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Happy Holidays
and a

Happy New Near

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Photo from the Island at Dana Point Harbor





# LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

### Dear Members,

It has been a wonderful year filled with so many fun and memorable memories. It is hard to believe it has already come to the end. There are so many people who make West Coast Yacht Club what it is today. Our club has been around for over 90 years and we continue to keep up with traditions that have been around for so many years. The club could not be what it is without our dedicated and energetic Flag Officers, Board of Directors, and Members.

I would like to thank Vice-Commodore Donna Groves and her husband Mike. Donna oversaw the cruising events and schedule. For a couple of cruises, "Mother Nature" was not so nice and together they were able to come up with Plan B, when they could have just let it be; whether it was a dock party or a poker run, the fun continued.

Rear Commodore Tom Rasulo and his wife Karen, made every dinner event a spectacular one with fancy decorations and a true culinary experience. Your extra efforts certainly did not go unnoticed. Thank you for making each of the dinners so fun and special, especially the November Commodore's Dinner... Wow!

Each year, WCYC holds their racing event in the beginning of summer with their Annual Tiki Regatta. Big shout out and thank you to our Fleet/Port Captain John Kossa and his wife Crezlun for not only organizing the Tiki Regatta and Race, but for also always stepping up and hosting a cruising event or helping out with other cruises.

We are truly blessed to have a cohesive Board of Directors who have WCYC in their best interest. Thank you to our JAG, Richard Hepner for keeping us in line and up-to-date with the current By-Laws. We appreciate your energy and involvement.

Being in charge of Membership is not always an easy task. Thank you to Brian Randall for taking on the role and for adding so many wonderful additions to our club.

Being Treasurer is something I would never do and no one would ever want me to do. That being said, thank you to our "numbers gal" Christie Threlkeld for being so organized with our finances and making sure our bank account continues to grow.

Have you enjoyed the Binnacles and Website? Thank you to Steve Fiorillo for making them so fun to read and look at. I love all the photos and I especially like the added bonus of "On The Lighter Side" comics. Your talents always amaze me.





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This next year, Mike Sandler will step up to the position of Staff Commodore. We always appreciate your quality insights and laughter. Thank you for making sure I am in line, all the time!

Next year the Board of Directors will have a few new members added to the Board, which means we will be saying good-bye to three members of the board who have contributed years and dedication...

A big thank you to David Monk who has served many years on the board, two years as Commodore, with Covid year being one of the them. He also has served as Jr. Staff Commodore, and Staff Commodore. You will be missed.

David's wife, Monique Monk has been on the board for four years with last year serving as our Secretary. Thank you for all your copious notes.

Tammy Huntley has managed our Ship Store for the past two years and did an amazing job adding special apparel with fun boutique items.

Thank you all for your time and contributions.

Thank you to everyone who hosted or co-hosted a cruise. West Coast Yacht Club could only be what we make it to be. We appreciate your time in volunteering and being a leader.

My final thank you goes to my husband Ed, who has always been there for me. He continues to have my back and will help with whatever needs to be done. Not only for me, but for others as well. I am very lucky!

We hope to see you all at the December Brunch. There will be a "Change of Watch" Ceremony and many awards to be awarded. It's a special time and fun to be had by all.

It has been a privilege and honor to have served as your 2023 Commodore.

Sincerely,

Mindy Sicard Commodore





# LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy boaters.

Burrrr......It's looking a lot like the Holidays are here. The cold crisp air is the first sign of winter. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family. Mine was relaxing and now I am ready for Christmas.

The last event was a huge success and very well attended, honoring Mindy Sicard our Commodore. The food, décor, service, and entertainment were excellent. For all who attended, I know you would agree, our Rear Commodore Tom, and his lovely wife Karen put on a great event.

The boat parade is approaching quickly. December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> WYCY will be entering for the first time a boat in the parade. Shout out to Dino and Cathy Bellafaire for allowing us to decorate their sailboat. I know it will be a fun 3 nights.

Next event is December 9<sup>th</sup> and is our Change of Watch. I will be moving on to except my role as your Commodore for the 2024 season so I hope you all can make it. There will be lots of great food and the bar will be opened. Tom Rasulo will be moving on and taking my position as Vice Commodore, and Brian Randal will be moving from Membership to Rear Commodore. I know with this team, WCYC 2024 season will be great. A personal thank you to Mindy Sicard for her time this year as Commodore along with all the years she has invested in different positions in this club. She will now be moving to Jr. Staff Commodore. Thank you to all the Board Members for your time and effort. Some will be moving on and all I can say is Thank You. You have made the club what it is today with your dedication and the time you have volunteered has not gone unnoticed.

I cannot wait for all the fun things we have planned for the 2024 season. The new calendar is in this issue of the Binnacle below, so take a look at the dates and all the fun things we have planned. I cannot wait to see all of you at the functions and cruises. We have added some more social events on the docks, which I think will be fun, along with a Fishing Tournament hosted by our Port/Fleet Captain, John Kossa.

