



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE



Need cruise captains for this year's schedule! Read the Vice Commodore's letter inside.....

February, 2021

Just another winter's day in SoCal!



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*Photo of Gray Whale off Dana Point
by Cindy Fiorillo*



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

How cool is it to be back in the harbor and back on our boats enjoying the Whales and Dolphins and sunshine (between those days of high tides, huge waves and downpours of rain).

I hope you also saw that Dana Point became the first Whale Heritage Site in the U.S., a distinction it shares with Hervey Bay in Australia, the Bluff in South Africa and newly named Tenerife-La Gomera Marine Area in Spain. The designation acknowledges areas known for having cultural ties and respectful interactions with whales and dolphins.

Your board met in early January and established our calendar for 2021 and I am please to once again man the helm as we guide the club through its 90th anniversary year (more on that later).

While talking about the board I am pleased to say we have appointed Tom Rasulo as our membership chair for 2021 - congrats and thanks to Tom for stepping up to support the club! We still have the secretary position open so anyone that would like to be more involved with the management of the club please consider reaching out to myself or one of the board members to better understand the responsibilities of that role.

A brief letter but looking forward to our February brunch and seeing you all.

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

David Monk
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

Our first season kick off cruise is right around the corner and I think everyone is excited to get things going. We need TWO members to be "Cruise Captains" for each cruise. If you have never been a "Cruise Captain" before, now is the time to step up and volunteer.

Our seven planned cruises this year are as follows and we need cruise captains!:

- April 16-18 Shake Down Cruise to Danalina
Cruise Captains: Needed
Co-Captains: Needed
- May 14-16 Cruise to Avalon
Cruise Captains: Needed
Co-Captains: Needed
- June 11-13 Cruise to Oceanside
Cruise Captains: The Monks
Co-Captains: Needed
- July 16-18 Cruise to Cherry Cove
Cruise Captains: Needed
Co-Captains: Needed
- August 13-15 Cruise to Newport Beach
Cruise Captains: Needed
Co-Captains: Needed
- September 17-19 Cruise to Avalon
Cruise Captains: Needed
Co-Captains: Needed
- October 8-10 Cruise to Long Beach - LBYC
Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds
Co-Captains: Needed

We will have a signup sheet at our first dining event on February 20th, or you can send me an email prior to the luncheon to choose a cruise. msandler@specturmtelesys.com

That is all for now.

Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DAVE STANCIL

SCYA Membership

On Saturday, 1/30/21, I attended a 90-minute Zoom training session conducted for incoming Rear Commodores of the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), of which the WCYC is an Associate Member. In attendance were 30+ incoming RC's from yacht clubs spanning Morro Bay to San Diego.

It is important to note that WCYC pays \$540 in annual dues to this organization, which is approved by the WCYC Board of Directors. There are three classes of membership, based on club size, and we are in the smallest class due to our membership numbers. We are one of over 90 members of this organization.

(From the SCYA website): "SCYA was organized in 1921 to provide a much-needed communication, educational, and organizational service to the yachting community in Southern California and Arizona. Our objectives are to provide a forum for sharing ideas, identifying, and engaging in governmental issues that affect recreational boating, promoting events, acknowledging excellence, and providing a social and educational platform to build a stronger boating community".

The purpose of the Zoom training was to provide an opportunity for all incoming Rear Commodores to greet each other to share experiences and to get answers to any questions pertaining to the post of Rear Commodore. The SCYA organization and the benefits of membership were also introduced.

My biggest take-a-way from the 90 minutes was the resources found in their website, www.scya.org, which contains local race schedules, a yearbook that contains member club Officers, Delegates and Alternatives and their contact information. Finally, a "The Yachting Protocol Guidelines" which is a guide of the traditions in the modern world of conduct and etiquette used in the yachting community and appears to be a handy resource for yachtsmen and leadership. Also, if you are looking to identify a particular burgee that you may not recognize, you can find images of every local burgee this by using their website. You may want to consider a bookmark of this site.

Dave Stancil
Rear Commodore





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



BIRTHDAYS



January Birthdays:

Natalie Brown	8 th
Danny Casteel	12 th
Mary Schaefer	16 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

As the health and safety of our membership is our top priority, all upcoming events are subject to the current COVID restrictions and may be canceled or rescheduled accordingly.



*February 20th
Location: Coming Soon!*



*Lucky March Dinner: March 20th
Location: TBD*



CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **2021 Membership Fees**

Friendly reminder that your 2021 Membership Fees of \$150 were due by Mar 31, 2021. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay using Zelle from your bank just enter the email treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com.

Alternatively, you may send a check to:

Mindy Sicard
33831 Camino Capistrano #25
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675



MEMBER LETTERS

Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Ahoy All!

The new 2021 VSC Decals have arrived.....



And now that the state “Stay at Home” has been lifted, the Dana Point CG Auxiliary is back to providing VSCs! However, the Phase 2 COVID restrictions and protocols that are outlined on the following USCG AUX Bulletin Board page still apply.

