



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

December, 2021

November's Commodore's Dinner
Photos inside.....

Please make sure to check the
Cruise and Dinner Schedule as
some events have changed!



RICHARD C. MEYER DANA, JR.



Happy
Holidays

Celebrating Our



1931 - 2021

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Photo of Henry Dana Statue in Dana Point Harbor



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

So my last binnacle letter as your commodore - time to sail into the sunset - hey - not so fast you cannot get rid of me that quickly!

It was a great season and I cannot thank all of my fellow flag officers, my board and the entire membership for truly a great season. Not to steal the thunder but you have a great team led by Mike Sandler stepping up for the 2022 season which I hear will be our best season ever!

I will hopefully have time at the Sunday holiday brunch to talk with each of you personally and thank each and every one of you for your participation especially our creative team of cruise captains and co-captains. We certainly had a lot of fun this year spending time together on our boats on the water enjoying both old and new friendships.

Just reminding you that the holiday brunch and change of watch is an opportunity for you all to participate in the selection and approval of the new flag officers, the succession of the current flag officers and the election of your 2022 board members.

Looking forward to seeing you all

"Stay Safe & Healthy and Fair Winds & Following Seas".

David Monk
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

As I look back at our 2021 cruising season, I can't help but think of how everyone who participated really pulled this challenging year together. All the cruise captains went above and beyond to make each cruise fun and engaging. We had many new WCYC members step up and host a cruise for the first time and they all did a fantastic job. I hope for 2022 we continue with the success and energy that was put forward in 2021, and even more people step up and volunteer, after all, we are mainly a CRUISING CLUB. Our 2022 cruise captain and co-captain sign up sheet will be available at our Holiday brunch on Saturday, December 11th, so please grab a cruise slot and start your planning.

I also want to take this moment and thank our current commodore David Monk for the amazing job he has done over the last 2 ½ years for keeping WCYC going over these most difficult times. He has helped me personally progress through the ranks of our club, and I will do my very best as "soon to be commodore" to carry forward the success he has established. A "hat's off" to him and our entire past board for their efforts and accomplishments.

Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN MINDY SICARD

Hello All:

Thank you to everyone who came to our November Commodore's dinner to celebrate our Commodore, David Monk, and West Coast Yacht Club's 90th birthday. We all had a wonderful time seeing friends and meeting new ones. The guests enjoyed a variety of appetizers, dined on their dinner of choice and finished with sticky toffee dessert. Hendrix Restaurant was very accommodating and did an outstanding job making sure our drinks were always full. The beautiful Flamingo raffle prize was presented to the winner and six others went home with a "Cheers to 90 Years" centerpiece.

Your WCYC Flag Officers and Board of Directors invite you to their Annual Officer's Holiday Brunch and Change of Watch Ceremony held at San Juan Hills Golf Course on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Trophy and Award Presentations, Slide Show, 2021 Event Calendar, Raffle, and Ship Store.

San Juan Hills Signature Buffet

Rolls & Butter served table-side; Baby Greens: champagne vinaigrette + ranch; + Penne Rose with mushrooms and peppers in creamy marinara, parmesan & red chili flakes on the side, Grilled Marinated Vegetable Platter with zucchini, mushroom, asparagus, bell pepper, onion, and seasonal selections

Herb Marinated Chicken with citrus glaze; Carved Tri-Tip au jus & creamy horseradish on the side, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes.

Optional - San Juan Hills Golf Club are collecting toys for Toys for Tots. If interested, please bring a toy to put under their tree

Please RSVP by Saturday, December 4, 2021

*\$55.00 per person
(Zelle, Cash or Checks)*

Mindy Sicard
Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

Happy Holidays, Thrill-Seekers!

Now that the holidays are upon us, it's a great time to reflect on what wonderful lives we lead. Boats, great friends, fun experiences and, of course, the great yacht club we all claim membership to, among so many of life's other blessings.

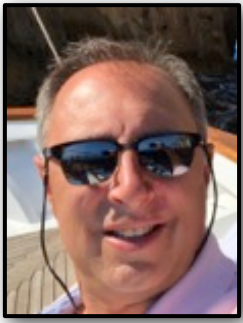
I unfortunately had to miss the Commodore's Dinner but my wife Karen attended, and reported the festivities were enjoyed by all. We welcomed new members who had the opportunity to explore new friendships.

