

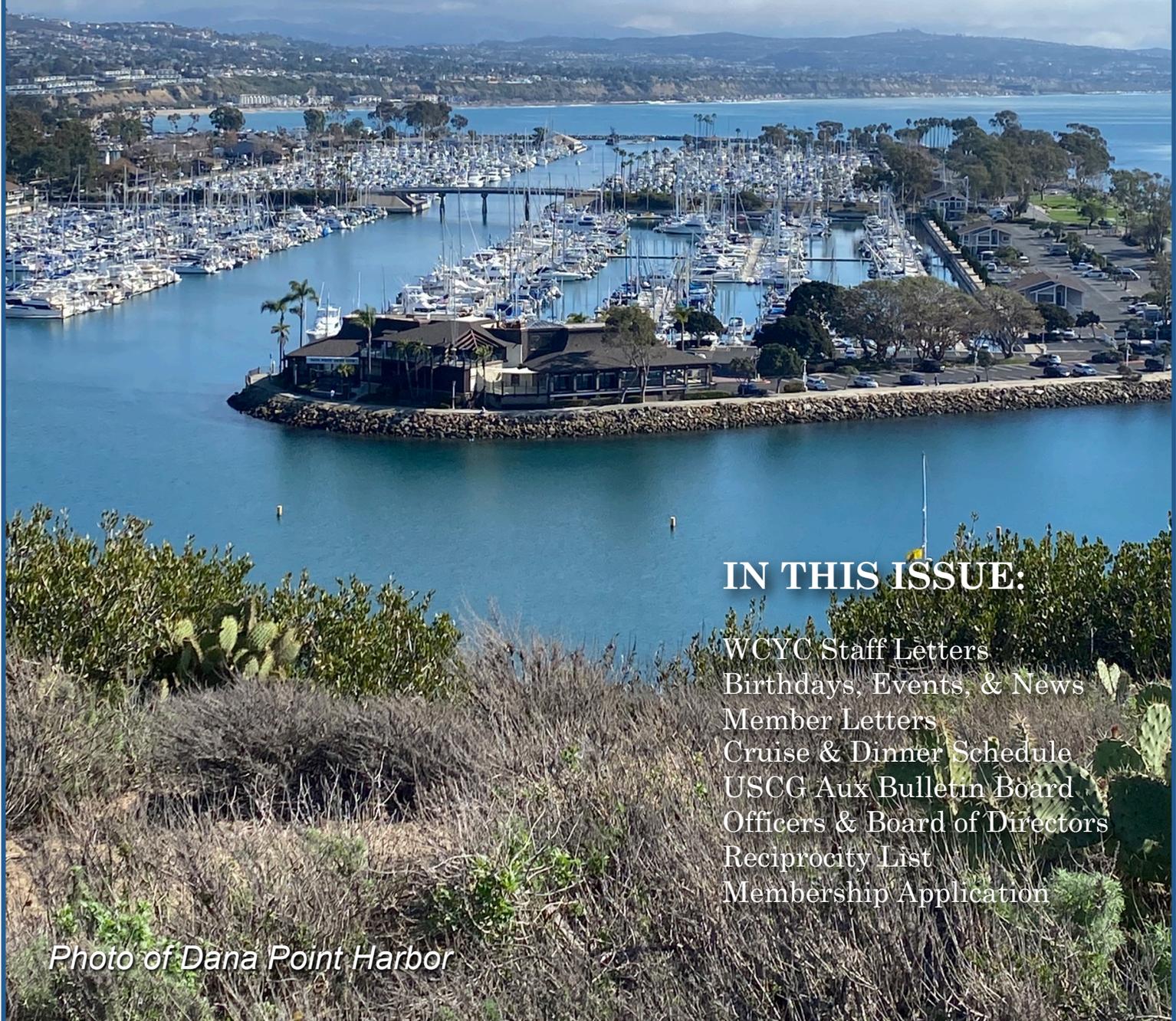


West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

February, 2022

*WCYC/DWYC Vessel Safety Check
Event, 2/19 & 3/5. Sign up today!
See inside for details.....*



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LETTER FROM COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

We have had some fairly nice weather this January and I hope everybody has been enjoying their boats and the marinas. Around most of the country, people must winterize and store their boats (ha, ha). We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful place.

On January 6th we had our first “Zoom” board meeting with all the new officers and board members and we had a great turnout. I am excited to say that everyone was very engaged, and we are all settling into our new rolls. We are working on our 2022 cruise and dinner schedule, and it looks like we are going to have a very fun year. Two e-vites have already been sent out, one for the WCYC Pub crawl and one for the February dinner. If you did not receive the invitations, please contact Mindy Sicard right away. We want to make sure we have all the members on our contact list, and we really want a great turnout for all of our events.

