www.TheMarinaatDanaPoint.com | (949) 496-6137.

Stay safe, be well and looking forward to seeing you all soon!

David Monk, Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Ahoy WCYC members,

I hope everyone is staying safe and isolated during these uncertain and scary times.

Our second dinner of the season was a small success given the nature of what is going on. We had 11 members enjoy our dinner at Ciao Pasta in San Juan Capistrano. The food was incredible, and the service was spot on! Mr. Steve Fiorillo said it was the best \$50 WCYC dinner he ever had. The owner of Ciao Pasta worked with WCYC and did not charge us the minimum, so all our last-minute cancellations did not matter. WOW!

Please, please, please, help support his restaurant during these tough times and order pick-up from them if you like great Italian food.

We also had our first gift basket raffle of the year and raised \$120.00, awesome! Thank you, Donna, for putting that basket together.

Since some of our cruises are being cancelled, we may plan another dinner once the shelter in place has been lifted, so stay tuned.

Until then, please stay healthy and smart and wash your hands as much as possible.

Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM BINNACLE 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



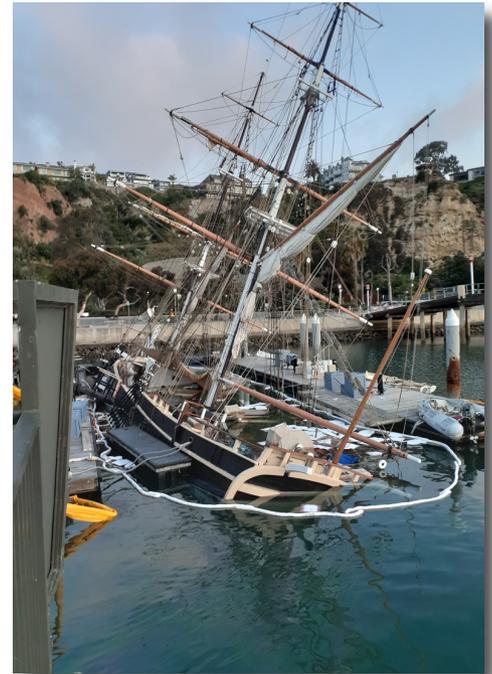
THE BRIG PILGRIM

For those you may not of heard, the Brig Pilgrim, an iconic landmark of Dana Point, keeled over at it's slip at the Ocean Institute in the early hours of Sunday, March 28.

The following is a note from The Ocean Institutes' president Dr. Wendy Marshall....

We are very sad to announce that *Pilgrim*, our beloved vessel that has served as an inspiring real-world classroom to hundreds of thousands of students and visitors, keeled overnight in her slip on our dock, rendering her useful life over.

As part of our maintenance process, *Pilgrim* undergoes out-of-the water and underwater inspections. In 2016 she was hauled out for survey and repairs and in October 2019, we began a fund to support the haul out and repair scheduled to take place in January 2020. The haul out was postponed until June due to overload at the yard. Meanwhile, Ocean Institute maintained our certifications and the United States Coast Guard issued a Certificate of Inspection (COI) in December and again in February, allowing our dockside programs to continue. Unfortunately, *Pilgrim* keeled on March 29th and is incapacitated beyond repair.



We are sad to bid farewell to this iconic vessel which has been such an important part of Ocean Institute's programs and to the children that they served.

It's a shame that this historic vessel may have seen it's final days. However, as of Monday the 30th, salvage crews were on site removing all the hazardous materials and planned to salvage what they can, so all hope may not be lost.

If you're unfamiliar with the Brig Pilgrim, please read about her history at <https://www.ocean-institute.org/general-information/about-pilgrim>.

For updates on the Pilgrim and the Ocean Institute, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OceanInstitute/> and their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXmzUJBLxfKdoxhUKa5TI9w>

March's Dinner at Ciao Pasta

Thank you Mike & Sheri for hosting a great dinner!





