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iki Regatta

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Photo of Tiki Regatta

# BINNACLE August, 2021



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# LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

What a fabulous July we had with great weather, mainly calm seas and a host of events for the club to meet, greet and engage in boating happenings!

The Cherry Cove cruise was super fun and a big shout-out to our newest members who did a fabulous job hosting their first WCYC cruise – Steve and Sondra Harrison with Chip and Valerie Riddle! They were also supported by Ron and Cindy who stepped up to cover the Saturday McRiddles breakfast!! Congratulations and a big thanks to this cruise team. I am sure we will have a more detailed cruise account but I will mention we had 13 boats join the cruise (the highest number of boats for a cruise since the Scuba Steve and Jim's Moonstone 2020 extravaganza!) a big thank you to all who attended! We were not able to quiz the group on Sawhorses but I have had a few whispers in my ear so, for those of you who know they are "on the radar", you may want to get your stories straight before being "exposed'!

We also had the Tiki race which was a huge success and, for once, went without any major hiccups – the committee boat actually made it to the correct "start and finish" location (despite some discussion from deluded persons - who will not be named – *Ed*!), deployed the buoy (without it sinking - *Ed*) and albeit a little tardy (15 minutes before the start!), started on time. The Paella's this year were outstanding – best so far in a long tradition of Paella cooking and enough for second and third visits! My compliments to the chefs who put in the long hours to set up and cook! Again, I am sure we will see a much more detailed review here in this months Binnacle! I do want to call out however a comment from our Tiki Regatta Host, Mindy, made during our recent board meeting "everybody pitched in, turning up early to secure our tables on "The Grassy Knoll", decorate the area, put up the additional benches and chairs and set up the cooking equipment" – a great team effort and much appreciated!

Our final event for the month was the combined WCYC/DWYC "Summer Olympics" Pub Crawl which from everyone I have talked was a resounding success with lots of documentary evidence in the form of incriminating photo's which will be presented – great job Mindy and Ed for hosting this "crowd pleaser"!

On a more somber note, I do have to let you know that our Rear Commodore, Dave Stancil, has been having some medical issues but is on the mend – we all certainly send him and his wife Tami our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Newport Beach Raft Up is coming up quickly so get those RSVP's in as soon as you are able. Please be sure to review the Binnacle for news and future event dates!

See you all soon, " Stay Safe & Healthy and Fair Winds & Following Seas".

David Monk Commodore



# LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN MINDY SICARD

Hello All:

I'd like to thank everyone who helped and participated in our Tiki Regatta and Olympic Pub Crawl. Both events were very successful. You can read all about it my event summaries below.

Mindy Sicard Fleet/Port Captain



# LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

#### Ahoy !

Well, between our WCYC website, club events, word of mouth and our burgee everywhere we seem to continue to attract new members to keep our club growing with enthusiastic cruisers. It so gratifying to see how many members enjoy evangelizing the benefits, fun and friendships of WCYC.

We had two more potential members fill out applications and pay pro-rated dues during our Dana Point Pub Crawl. The Harth's and the Henley's have attended their first WCYC function and need only one more before we vote on them. Please be sure to meet them and introduce yourself.

Our next function will be our cruise to Newport Beach on Aug 13-15. This one is being chaired by new members RJ Traviso and Kevin Jones / Linda McCroskey with help from my wife Karen and I. It will likely include a short dingy treasure hunt, some group meals and some high-quality live music from Zack Churchill. Here's a sample: <u>https://youtu.be/G1Eljel8Xgl</u> Keep an eye open for the evite and feel free to bring some friends even if it just for the day. We can always grab a dingy and go ashore to pick someone up for an afternoon of live music.

Pictured below are our club burgee stickers. One small one for your car window (\$5) and the larger one (\$10) for your boat. These will be for sale at the Newport cruise. See you in Newport!





Tom Rasulo Membership Chair



# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

I'm always looking for content for the Binnacle, including cover photos, 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, <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519</u>....