On that note, due to a scheduling conflict, we MAY be moving our Danalina Shakedown cruise to the weekend of the 1st to the 3rd of April, instead of the 8th to the 10th. No final decision has been made yet and we have plenty of time to sort this out, so we will keep everyone posted.

Another item that was discussed at the board meeting was how do we increase the membership in our yacht club this year. Do we hold membership drives, open houses on our cruises, more banners at events, and so on. We are looking for great ideas and there are plenty of you out there that can help. If you have some neat suggestions, please share them with Tom Rasulo. He is eager to smash his membership record of last year and he wants everyone's help.

Well, that's all for now, and I hope to see everyone at the events coming up in February.

Mike Sandler
Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Hello WCYC Members

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for one of our 2022 Fleet Cruises. I am very sorry about having to postpone the Zoom Meeting. The new Zoom Meeting for all of our volunteers to discuss your role as Cruise Captain and Co-Captain will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. I will send the link to all those who have signed up to Captain and Co-Captain to your email address. Hope you are able to attend.

WCYC 2022 - Cruise Schedule

April 8th – 10th	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina Cruise Captain – The Monk's Co-Captain – The Sandler's
May 13th – 15th	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captain – The Sicard's Co-Captain – The Babcock's
June 10th – 12th	Cruise to Long Beach Cruise Captain – The Hepner's Co-Captain – The Rasulo's
July 8th – 10th	Cruise to Cherry Cove Cruise Captain – The Riddle's Co-Captain – The Harrison's
August 12th – 14th	Cruise to Newport Beach Cruise Captain – The Rasulo's Co-Captain – The Threlkeld's
September 9th – 18th	Extended Cruise to San Diego w/ Dana West Yacht Club Cruise Captain – The Grove's Co-Captain – The Fiorillo's
October 7th – 9th	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captain – Covarrubias/Huntley Co-Captain – The Kossa's

Winter Olympics Pub Crawl

You are invited to join us for the WCYC Winter Olympics Pub Crawl in Dana Point Harbor on Saturday, February 5th. Prizes for Best Couple and Individual Winter Sport Costume.

Schedule:

- 1:00 p.m. Jimmy's Famous American Tavern
- 2:30 p.m. Harpoon Henry's – Prizes Awarded
- 3:30 p.m. Parade around the Harbor... Follow Ed and the Olympic Torch
- 4:00 p.m. Lil' Skippers Snack Shack
- 50/50 Raffle \$10.00 – Proceeds go towards the Special Olympics

An Evite went out to all members, if you did not receive an Evite, please check your Junk/Spam folder or contact Mindy @ 949-412-2276 or melindasicard@gmail.com

Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Hello Fellow Boaters,

It is a new year and a wild start of one. Happy New Year Tsunami. As much as the ocean is a beautiful site to see and we all enjoy it so much, it truly can be dangerous. Being a live-aboard and hearing the Harbor Patrol on loudspeaker going up and down the channel telling people to evacuate off their boat's, could make anyone a bit nervous. But all was good, and everyone went back to their boats to enjoy the rest of the day. Make sure you get your yearly vessel check along with checking your boater insurance to make sure you are covered if a Tsunami does hit our little harbor. Send all good thoughts to the boaters in Santa Cruz where they were hit the hardest on our coast. They estimate \$6 million in damage in their harbor and boater community.

Our first dinner under my watch will be at Brio's restaurant, Saturday February 12, 2022. A few days before Valentine's Day! Brio is a great Italian restaurant minutes from the Harbor and a wonderful place to be with your special person or loved one. Look for your eVite coming soon. Love is in the Air.

March will be another Holiday dinner as we will be celebrating St. Patty's Day. We will keep you updated on location and times but mark your calendar for March 12th. It will be a lot of fun and we will be sending everyone lots of Irish Luck. Stay tuned and do not forget to wear your favorite green St Patrick's day shirt, hat, or creative socks. You might get an extra raffle ticket from our Commodore for an additional chance at the gift basket.

Rear Commodore
Donna Groves



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

Helloooooo Thrill Seekers,

Here we go! We have a new Commodore and new Board of Directors and many new volunteers. As we plan this year, we begin with the Pub Crawl. It will begin at the Dana West Yacht Club at 12:00 Noon on February 5th. We expect some brand-new members there to pick up their Binders, Name Badges and Membership cards that day. The very first event can be uncomfortable for them so if you see someone you don't know please extend your hand and welcome them. Also, please be mindful and appreciative of those members who freely give their time to make WCYC a more enriching experience. Feel free to invite a friend you think might enjoy being a member. This is the perfect time for it!