We will be starting off with our first event in 2024 with a New Years Brunch. Rear Commodore Randall and Marji will be putting together a great relaxing day (in your PJ's if you want) with food, flowing Mimosa's, and Bloody Mary's. You can come by dinghy or just walk over. I hope you will be able to join us on the Commodore's dock so look for your evite coming soon.

Happy Holiday's to everyone.

Donna Groves Rear Commodore





# LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Ahoy fellow members,

#### SAVE THE DATES!

<u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u> Is our Change of Watch & Holiday Brunch at Dublin 4 Gastro Pub in Mission Viejo to welcome our new Commodore and promote our Flag Officers to their new positions. This is always a favorite as it features our annual awards. Don't miss it! Please RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup>....

Transport yourselves for a few hours to festive Dublin, Ireland and enjoy a beautifully curated lunch menu featuring the bounty of the land and sea. Authentic Irish hospitality awaits WCYC guests in an elegant and authentic gastropub setting decorated for the holidays! Please see the flyer in the Upcoming Event section below for the full menu and details. There is full bar with the finest craft cocktails, tap beers and a wide array of outstanding wines.

Following lunch, we'll reconvene in our spacious, separate lounge for the Awards and Change of Watch Ceremony. The bar will remain available, with a special recommendation for the signature Irish Coffee!

The Ship Store will also be available, with new items!

As I cast an eye to my responsibilities next year as your Vice Commodore, I'd like to encourage ALL our members to volunteer for at least one event in 2024. It really is fun, and it takes so much pressure off those who seem to do it every year. You'll have help and plenty of help I promise. Please pitch in and do your part.

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered for next year: The Groves, The Fiorillos, Gehret, Babcock, Randall, Weber, The Hepners, and The Hensleys.

We still have three cruises to Catalina and need cruise captains. Please reach me at trasulo@cox.net or 949-350-3037 to discuss details

Happy Holidays,

Tom Rasulo Rear Commodore





### LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP BRIAN RANDALL

### Happy Holidays Everyone!

Can you believe it's already December??!! I can't believe it has already been a year since taking on the duties of Membership Chair! It has been a fun role as it has been a pleasure to meet and bring in new members and welcome so many new people to the WCYC family. At the upcoming Change of Watch Luncheon (which I hope all of you have RSVP'd to), I will be moving on to Rear Commodore for next year and look forward to planning some fantastic dinner events as well as harbor events for the group to enjoy!

Keep the date of January 6<sup>th</sup> available as we will be having a New Year Gathering - Breakfast Party on the Dock - Bring your best unwanted Christmas gift from the holiday, breakfast and drinks served- We will be on the New Docks in the harbor. Look for the **Evite!** 

As a final reminder... next year's dues are \$200 and the application fee for new members is also \$200. Billing will soon be going out for membership renewal. Please keep an eye out for your invoice. You will have an opportunity to pay your renewal at the Change of Watch Luncheon.

This year we had record attendance of members at some of our cruises, which is always a great thing to see. But.... we still haven't seen everyone at a cruise. Please note that this is a "cruising club" (even though we have landside events). So whether you're considering joining or have been a member for years, we look forward to seeing you attending the cruises! They are lots of fun and offer vast opportunities to go to new places, meet new friends, and build connections. I am looking forward to seeing more of you at our cruising & landside events next year. As always, if you know of someone who is interested in joining our amazing WCYC family, please refer them over!

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your membership chair, and as we move towards the peak of the holiday season, I wish you all happy holidays with your family and loved ones and may you find health and happiness in the New Year!

Brian Randall 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, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519">https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519</a>. 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











# 2023 Commodore's Dinner













### **BIRTHDAYS**



### December Birthdays:

Jim McNamara	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cindy Fiorillo	1 <sup>st</sup>
Susan Hepner	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Walter Folsom	$3^{rd}$
Caroline Ten Eyck	5 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Sicard	5 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Babcock	10 <sup>h</sup>
Don Prideaux	11 <sup>th</sup>
Dell de Fabry	13 <sup>h</sup>
Bob Dallape	17 <sup>th</sup>
Tammy Huntley	19 <sup>th</sup>
Sheri Meehleis	23 <sup>rd</sup>

### **CLUB NEWS & INFO**

- No New Members in November
- Open club positions for 2024

The following club positions are open for next year, so if you're interested please contact our Vice Commodore Donna Groves....