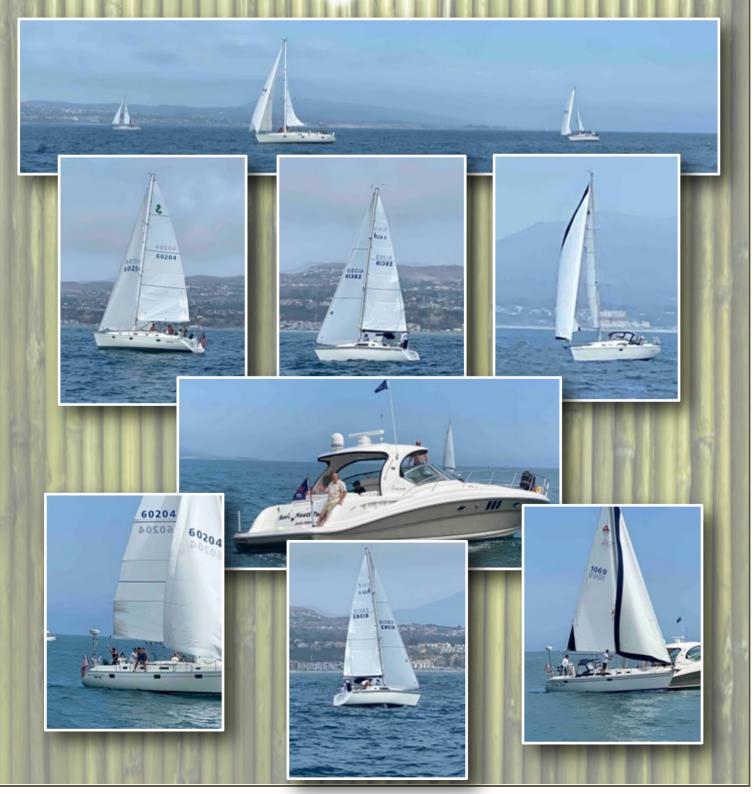
- This is a private group for members only, so if go to this page and request membership I'll add you in ASAP. Or you can send me your Facebook account and I'll do it that way.
- This group, as with the Binnacle, can be used to share your photos, trip journals, etc, but also any suggestions for contractors (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

# 2021 WCYC Tiki Regatta By Mindy Sicard

On Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> West Coast Yacht Club celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiki Regatta. We had four sailboats who participated in this year's race:



# 2021 WCYC Tíkí Regatta Trophy Winners



1<sup>st</sup> Place Awarded to Scott Ryan of Carvella



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Awarded to Roger Salway of Clean Slate



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awarded to Díno Bellafaíre of Running Water



Club Winner of Blondie Awarded to Dino Bellafaire of Running Water





4<sup>th</sup> Place Awarded to George Hughes of Three Sheets

# 2021 WCYC Tiki Regatta Paella Cook-Off

There is certainly no "I" in TEAM when it comes to West Coast Yacht Club. A big thank you and shout out to all who helped with this event. Morning set-up crew: Crezlun and John Kossa, Kevin Jones, Ed Sicard, and Dave Stancil.

> Thank you to the following for making their delicious Paella, we had enough for the 75 people who were in attendance: Steve and Brenda VandenBerg, Jim and Maggie McNamara, John and Crezlun Kossa, Chip Threlkeld, Dave and Tami Stancil.

# 2021 WCYC Tiki Regatta



# 2021 WCYC Tiki Regatta

Thank you to Christie Threlkeld for collecting all the money. Thank you to Donna Groves for making the two beautiful Raffle



Baskets.







Raffle Príze Winners: Cindy Latin and Stacy Mata





A big thank you to everyone who helped with the clean-up. You are all super! Really appreciate all your help!!!



The mere mention of a cruise to Cherry Cove on beautiful Catalina Island quickens the pulse as we mariners of West Coast Yacht Club recall the adventures enjoyed over the years in this fabled anchorage. This year was no different as sailors and power boaters alike gathered at this favorite destination on Friday, July 16 to Sunday, July 18.

For the weary sailors who cruised for 7 hours or so, the sight of Bird Rock was a reminder that the journey would soon conclude and the partying would begin. And so it was that we cozied up to Steve and Sondra Harrison's *It's About Time* for Friday evening libations and those savory hot dogs. If anyone had chosen to nap that afternoon, they would have bolted upright at 5 PM, risking bodily injury, at the cacophony from ship's horns around the harbor signaling that merriment could officially begin.



Refreshed, despite a rocky evening, mariners navigated via dinghy the next morning to *R&R* and *Liberty Belle* to dine on McRiddles and McLatins (a vastly upgraded version of the Golden Arches breakfast sandwich), Twinkies of some dubious maturity, and real bananas (for those health zealots among us). There were bottomless buckets of Mimosas and an exotic mixture of champagne and peach known as the Bellini to slake even the most parched among the group.