Later this month on December 11th, we will have our "Change of Watch" holiday luncheon at the San Juan Hills Golf Club. We will show our gratitude to Commodore David Monk and his wife Monique for their service, and welcome Mike Sandler, together with his wife Sherri, as our 2022 Commodore. This ceremony will include several well earned awards, including one for the most nautical blunders! Unfortunately I have earned that prestigious award myself. It's all in great fun, so plan on attending and bringing a potential new member to introduce to our group.

You will also have an opportunity to pay dues for the 2022 Club year and get your sticker for your membership cards. While there, be sure and buy some WCYC Membership gear! The selection ranges from hats and sweatshirts, to burgees and stickers for our cars and boats. See you there!

"Life can be a shipwreck but must not forget to sing in the lifeboats"

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, <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

90th Commodore's Dinner





BIRTHDAYS



December Birthdays:

Jim McNamara	1 st
Cindy Fiorillo	1 st
Susan Hepner	3 rd
Ed Sicard	5 th
Mark Babcock	10 th
Don Prideaux	11 th
Dell de Fabry	13 th
Tammy Huntley	19 th
Sheri Meehlies	22 th

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **Let's welcome our newest WCYC members recently voted in.....**
 - Tracey & RJ Breedan
 - Gary & Alisha Sacks
 - Frank Pace

And those receiving their burgee.....



Ken & Jacqueline Hart



Tom & Maureen Hensley

- **DP Harbor Revitalization Project** *(Both links are now on our website under Helpful Links)*
 - 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 <https://www.ocparks.com/beaches/dana-point-harbor/dph-revitalization> 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 https://www.danapointboaters.org/cdp_landside.php to see how this organization is supporting the DPH boaters.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

WCYC 2021
Holiday Brunch

Saturday, Dec 11 2021

San Juan Hills
Golf Club



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



Newport Beach
Boat Parade of Lights

Dec 15th - 19th





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

BY DANIELLE ZARTMAN, BOATU.S. CONTRIBUTING WRITER



ACROSS:

- 6. A very good read (2 words)
- 7. A wind-catching cloth
- 12. Where sailors long to go
- 14. Two-legged yaw preventer (with 13 down)
- 15. Mother-of-pearl
- 17. Where fuses live
- 19. These attach boats to floats (2 words)
- 22. Snake-like water creature
- 23. Found on most beaches
- 24. Not enough depth
- 25. Canoe propeller
- 26. Electronic map display
- 30. How you feel after rowing too much
- 31. Boat floating trim (2 words)
- 32. Trim around sailboat decks
- 34. Mast socket
- 37. It floods and ebbs
- 38. Directing a boat
- 39. Shore bird
- 40. Seas in heavy weather
- 42. This keeps your hull from scratches
- 44. Opposite of 35 down
- 45. Floating part of a boat
- 47. GEICO is one for boat insurance
- 50. Where boats are parked
- 51. Miniature whirlpool
- 52. Hauled-out boat is on this