BIRTHDAYS



April Birthdays:

Stacy Mata	10 th
Tami Stancil	17 th
Cathy Bellafaire	24 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Unfortunately due to the current CORVID-19 isolation restrictions and to keep all our members safe, the following events have been cancelled/postponed:

Oceanside Cruise, April 17-19:
Cancelled

Vessel Safety Check Event, April 11:
*Postponed until restrictions are lifted and
CGAUX resumes activities*



CA LOBSTER SEASON HAS
ENDED OF 3/18/20



Now that lobster season is over, don't forget to submit your Report Card by April 30, 2020.

You can submit online at
<https://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/CustomerSearch/Begin> or via mail to the address listed on your report card.



BOATING EDUCATION



2020 Class Schedule USCG Auxiliary Public Education Classes Flotilla 68 – Dana Point

All classes are held at Dana Point Yacht Club

Sailing Skills & Seamanship (7 Weeks) *Cancelled until further notice* Cost \$65

WHEN Every Wed from Mar 25th thru May 6th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book

Our Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice sailor. Topics include safety, knots, radio, and aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects. In addition, completion of the class will get you the California Boater Operator Card which is now required to operate a motorized vessel in the state.

How to Read a Nautical Chart (2 Nights) Cost \$45

WHEN: Wed June 3rd, June 10th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book, chart

How to Read a Nautical Chart are seminars that will help the student unravel the mystery of charts by providing the navigator with the knowledge to interpret a chart's contents to navigate safely to his or her destination and return to port. Suggested as intro to Basic Coastal Navigation.

Basic Coastal Navigation (6 weeks) Cost \$65

WHEN: Every Wed from June 17th thru July 22nd 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book, chart

An introduction to the basics of coastal navigation designed to acquaint you with the tools and skills required to be a successful navigator – essential for novices or a great refresher course for experienced (rusty) sailors. Covers navigation theory, plotting and course determination, dead reckoning, (time/speed/distance), compass use, bearings and fixes, and tides.

Basics of Marine Radio (1 night) Cost \$25

WHEN: Wed August 5th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Learn how to operate one of the most important safety devices on your boat. Learn what DSC calling is and how to use it.

GPS for Mariners Class (3 weeks) Cost \$45

WHEN: Wed August 12th thru Aug 26th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book

This is a class that will enable you to get the most from your nautical navigation GPS. Learn how to use the menus and functions to determine position, set waypoints, plot a course, determine speed and heading, correlate to a chart, and more.

Boating Skills & Seamanship (7 classes) Cost \$65

WHEN: Every Wed from Sep 16th thru Oct 28th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book

Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include safety, knots, radio, aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects.

TO REGISTER: Email: ericgritzmacher@cox.net. Or call 949.632.2378 or Garry Nelson 714.234.0731 Visit our website at: danapointcgaux.org for more information



2020 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2020 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

February 8 th	Dinner at Mozambique
March 14 th	Dinner at Ciao Pasta
April 17-19	Shake Down Cruise to Oceanside Cancelled due to COVRID-19
May 15-17	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 12-14	Cruise to Mission Bay <i>Cruise Captains: The Vandenberg</i> <i>Co-Captains: The McNamaras</i>
June 27 th	The Famous Tiki Regatta
Jul7 17-19	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Sandlers</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
August 14-16	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Bertrands</i>
September 11-13	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Fiorillos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Stones</i>
October 9-11	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 14 th	Commodore's Dinner at Vintage Steak House
December 5 th	Christmas Brunch at SJHGC



WCYC 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Kevin Bertrand
Rear Commodore	Mike Sandler

The Flag officers of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore

Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Jr Staff Commodore	Blake Campbell

The Appointive officers of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian

Fleet / Port Captain	Dave Stancil
Secretary	Ed Sicard
Treasurer	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock
Vice Membership Chairperson	Mindy Sicard
JAG / Parliamentarian	

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Sr Staff Commodore, Jr Staff Commodore and six additional Active Members

Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Kevin Bertrand
Rear Commodore	Mike Sandler
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Jr Staff Commodore	Blake Campbell
Active Member – Ship Store	Donna Groves (2 nd yr)
Active Member – Binnacle/Web Admin	Steve Fiorillo (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Mindy Sicard (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock (3 rd yr)
Active Member	
Active Member	



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 \$50.

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.