• Ship Store – Assist or Manage



### 2023 WCYC Holíday Lunch & Change of Watch

Saturday, December 9th At The Dublín 4 Gastropub ~ Míssíon Víejo

Enjoy a Four Course Dinner ~ Holiday Attire Welcomed \$75 pp(Inc. Tax & Gratuities)

Menu

~ <u>Starter - Famíly Style</u> ~

Bruschetta

Crostíní, basíl pesto, Roma tomatoes, balsamíc reduction, fleur de sel

Ahí Tatar Lettuce Cups

Hass avocado, pickled red onion, English cucumber, soy, ponzu

Chicken Meatballs

San Marzano tomato, Calabrian chili, basil pistou

~ Organic Mixed Green Salad ~

~ Entrée (Choice Of) ~

Pan Seared Salmon

Celery root puree, blistered heirloom tomatoes, caramelized shallot

Steamed Prince Edward' Island Mussels

White wine, garlic butter, thyme frites

Fabled Fried Chicken

Jalapeno cheddar cornbread, applewood smoked bacon collard greens, potato puree, habanero honey

Cottage Pie

House-ground beef, pearl onions, Irish cheddar potato puree, cabernet reduction

Gastro Burger

House-ground beef, aged white cheddar, applewood smoked bacon, grilled onions, roasted garlic aioli, house-made pickles, white truffle thyme fries

~ <u>Dessert (Chopce Of)</u>~ Blueberry & Myer Lemon Bread Pudding or Pumpkin Cheesecake

RVSP to the eVite by Saturday, December 2



### **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**



Come support and cheer on WCYC's entry into this year's parade hosted by Dino & Cathy Bellafaire and Running Water



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE IN HONOR OF CHRISTMAS...



















### 2023 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2023 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water! Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

February 11 Valentine's Dinner – Tannins, San Juan

\*\* March 12 44 St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Dublin 4 Gastro Pub,

Mission Viejo

\*\* March 31- April 2 Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove - CANCELLED

Cruise Captains: Brian Randall Co-Captains: The Sicards

\*\* April 22 Poker Run & Bonfire

\*\* May 5-7 12-14 Cruise to Avalon Cabrillo YC - CANCELLED Due To Weather

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

June 9-11 Cruise to Danalina

Cruise Captains: The Monks Co-Captains: The Sandlers

July 15 The Famous Tiki Regatta

\*\* July 21-23 <del>24-28</del> Cruise to Avalon <del>Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada</del>

Cruise Captains: The Sicards

\*\* August 11-13 Cruise to Cherry Cove Avalon LBYC

Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds

September 8-10 Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park

Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captains: The Hepners

\*\* Sep 29-Oct 1 Oct 6-9 Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada - CANCELLED

\*\* October 27-29 6-8 Cruise to Long Beach Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Kossas Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely

November 11 Commodore's Dinner – Whitestone Restaurant & Bar in Dana

December 9 Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – Dublin 4 Gastropub

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



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January 6 New Year's Brunch Dock Party – East Cove Gate 6-74

February 10 Valentine's Dinner – TBD

March 9 St. Patrick's Day Dinner – TBD

April 5-7 Opening Cruise to Newport Lighthouse Marina

Cruise Captains: Captains Needed Co-Captains: Captains Needed

April 20 Poker Run & BBQ

May 10-12 Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade

Cruise Captains: Captains Needed Co-Captains: Captains Needed

June 7-9 Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup

Cruise Captains: Captains Needed Co-Captains: Captains Needed

July 12-14 Cruise to Cherry Cove

Cruise Captains: Captains Needed Co-Captains: Captains Needed

July 27 The Famous Tiki Regatta

August 9-11 Cruise to Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

August Commodore's 5-Day Cruise – Cruise Ship TBD

September 21/28 First Annual WCYC Fishing Tournament

October 18-19 Cruise to Long Beach

Cruise Captains: The Hepners Co-Captains: Captains Needed

November 9 Commodore's Dinner – TBD

December 6,7,8 Dana Point Parade of Lights

December 7 Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD

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### **USCG AUX Bulletin Board**

### - Vessel Safety Checks -



# 2023 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2023 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.....

- http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=virtual-vsc
- Download sample VSC form...
   http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads wowll/114-06-08/2023 vsc form hglt sample.pdf



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

### - Education -

### **Our Boating Education 2023 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 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The <u>Elective Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore			
Commodore	Mindy Sicard		
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves		
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo		

The <u>Flag Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore		
Jr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler	
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk	

The <u>Appointive Officers</u> 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	Brian Randall		
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	Mindy Sicard		
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves		
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo		
Jr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler		
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk		
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)		
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (4 <sup>th</sup> yr)		
Active Member - Membership	Brian Randall (1st yr)		
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)		
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)		
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)		
Active Member – Website/Binnacle Steve Fiorillo (7 <sup>th</sup> yr)			



### WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS -

PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCLE 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

210 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Redondo Beach YC

Silver Gate YC

2091 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA. 92106

Seal Beach YC

**Shoreline Yacht Club** 

386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

Ventura YC

1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396

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

**South Shore YC** 

1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660



### WCYC Membership Application Please Print Clearly

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