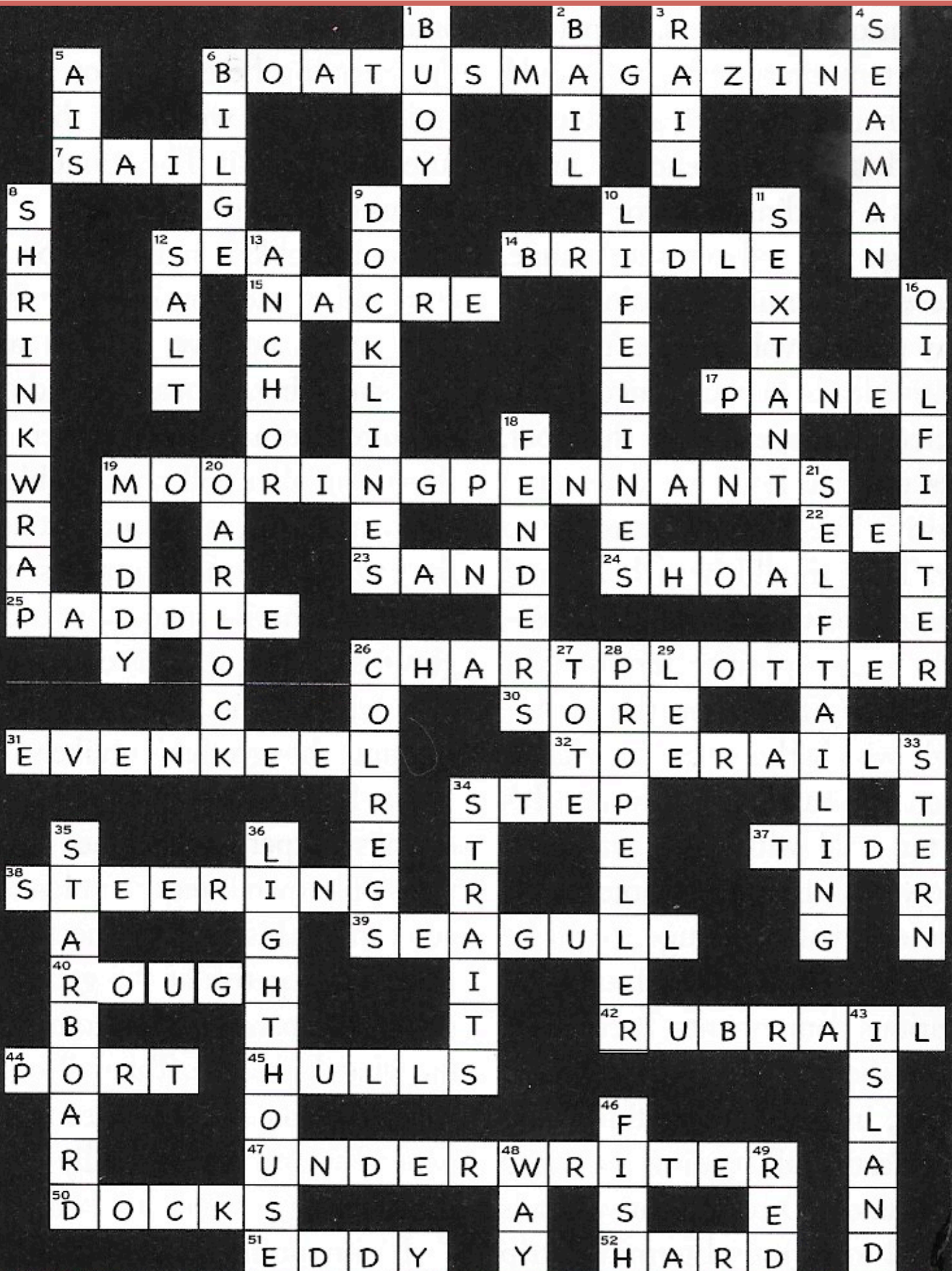
DOWN:

- 1. Floating marker
- 2. What you do when the bilge pump breaks
- 3. What everybody leans on
- 4. Mariner
- 5. Vessel ID device
- 6. Where the water goes
- 8. Used to winterize boats in the north
- 9. Useful when fastening to a jetty
- 10. Used instead of 3 down
- 11. Navigation device of bygone days
- 12. 12 across has lots in it
- 13. Keeps your boat in place
- 16. Changing it is part of engine maintenance (2 words)
- 18. These keep your hull from scratches
- 19. Like some estuary bottoms
- 20. Aid to rowing
- 21. Fancy winches are these kind
- 26. Inland waters demarcation line
- 27. Common boat-show giveaway
- 28. What makes a boat go
- 29. Side sheltered from weather
- 33. Back of a ship
- 34. Narrow bits of water
- 35. Right side of a ship
- 36. Shore-based navigation beacon
- 43. Bit of land surrounded by water
- 46. People try to catch these
- 48. A moving boat has this
- 49. Running light color

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE





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 <i>Cruise Captains: Ed & Mindy Sicard</i> <i>Co-Captains: OPEN</i>
May 21-23	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 11-13	Cruise to Oceanside <i>Cruise Captains: David & Monique Monk</i> <i>Co-Captains: Drew Von Grep & Natalie Brown</i>
July 10	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 16-18	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: Ron & Cindy Latin</i> <i>Co-Captains: OPEN</i>
July 24	Summer Olympics Pub Crawl
** Postponed	WCYC Dana Point Harbor Cleanup
August 13-15	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: Tom & Karen Rasulo</i> <i>Co-Captains: RJ Trevizo & Kevin Jones</i>
September 17-19	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: John & Creslun Kossa</i> <i>Co-Captains: Rod Covarrubias & Tammy Huntley</i>
** October 16	Dana Point Dingy Cruise & Swim Step Party <i>Cruise Captains: Chip & Christie Threlkeld</i> <i>Co-Captains: Richard & Susan Hepner</i>
** November 13	Commodore's Dinner – Hendrix in Laguna Niguel
** December 11	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 completed 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>
- <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 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 aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (*Consecutive Years of BOD Service*)

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 (<i>3rd yr</i>)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - JAG	Ron Latin (<i>2nd yr</i>)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard (<i>8th yr</i>)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (<i>5th 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.