



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

Updated Cruise & Dinner Schedule

February, 2023

Join us for our Valentine's Dinner

See more information from our Rear commodore inside....

52nd Festival of the Whales – Mar 4-5

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear WCYC Members,

As Jimmy Buffett once said, "Shells sink, dreams float, life's good on our boat."

We are all so fortunate to own a boat and to be part of this wonderful cruising club with members who use their boats on a regular basis. Not all clubs can say that. New members are required to own a boat; doesn't necessarily mean you have to take it out, but I am happy to say that so many of you do.

As Commodore, I have all the historical boxes that are filled with many memoirs dating back to the very beginning. I love history and have had a lot of fun exploring the many historical written material. One item that really impressed me was the West Coast Yacht Club Member's Handbook from 1961. In this handbook, it posted the history of the West Coast Yacht Club, and here is the history written on the first page of the handbook....

In July 1931 eight erstwhile young men, four of whom were watching the other four build their own boats, decided to form a yacht club. These boating enthusiasts constituted the charter membership of the present West Coast Yacht Club.

Being of the trailer class the boats were built in the respective owners' backyards. There is where the original group met and discussed the formation of the new club. By 1932 a constitution was drafted.

The fact that all members were still land sailors determined the adoption of the name "Hi-N-Dri Yacht Club." It was inevitable that the burgee should have as its keynote a sawhorse. The colors chosen were a combination of those used by USC and UCLA; the blue sawhorse superimposed on the yellow and red field.

Officers were chosen by a flip of the coin until 1934 when the membership had grown sufficiently to hold an election by ballot.

In March 1934 three Hi-N-Dri Yacht Club boats participated in the Mid-Winter Regatta. By 1935 this number increased to a total of fifteen entries. When the 1936 Mid-Winter Regatta rolled around the Hi-N-Dri Yacht Club had become a member of the Southern California Yacht Association (SCYA). Four Hi-N-Dri boats entered this regatta three of them winning trophies.

The growth of the club progressed so that in 1938 an active power cruise fleet had developed and was admitted to membership in the American Power Boat Association. In December of the same year the Los Angeles Flattee Fleet, sponsored by this club, was present with a charter from the Flattee Yacht Racing Association. Ed Elin, a Hi-N-Dri member won the International Championship for 1939.



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

It was in March 1939 that a final decision was made to change the name of the Hi-N-Dri Yacht Club. The former name was no longer indicative of the club activities. After some discussion the present name of the West Coast Yacht Club was chosen.

Since 1940 the WCYC has progressed considerably and has developed an active program. The WCYC began its activities by playing host to the International Flattee Championship races in August of 1940. The first Family Cruise to Catalina Island took place in October. This same year the Annual Fall Regatta was changed from a club event to an invitational affair.

In November 1942 the West Coast Yacht Club became incorporated. In building a calendar of events, the interests of the membership naturally had to be taken into consideration. The growth of the club since its inception showed a change from small boat sailors of the Flattee class to a combination of power and sail boats. There were class boats, ocean racing boats, power cruisers, large and small.

I love how West Coast Yacht Club instills tradition and continues to do some of the things the membership was doing back before most of us were even born.

I would like to share one more. Ever wonder where the “Sawhorse” came about? The nautical blunder? From the Handbook...

The “Sawhorse” was originally named the “Horse Laugh Trophy” – One of these trophies, which are little wooden saw horses (replicas of what appears in our Burgee) shall be presented at each dinner meeting, to the member who is nominated and elected, as guilty of committing the biggest nautical blunder. When the Commodore calls for nominations for the horse laugh trophy, be ready to tell all on your friends, or if necessary, defend yourself. It is always good for a laugh, so keep your eyes and ears open and come to the dinner meetings prepared to dish out some dirt.

I love how this is always the highlight of the night... may the traditions continue.

Recently, we had our first board meeting of the year, and I am so happy and proud to be part of this club and to be the Commodore. The members of the board are energetic, kind, fun and are ready for 2023.

See you on the seas in 2023.

Mindy Sicard
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy All,

We're still finalizing some of our cruises. The August cruise to LBYC has been confirmed for August 11-13.

Unfortunately we will not be attending the Feb dinner but hope to see you all soon at an upcoming event.

Donna Groves
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Feeling Romantic?

As I make the transition from Membership Chair to Rear Commodore I've been tasked with planning a romantic group dinner.... not exactly in my wheelhouse of strengths.

Thanks goodness I have a spouse (*and here comes the romantic part*) that excels in these things.

She knows how to plan all the little things and negotiated a terrific menu for us.

She's made the centerpieces herself and not only is she good at it, she enjoys the process.

With virtually no help from your new Rear Commodore, she and Susan Hepner have pulled together a wonderful evening coming up on February 11th.

We so hope you can attend. Wear something that will impress your significant other and join us for a romantic evening at Tannins Restaurant & Wine Bar at 27211 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano.

