



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

February, 2024

*New Year's Brunch
Dock Party!
See the pictures inside.....*

*2024 VSC Decals
Have Arrived!
See the Auxiliary Bulletin
Board Inside to schedule your
VSC today.....*

*Photo of Killer Whale off Monarch Beach
taken by Glenn Rogers. Awesome!!!!*

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Greetings from my boat in Dana Point,

I would like to first start off with some Great News.... WCYC won **Best Sailboat** in the Dana Point Boat Parade. Thank you again to members Dino and Cathy for being great hosts and letting us use their boat, Dino for his help in making a great oversized lighted candy cane and putting up the decorations, and Cathy for her wonderful hors d'oeuvres and hospitality. I also want to thank everyone that participated whether riding on the boat, dressing in gingerbread costumes and dancing their "cookies" off, or helping with decorations. You all made this the best 1st year ever and why we won. Special thanks to Steve and Cindy Fiorillo for working from start to finish. They helped set up the decorations, tearing down the decorations and Steve was a dancing machine in his gingerbread costume. We were awarded \$500 in cash money and will be donating it to a charity that relates to what we do best, boating. Stay tuned.

As your Commodore for the 2024 season, I feel we are off to a great start. Our kickoff party and first ever "Brunch on the Docks" was so much fun, and we had an overwhelming response. It was great to see all of us together starting the 2024 in the WCYC fashion drinking endless Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's, doing the gift exchange, and we cannot forget the PJs thanks to our Sr. Staff Commodore Mike Sandler who took first place. I think this Brunch will definitely be an annual event and continue in the years to follow. Brian and Marji, thanks for all your hard work. It showed, and you both made it so much fun.

Our dinner coming up February 10th is at Jack's in Dana Point. Again, we got an overwhelming response. The last time I checked we are at 50 people. I know we will all have a great time as we always do. The ship store will be up, so buy some WCYC memorabilia. If you are not attending, have a great Valentine's Day and hope to see you at our next event.

My first month was exciting and filled with a lot of conversations about WCYC. Since we have a few new Board Members, they have all brought great new ideas to the table. Always keep an eye out in the Binnacle for some "Pop Up" fun things we are going to plan and add to the WCYC calendar. We are looking into doing a Wine Tasting, a Pub Crawl down Del Prado, a Trolley Pub Crawl (when it starts back up in the summer), and a few more fun things that are coming your way this year. Your WCYC Board is working hard to make this a great season for you all.

Remember to follow all reciprocal rules at each Yacht club you visit. You will find their rules on the club's website. The dress code is also particularly important as well. Make us PROUD!

St. Patrick's day is right around the corner so look for Rear Commodore Brian's invite. Hope to see you all there and wear your green.

Cheers to the 2024 Season.

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Our 2024 season has started very strong. The participation in the January Dock Party was outstanding! Brian and Margie hit a long Home Run in their first time at bat. It was a really fun event.... but I ate too much. Many thanks to everyone who assisted in making it great.

It appears the Randall / Weber team are at it again, in that our Feb 10 Valentine's Day event at Jack's in a complete sell out well in advance with almost 50 members signed up. What a great turn out! The menu looks delicious. I can't wait. I'm sure our St. Patrick's day event at Paddy's Station on March 9 will be awesome as well.

As for my responsibility, Karen and I are happy to report the early response to our shake-down cruise to Marina Park in Newport on April 5 has been beyond perfect. We have rented out the whole Marina! All 24 slips will be occupied by WCYC boats. (Hmmm, I'm sensing a trend here) This one will be chaired by the Ashworths and the Brinkis' and will feature a Casino night and a Saturday Newport Harbor dingy event. There's still lots of room to drop an anchor and join us.

This weekend Tammy Huntley and Rod Covarrubias graciously volunteered to chair the Newport raft-up in June so we have all the volunteers we need for this year's planned cruises. Thanks guys. That said, please offer to pitch in where any of our cruises need support this year. It's this kind of selfless participation and assistance that sets WCYC apart from other clubs.

All we do is Eat, Drink and Cruise and we do it better than anyone!

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone!

We had a great start to our New Year with our First annual, "New Years WCYC Dock Party" down at the Dana Point Marina. Fun was had by all, and it was great to see so many members in attendance for our first land event for the 2024 boating season!

Congratulations to Mike Sandler for winning the Christmas PJ contest. I am not sure I will ever be able to get that vision out of my head... LOL! But you all looked great in your Pajamas. The unwanted gift exchange went even better than I had expected, there were several steals going on and lots of laughter during the opening of gifts. I truly loved getting another outboard motor coffee mixer! A big shout out to Dana West Yacht Club and Chef Angel for the super yummy breakfast burritos that they provided. We appreciate the ability to support reciprocating clubs in any way we can.