If you paid your dues for 2022 please see me for the sticker to affix to your membership card so it can be used for reciprocity with other So Cal Yachting Association clubs all over the Southland. Finally, if you've not yet paid for 2022 please bring your \$150 membership fee. We accept Cash, Check and Zelle.

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The cabin of a small yacht is truly a wonderful thing; not only will it shelter you from a tempest, but from the other troubles in life, it is a safe retreat. – L. Francis Herreshoff

Tom Rasulo
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, <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



February Birthdays:

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

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.

2022
WCYC & DWYC
Winter Olympics
Pub Crawl

Sat, Feb 5th
Noon at DWYC



Valentine's Dinner



*WCYC February
Dinner*

February 12th: 6-10p

*Brio Tuscany Grill
24050 Camino Del Avion
Dana Point*



WCYC & DWYC Vessel Safety Check Event

Contact Steve Fiorillo for your appointment at
sfiorill@gmail.com / 303-947-8175

Select your day & times will be assigned
accordingly several days prior

Feb 19 & Mar 5: 10a-2p
Dockside At Your Vessel

WCYC March Dinner

March 12th: 6-10 pm
Location: TBD

It's Your

LUCKY MARCH DINNER



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



Presented by the SCYA
Long Beach Yacht Club
Feb 26-27

US Sailing Sanctioned ISAF Safety at Sea course with Hands-On Training

- ◆ Safety at Sea courses are for everyone: cruisers power-boaters sailors & racers will all benefit from the knowledge and skills covered in this course. Moderated by Bruce Brown this two-day course complies with World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Course guidelines.
- ◆ SER Categories: 4.3.1 and 4.3.2
- ◆ ISAF OSR Categories: 0 1 2
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CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **2022 Membership Fees**

Reminder that your 2022 Membership Fees of \$150 were due on Jan 1, 2022. 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:

West Coast Yacht Club
PO Box 309
Dana Point, CA 92629

MEMBER LETTERS

Letter From Tammy Huntley

Rod and I joined West Coast Yacht Club in 2020 and I don't think it needs to be said that there was not a lot going on. By 2021 we started cruising and I quickly understood how much fun this club was going to be. What I did not understand was the work behind the scenes to make it all happen. I assumed we all just met up at our cruising destinations and drank too much, ate too much and had too much fun.

I wanted to make note of the fact that we have a board that meets every month.... someone is doing the accounting, someone is arranging all the dinners, someone is seeking out new members, someone is managing a ship store, someone is writing up a monthly newsletter, someone is managing our website, someone is managing our Facebook page, and someone is making sure we follow the bylaws...yes we have bylaws.

There is a tremendous amount of work being done behind the scenes so we can just show up and have fun. I am embarrassed to say I didn't know any of that so I am writing this so you now know and can appreciate it.

Go to the website (<http://westcoastyachtclub.com>), buy from the ship store, sign-up to host a cruise, go to the dinners, find new members, and **get involved it's the least we can do.**

Tammy Huntely



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Timeless wisdom concerning politics....

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

~ *Aesop, Greek slave & fable author*

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

~ *Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher*

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

~ *Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Union politician*

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~ *Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defense' by Irving Stone.*

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

~ *John Quinton, American actor/writer*

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~ *Oscar Ameringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."*

I offered my opponents a deal: "If they stop telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them".

~ *Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952..*

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~ *Texas Guinan. 19th century American businessman*

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~ *Charles de Gaulle, French general & politician*

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~ *Doug Larson (English gold medal middle-distance winner, 1924 Olympic Games)*

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Government. But then I repeat myself.

~ *Mark Twain (1835- 1910)*

I don't make jokes. I just watch the Government and report the facts!

~ *Will Rogers (1879- 1935)*

I contend that for a nation to try and tax itself into prosperity, is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

~ *Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)*

A Government which robs Peter to pay Paul, can always depend on the support of Paul!

~ *Will Rogers (1879- 1935)*



2022 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2022 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 Mindy Sicard.

February 5	Winter Olympic Pub Crawl
February 12	Valentine's Dinner - TBD
March 12	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - TBD
April 8-10	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Slanders</i>
May 13-15	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
June 10-12	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Rasulos</i>
June 25 (<i>Tentative</i>)	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 8-10	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Harrisons</i>
August 12-14	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Rasulos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 9-18	Extended Cruise to San Diego (with DWYC) <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
October 7-9	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Kossas</i>
November 12 th	Commodore's Dinner
December 10 th	Holiday Brunch

**** 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



The following are the current 2022 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
- 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 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves

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	Dave Monk
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard

The **Appointive Officers** 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	Tom Rasulo
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	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves
Jr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (<i>3rd yr</i>)
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (<i>2nd yr</i>)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (<i>2nd yr</i>)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (<i>1st yr</i>)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (<i>6th 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.