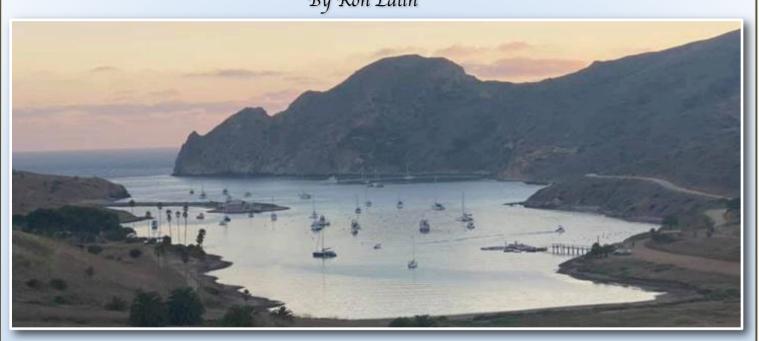
Suitably energized, the aerial games were introduced and participation by our athletes was lively, no doubt as a tune up for the upcoming Olympics. The yachtsmen demonstrated remarkable agility as they soared into the air to snatch the elusive sphere as this gravity defying exhibition wowed the group.



This exertion in the heat of the day led some of our lady mariners to cool off in the crystalclear waters of the anchorage. Before long, there were 8 of these sleek mermaids, seemingly unaffected by the chilly water, clustered around a floating platform as they engaged in stimulating conversation. It was a sight to behold, though some explanation that was offered for their endurance opined that talking animatedly and in high volume generates considerable body heat!



You can well understand that these acrobatic feats would eventually wear out even the fittest among our group. So it was elected by some to retire to their vessels to refresh and rejuvenate in order to be properly poised to engage in the evening's activities.



As the evening beckoned and the shadows of the surrounding cliffs bid adieu to the sunlight, the tantalizing aromas that wafted from the yachts yielded ample evidence that, among our group, are some of the most talented chefs. Revely continued into the wee hours for some and for others a desire for a restful sleep won out.

All things must eventually conclude, and on Sunday a number of our yachtsmen made sail for home. Still others, reluctant to return to civilization, elected to remain in the Cherry Cove anchorage and count themselves blessed that another day of sunshine was theirs to enjoy.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Ron Latin

# 2021 Summer Olympics Pub Crawl By Mindy Steard

Wow! What can I say about the Summer Olympic Pub Crawl except we are a group full of fun and creative people who likes to have a great time!

The costumes were fantastic! A big thank you to Dana West Yacht Club for co-hosting the Olympic Pub Crawl. We began and ended our event at their club. After our first stop, we marched our way to Harpoon Henry's where we held the medal ceremony.





# 2021 Summer Olympics Pub Crawl

24 participants paraded around with the traditional Bud-Light torch and Olympic music. Medals were awarded to the following people:



Gold Medal Tracy and Doug Stewart Silver Medal Randy and Rachel Casteel

## Individual



Bronze Medal Chip and Christie Threlkeld



Gold Medal Lisa Thiel



Silver Medal Bonnie Leaf



Bronze Medal Stacy Mata

# 2021 Summer Olympics Pub Crawl

Our next stop was held at Lil' Skipper's Snack Shack. Owner, Lisa Thiel was generous in providing us with delicious drinks and snacks. Roulette and Black Jack tables made the day extra fun. Lisa went all out for our club.

> Olympic Pub Crawl







# 2021 Summer Olympics Pub Crawl

After Lil' Skipper's, we ventured to Turk's and then to Wind and Sea where many enjoyed their famous Mai Tais. It was fun having both clubs come together and getting to know each other. After the fun pub crawl, we marched back to DWYC for an evening of live entertainment, dinner, drinks and dancing.

Congratulations to Lisa Thiel who won the 50/50. \$200.00 will go towards the Special Olympics. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Save the date for our next Olympic Pub Crawl – February 2022. Looking forward to seeing everyone in their winter outfits.