The Valentine's Day RSVP date has come and gone, and I am happy to say that we have 50 Members, that's right 50 members slated to attend! This is a record for a land event. For those of you attending, now is the time to make your payments to the treasurer. The easiest way is to Zelle your payment (\$95 per person) to treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com. The event is fast approaching and should be amazing. We will be at Jack's in Dana Point on Del Prado. We will be starting with a cocktail time at 5:30 on the side patio followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the main restaurant. We are slated to have the ship's store in attendance as well as selling tickets for the event gift basket. Don't forget to wear your Valentines attire and your name badges.....Marji and I can't wait to see you there.

Our next event will be fast approaching and is our St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 9th at Paddy's Station in San Juan Capistrano. We are slated to have live music (restaurant provided.) The food is sure to be festive, and the bar is waiting for our arrival! Be on the lookout for your Evite in your emails.

Lastly, I would like to remind members that we try to keep events as affordable as possible. There is no profit made on land and dinner events. So please remember that when you RSVP "yes" to an event, you are responsible for your payment whether you wind up attending or not. Many of our events have financial commitments whether it is a vendor that we are contracting with or if we have to purchase supplies based on anticipated attendance. Please be prompt on your payments as the club is fronting the restaurant/vendor charges as well as supply charges for these events.

Let's keep up the great participation in WCYC events and we will see you on the water!

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Happy February!

Well, we made it through the holidays and 2023 is a memory. Now it's time to get ready for our big Valentine's Day celebration on February 10th.

We continue to break records for attendance at our functions which can only mean one thing....West Coast Yacht Club members really like to celebrate, and YOU know who you are!!!

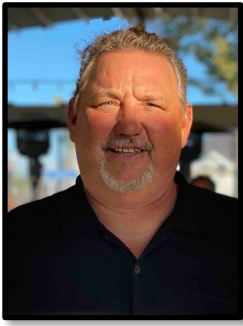
I'd like to share some great news! Since many of you have been bragging about how cool WCYC is to all of your friends, we have four new couples interested in joining! All I can say is "WOW"! Please welcome our new friends at our next events and show them what a great group we are.

For those of you who haven't received your 2024 membership cards, I'll be passing those out at our Valentine's Day event.

For those of you interested in what "Endurance cruising" is all about you might be interested in following Cole Brauer who is competing in the Global Solo Challenge to become the first American woman to have raced solo around the globe. She is the only female in a fleet of 20 skippers competing in the race and just passed Cape Horn. You can follow her on [colebraueroceanracing](https://www.instagram.com/colebraueroceanracing) on Instagram or [colebraueroceanracing.com](https://www.colebraueroceanracing.com)

See you on Valentine's Day!!!

Sheri Meehlies
Membership Chair



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Ahoy WCYC,

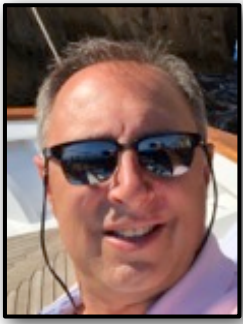
BIG CHANGES are coming in 2024.

I am excited to announce that Brian Randall is collaborating with me on the Tiki Regatta. Brian will be handling everything racing, and has some great ideas to make The Tiki a competitive race for our club.

I will be handling what I am good at... The after party!

Looking forward to a fun cruising year.

John Kossa
Fleet/Port Captain



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



West Coast Yacht Club

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NEW YEAR'S DOCK PARTY

What a wonderful event it was, we had a great turn out and the weather could not have been more perfect. Everyone did a great job with both the Christmas PJ contest as well as the unwanted gift exchange. Lots of laughs and lots of great memories being made. What a wonderful way to kick off the new year. If this is any indication of how the season is going to be, I cant wait!





BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays:



Natalie Brown	8th
Val Riddle	10 th
Danny Castell	12 th
Mary Schaefer	16 th
Estella Leon	16 th
Bill Zimmerer	16 th
Heidi Riggs	24 th
Glenn Rogers	25 th
Glenn Ashworth	27 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- SOLD OUT -

February 10th

Valentine's Dinner

Please join us for a romantic evening at Jack's Restaurant and Bar in Dana Point.

We will be having cocktails on the patio at 5:30 (drinks on your own as always) and a seated dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will have the bar dedicated to us as well as the private room and rear bar area to ourselves. Pricing is \$95.00 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, desert and tax and gratuity. Please RSVP no later than January 19th. We will be unable to add additional guests after the 19th.

As always we will have the ships store available as well as an auction basket!

*We look forward to seeing you there. You can Zelle your payments to:
Treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com*

Please reach out if you have any questions. Brian & Marji



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

It's Your

**LUCKY
MARCH
DINNER**



WCYC

March Dinner

March 9th

*Location: Paddy's
Station, San Juan Cap
eVite Coming Soon*

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

DANA POINT FESTIVAL
of **WHALES**



Mark your calendars now!

Come back and see us on March 1-3, 2024 in the dolphin & whale watching capital of the world for the 53rd annual Dana Point Festival of Whales!