Chances are you've received an evite by now (*Karen and Mindy did that too*) Please respond before February 8th as we need to declare our final head count by then. You can bring a friend or another couple you think might make a good fit for WCYC. (*Sorry, Old recruiting habits die hard*) Hope to see you then

Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore





LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Ahoy WCYC,

I am planning something new for the Tiki Regatta. The new date will be Saturday July 15, 2023. The new menu will be revealed soon.

I'm looking forward to seeing the sail boaters in our fleet sign up to compete in the race.

Have a great Valentines Dinner. We are sorry to miss it.

John Kossa
Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP BRIAN RANDAL

Greetings from your Membership Chair!

I would like to thank all our members who responded to my welcoming message in the January Binnacle. I appreciate the welcomes, and also appreciate the influx of membership renewal dues that have been coming in!

As a reminder, WCYC has been growing and taking in new members on a regular basis. The reputation of our club having a solid cruising program that continually gets better and better has spread around. We are a club of boaters who actively boat, cruise and have lots of fun wherever we go. Our membership is not limited to just Dana Point, we have members from all over the area Marina Del Rey, Huntington, Newport, Oceanside and even Mexico. New memberships are primarily driven by current members who meet folks on the water and spread the good word of the club. I encourage you to continue to do so. If you happen to run into someone who is looking to join, please send them my way. The following is my contact information:

Brian Randall
Phone: 949-544-1005/619-933-6209
Email: membership@westcoastyachtclub.com
Mailing Address: WCYC
PO Box 309
Dana Point, Ca 92629

The \$150.00 annual dues can be sent via check to the PO Box or can be Sent via Zelle to:
Treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com

Please send any potential member candidates my way and feel free to call or send a message any time if you need me to connect.

Speaking of new members, we should be having a few potential new members attending the Valentine's dinner on the 11th at Tannins in SJC. Be sure to introduce yourselves and offer that great WCYC spirit!

If you have not paid your dues for the new year please do so. I am cross-referencing the paid dues list to send out this year's 2023 stickers for your membership cards. If your mailing address has recently been changed or if your boat information has changed, please let me know.

I look forward to working with you all and let's have a great 2023 boating season. See you on the water!

Brian Randal
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
Val Riddle	10 th
Danny Casteel	12 th
Mary Schaefer	16 th
Heidi Riggs	24 th
Glenn Rogers	25 th
Glenn Ashworth	27 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 11th

Tannins

*Restaurant & Wine Bar
27211 Ortega Hwy
San Juan Capistrano*

*Please respond to your
eVite by Feb 8th*



WCYC
March Dinner

March 11th
Location: TBD

It's Your

LUCKY
MARCH
DINNER





UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April Season Opener Cruise Cherry Cove Mar 31 – April 2

Cruise Captains: Brian Randall & Marji Weber
Co-Captains: The Harrisons



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023

8am to 5pm



US SAILING SANCTIONED
INTERNATIONAL OFFSHORE

SAFETY
at SEA



Moderated by Bruce Brown

\$350 Registration Fee (2-day course)

Includes Hands-On Training

Lunch provided each day

Single day options available

Register at www.lbyc.org

Limited to 48 participants

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Dana Point
FESTIVAL OF WHALES
MARCH 4-5, 2023





CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **New Members:**

No new members

- **2023 Membership Fees**

Reminder that your 2023 Membership Fees of \$150 were due on Jan 1, 2023. 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

- **WCYC Mid-Winter Regatta Participation**





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

There are three imperative actions when one finds oneself aground



- 1) Adjust the fenders to hide the boat name
- 2) Raise the French flag
- 3) Open a beer

THERE'S A BIG PADDLE SALE AT THE BOAT STORE



IT'S QUITE AN OAR DEAL

Living on a boat



What my friends think I do.



What strangers think I do.



What society thinks I do.



What my boss thinks I do.



What I think I do.



What I actually do.

YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG.



LIFE GOALS...

PARKING YOUR BOAT INSIDE YOUR BOAT!





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 11	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - TBD
March 31- April 2	Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: Brian Randall</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Harrisons</i>
May 12-14	Cruise to Cabrillo YC <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
June 9-11	Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: The Sandlers</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Monks</i>
July 15	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 24-28	Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i>
August 11-13	Cruise to Long Beach YC <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 8-11	Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park <i>Cruise Captains: The Rasulos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Hepners</i>
October 6-8	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Kossas</i> <i>Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i>
November 11	Commodore's Dinner
December 9	Holiday Brunch

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



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=130-07-12&category=virtual-vsc>
- Download sample VSC form...
http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/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 (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) 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 Elective Officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo

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	Mike Sandler
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk

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	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 nd yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (4 th yr)
Active Member - Membership	Brian Randall (1 st yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (3 rd yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (2 nd yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 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.