BIRTHDAYS

August Birthdays:



George Hughes Crezlun Kossa 8<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

### **CLUB NEWS & INFO**

Let's welcome our newest WCYC members who were voted in this month:



Glenn & Astrid Ashworth



Kevin & Hydee Riggs

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DP Harbor Revitalization Project (Both links are now on our website under Helpful Links)
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- OC Parks has most of the info you may be looking for on this project including: county contract & lease agreements with the Marina Partners, renderings, marina configurations, and most importantly the schedule. Please visit <u>https://www.ocparks.com/beaches/dana-point-harbor/dph-revitalization</u> to get the latest information.
- Dana Point Boaters Association: With the latest development surrounding the harbor project, now's the perfect time to join the DPBA. Please visit <u>https://www.danapointboaters.org/cdp\_landside.php</u> to see how this organization is supporting the DPH boaters.
- For information on what action is being taken by the boaters against the recent slip increase announcement in the harbor and how you can get involved, please contact George Hughes at georgejhughes@gmail.com

#### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



WCYC Dana Point Harbor Trash Pick-Up Day <del>August 7<sup>th</sup></del> Postponed

**Rescheduled Date Pending** 



Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captain: : RJ Trevizo & Kevin Jones

Info & Invite Coming Soon!





SEPTEMBER'S CRUISE T'O AVALON!

SEP  $17^{TH} - 19^{TH}$ 

CRUISE CAPTAINS: THE KOSSAS CO-CAPTAINS: ROD COVARRUBIAS & TAMMY HUNTLEY

**INFO & INVITE COMING SOON!** 

#### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS**



Aug 8: 3:00pm-4:00pm The Piano Men Generations - Music of Billy Joel 4:30pm-6:00pm Kenny Metcalf as Elton

Aug 15:

3:00pm-4:00pm New Caribbean featuring Einstein Brown 4:00pm to 4:30pm Ava August 4:30pm-6:00pm Garratt Wilkin & the Parrotheads



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# DID YOU KNOW???

## Test your Knowledge of Sayings based on Nautical History...

#### 1) Freeze the balls off a brass monkey

In days of old, cannonballs were piled on deck beside the cannon in pyramid fashion and retained in a ring called a brass monkey. If the weather was very cold, the brass ring would contract faster than the iron cannonballs, causing some of them to topple. From this the expression was, and is today, used to describe something that is very cold.

#### 2) As the crow flies

It's the most direct route from one place to another without detours. Before modern navigational systems existed, British vessels customarily carried a cage of crows. These birds fly straight to the nearest land when released at sea, indicating where the nearest land is.

#### 3) Aboveboard

Pirates would often hide much of their crew below the deck. Ships that displayed crew openly on the deck were thought to be honest merchant ships, known as "above board."

#### 4) In the doldrums

Sailors named the area of the ocean on either side of the equator the Doldrums. This area is known to have unstable, light wind conditions, so sailing ships caught in the Doldrums could be stranded. Today it describes someone in low spirits, stagnated or depressed.

#### 5) Mind your p's and q's

When in port, sailors would get credit at the taverns until they were paid. The barman would keep a record of their drinks on a chalkboard behind the bar. A mark was made under "p" for pint or "q" for quart. On payday, a sailor was liable for each mark next to his name and forced to "mind his p's and q's." Today the term means to remain well behaved.

#### 6) Pierced ears

Pirates pierced their ears, not to look suave but because it was believed that piercing the ears with such precious metals as silver and gold improved one's eyesight. Even relatively respectable seafaring men indulged in the practice.

#### 7) Letting the cat out of the bag

This term comes from the old naval punishment of being whipped with a "cat-o'-nine-tails." The whip was kept in a leather bag, and when the sailors "let the cat out of the bag" they had usually done something that would result in punishment. The term today means someone has said something that was not to be said or revealed a secret.

#### 8) Walk the plank

It is confirmed that pirates would throw men overboard for one infraction or another. But no one was ever recorded to have "walked the plank." It's a Hollywood movie myth.

#### 9) Pipe down

This original nautical term was an officer's whistle sound denoting the completion of an above-deck work shift and giving permission to go below. This expression is now used to mean "be quiet" or keep quiet."

#### 10) Limey

It originally was a term that referred to a British sailor. Now it's used generally to indicate someone who is British. But the term came from the 17th- and 18th-century practice of issuing lime juice to British sailors to combat scurvy.

#### 11) Square meal

This is an expression synonymous with a proper or substantial meal. It originated from the square platters that were used to serve meals aboard sailing ships.

#### 12) Footloose and fancy-free

The word comes from the name of the bottom of a sail — the foot — which must be attached to the boom. If it is not properly attached it may become "footloose," causing the vessel not to sail properly. Footloose and fancy-free have come to mean someone acting without commitment.

## 2021 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2021 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 Mike Sandler.