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **No New Members**

- **2024 Membership Fees**

Reminder that your 2024 Membership Fees of \$200 were due on Jan 1, 2024. 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



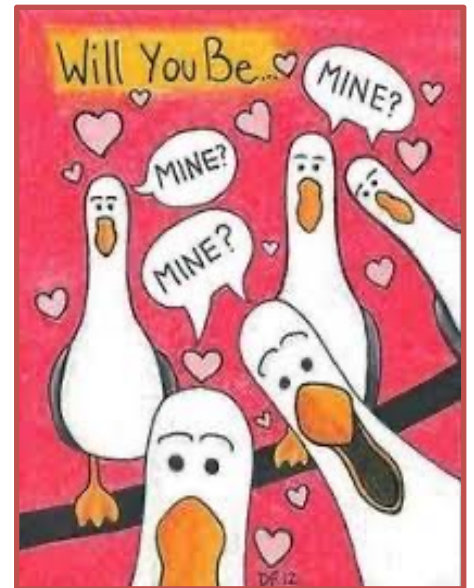
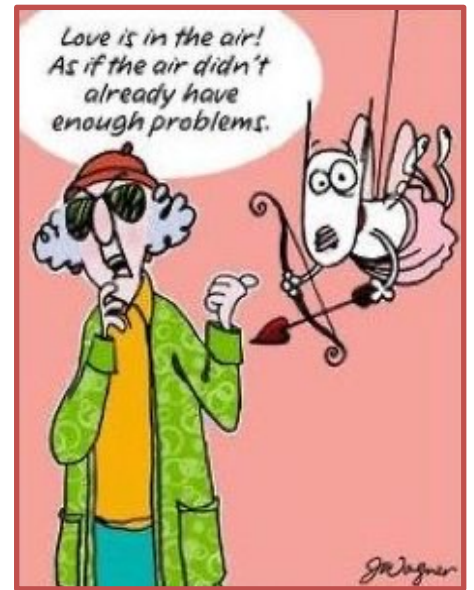
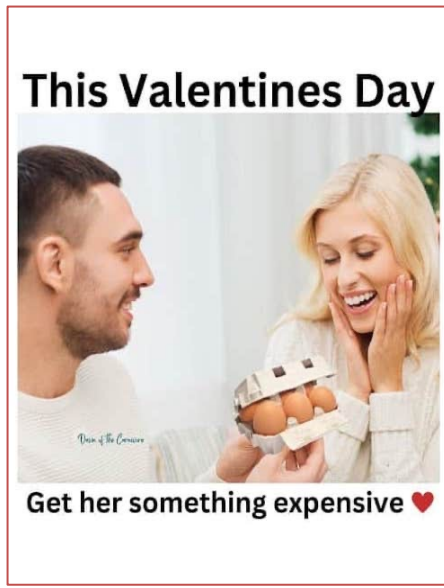
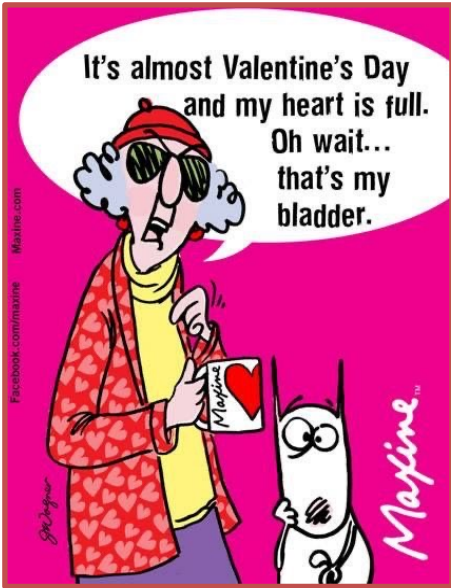
2024 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2024 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!
Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

January 6	New Year's Brunch Dock Party – East Cove Gate 6-74
February 10	Valentine's Dinner – Jack's, Dana Point
March 9	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Paddy's Station, San Juan Cap
April 5-7	Opening Cruise to Newport Lighthouse Marina <i>Cruise Captains: The Ashworths</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Brinkis</i>
April 20	Poker Run & BBQ
May 3-5	Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade <i>Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership</i>
June 7-9	Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup <i>Cruise Captains: Huntley / Covarrubias</i> <i>Co-Captains: Chalis'</i>
July 12-14	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The McNamaras</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Riggs & The Vandenberg</i>
July 27	The Famous Tiki Regatta
August 9-11	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
August	5-Day Cruise – TBD
September	Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21 st or 28 th)
October 18-20	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon</i>
November 2	Commodore's Dinner – TBD
December 7	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD
December 6,7,8	Dana Point Parade of Lights

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF VALENTINE'S DAY.....





USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2024 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2024 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.....

- <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=virtual-vsc>

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 2024 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 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall

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	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler

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	Marji Weber
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Sheri Meehleis
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	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall
Jr Staff Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler
Active Member – Ship Store	Maureen Hensley (1 st yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Marji Weber (1 st yr)
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1 st yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4 th yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (3 rd yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (3 rd yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 th yr)



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCAL 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

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 \$200 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$200.

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.