As always I encourage everyone to have their vessel examined. It not only ensures your boat is safe for you and you passengers, but it could reduce some hassles if you're ever stopped by the Coast Guard.

So, please reach out to me, our [flotilla website](#), or danapointuscgaux@gmail.com at your convenience to schedule your 2021 VSC and we'll get you connected with one of our Vessel Examiners(VE) and on the calendar.

Your boat's not Dana Point Harbor? No problem. Just let me know where it's located and I will find a VE in your area to work with you.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo, USCG AUX

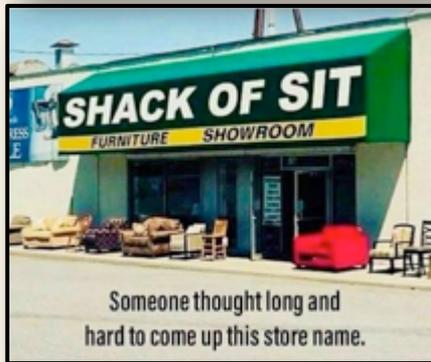
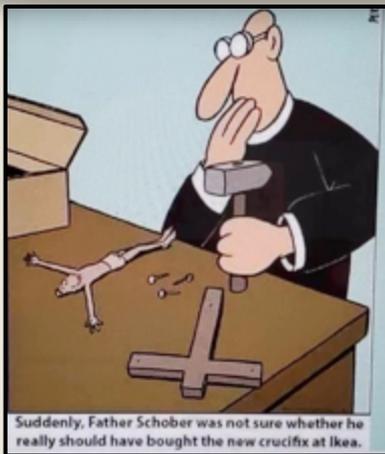
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Because of Covid for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee is cancel... cancel... cancel...

It's been called off.



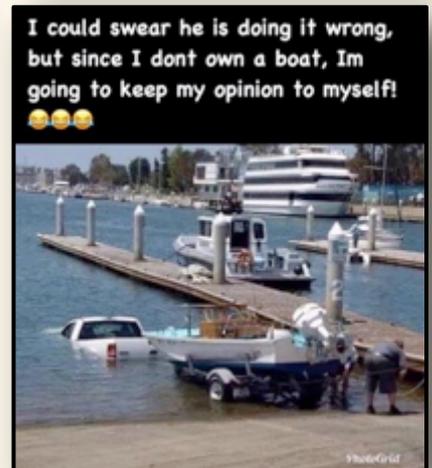
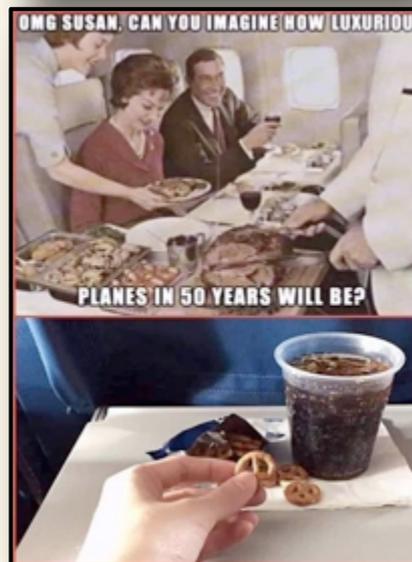
For those who don't want Alexa listening in on your conversations, they're making a male version.....it doesn't listen to anything.



I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, while they've never even seen one of his paintings...



Marriage Tip #2
When your wife is mowing the lawn, that's not the best time to ask when dinner will be ready





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	Dinner - TBD
March 20	Dinner - TBD
April 16-18	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
May 14-16	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 11-13	Cruise to Oceanside <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 26	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 16-18	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
July 24	Summer Olympics Pub Crawl
August 13-15	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
September 17-19	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
October 8-10	Cruise to Long Beach - LBYC <i>Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
November 14 th	Commodore's Dinner
December 12 th	Christmas Brunch at San Juan Golf Club

NOTICE: Unfortunately due to the ever changing COVID restrictions, this schedule is subject to change. We will do our best to notify you of any changes as soon as possible.



USCG AUX Bulletin Board - Vessel Safety Checks -



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



The following are the current guidelines effective January 1, 2021, 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:

- Each VSC must also have prior approval by the CG AUX approximately one week prior to the exam
- One examiner per vessel
- Exam to be completed in 30 minutes
- No boarding of the vessel
- Examiner and boat owner are to wear PPE and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- All vessel safety equipment (PFDs, flares, fire extinguishers, holding tank seacock, sounding devices, etc) must be available for either physical or virtual(FaceTime/Skype/Zoom/Pictures) inspection

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). You can also visit the [Dana Point Flotilla Website](#) or the WCYC VSC page.

- Education -

Due to the current COVID restrictions all in person classes for 2021 have not been scheduled. However the USCG AUX is developing on-line classes. Please stay tuned for more information.



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	OPEN
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 rd yr)
Active Member - Secretary	OPEN
Active Member - Membership	OPEN
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (1 st yr)
Active Member - JAG	Ron Latin (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard (5 th yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (5 th yr)



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.