February 20	Luncheon – Luciana's		
March 20	Dinner – El Adobe (https://westcoastyachtclub.com/2021-march-dinner)		
April 16-18	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina Cruise Captains: Ed & Mindy Sicard Co-Captains: OPEN		
May 21-23	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: TBD Co-Captains: TBD		
June 11-13	Cruise to Oceanside Cruise Captains: David & Monique Monk Co-Captains: Drew Von Gremp & Natalie Brown		
July 10	The Famous Tiki Regatta		
July 16-18	Cruise to Cherry Cove Cruise Captains: Ron & Cindy Latin Co-Captains: OPEN		
July 24	Summer Olympics Pub Crawl		
Postponed	WCYC Dana Point Harbor Cleanup		
August 13-15	Cruise to Newport Beach Cruise Captains: Tom & Karen Rasulo Co-Captains: RJ Trevizo & Kevin Jones		
September 17-19	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: John & Creslun Kossa Co-Captains: Rod Covarrubias & Tammy Huntley		
* October 15-17	Venue - TBD Cruise Captains: Chip & Christie Threlkeld Co-Captains: Richard & Susan Hepner		
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Dinner		
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Brunch at San Juan Golf Club		

\*\* 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



As April 12, 2021, the CG Auxiliary has moved into a new phase to align with the state's current risk level.

The following are the current 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
- Exam to be competed in 30 minutes
- 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
- <u>http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check</u>

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (<u>danapointuscgaux@gmail.com</u>) 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 2021 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Elective officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore		
Commodore	David Monk	
Vice Commodore	Mike Sandler	
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil	

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	Ed Sicard	
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN	

The Appointive officers of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian		
Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard	
Secretary	OPEN	
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld	
Membership Chairperson	Tom Rasulo	
JAG / Parliamentarian	Ron Latin	

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	Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil
Jr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN
Active Member – Ship Store	Donna Groves (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Secretary	OPEN
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - JAG	Ron Latin (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard (8 <sup>th</sup> yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (5 <sup>th</sup> yr)

#### WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

Alamitos Bay YC 7201 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551

Bahia Corinthian YC 1601 Bayside Drive Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832

Cabrillo Beach YC 211 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207

Chula Vista YC 642 Marina Parkway #83 Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058

> Dana West YC 24601 Dana Drive Dana Point, CA. 92629

Lido Isle YC 701 Via Lido Soud Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Marina Venice YC 4333 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Morro Bay YC 541 Embarcadero Drive Morro Bay, CA 93442

Oceanside YC 1950 N. Harbor Dr. Oceanside, CA 92054

**Port Royal YC** 555 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Shoreline Yacht Club 386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

South Shore YC 1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 American Legion YC 215 15th Street Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Balboa Basin YC 829 Harbor Island Drive #38 Newport Beach, CA. 92660

**Cerritos Bahia YC** 6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway Long Beach, CA 90803

Convair Sailing Club P.O. Box 22981 San Diego, CA. 92192-2981

> Hollywood YC Holiday Harbor Marina Berth 201 Wilmington, CA 90744

Little Ships Fleet YC 233 Marina Dr. Long Beach, CA. 90803

Marina YC of Long Beach 233 Corsair Way Seal Beach, CA. 90740

Navy YC Long Beach 223 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

Pacific Corinthian YC 2600 Harbor Blvd Oxnard, CA 93035

Redondo Beach YC 210 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Silver Gate YC 2091 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA. 92106

Ventura YC 1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396 Anacapa YC 2810 S. Harbor Blvd. B-6 Oxnard, CA 93035

Buccaneer YC P.O. Box 76 San Pedro, CA. 90733

**Channel Islands YC** 4100 S Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310

**Coronado Cays YC** 30 Caribe Cay Blvd. Coronado, CA. 92118

Huntington Harbour YC 3821 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, CA. 92649

Long Beach YC 602 Appian Way Long Beach, CA. 90803

Mission Bay YC 1215 El Carmel CT. San Diego, CA 92109

Navy YC San Diego Fiddlers Cove Marina POB 182111 San Diego, CA. 92187

Pacific Mariners YC 13915 Panay Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Seal Beach YC 255 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

South Coast Corinthian YC 13445 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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				
			ate Zip	
Vessel Type	Lengt	h		
Vessel Name				
Home Port		Basin	(if in DP harbor)	
Slip	Slip Size	Beam		
Reason for Joinii	ng 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.