West Coast Yacht Club BINNACLE January, 2023

2022 Holiday Brunch! See the pictures inside.....

Happy

New Year

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear WCYC Members,

Happy New Year! I am honored to be this year's Commodore for West Coast Yacht Club and look forward to another adventurous and exciting year with new cruise destinations and discoveries. The 2023 Board of Directors are working hard to carry on the continued success of WCYC. We are rich in history as we are now celebrating our 92nd year. We have come a long way; from building our boats using sawhorses, to being awarded sawhorses.

Thank you to Donna Groves for arranging a memorable "Change of Watch", the venue at Luciano's was perfect and intimate as we all gathered to reflect on the past year, to honor our past Commodore, Mike Sandler and to look forward to the year to come. Thank you to our Judge Advocate, Richard Hepner, for keeping us in line with tradition and the annual program.

I am excited with what 2023 has to offer for each and everyone of us. The new memories which are to be made, as well as the new friendships we are about to make. Our new Membership Director and Board Member, Brian Randall will sure do a superb job signing up many new members who will become part of our fun... Who has more fun than we do?.... We Do!

Vice-Commodore, Donna Groves, has a fun-filled year ahead of us with a variety of planned cruises, some to familiar places and some to new destinations. Rear-Commodore, Tom Rasulo, is very familiar with his role as he went up the flags with Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. This year he is in charge of four of our land events. Our next event will be held in February with a dinner at a local restaurant and we hope to see each and everyone of you as we celebrate the month of love.

Look forward to new product from the Ship's Store. Tammy Huntley did a wonderful job last year bringing the store to almost every event and she has agreed to do the Ship's Store again.

I would like to give a shout out to the rest of the board. Long time board member Dave Monk will be our Sr. Staff Commodore, and Past Commodore Mike Sandler will be our Jr. Staff Commodore. This summer we will celebrate with our annual Tiki Regatta. John Kossa had so much fun planning last year's event, he's agreed to remain as Fleet Captain. He did have lots of help from his lovely wife, Crezlun. Our Secretary, Monique Monk who has taken many copious notes over the year has also agreed to stay as Secretary. Our Treasurer, Christie Threlkeld loves numbers and financials. We appreciate her wanting to stay as well. Last and defiantly not least, a big giant shout out to our Web Master and Editor in Chief of the Binnacle, Steve Fiorillo. We are so fortunate to have him stay on again for his 7th year.

I look forward to seeing you at the many events we have throughout the year and on the seas in 2023.

Mindy Sicard Vice Commodore



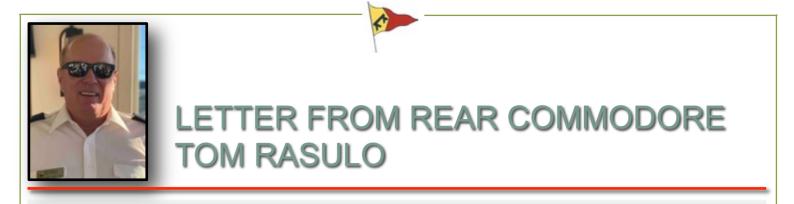
LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and fun with family and friends. I know I did. The New Year is right around the corner and I am eager to get started on our Cruising Calendar. We have some great trips planned and still looking for some cruise captains and some co-captians to help. Don't be shy it really is fun planning these events. You get to be creative and bring new ideas to the members and the cruises. Everyone loves a good dress up, a specialty drink, a contest and a photo opp. So let your minds be creative. You can contract me directly at <u>dcgultevent@aol.com</u> if you decide to plan one of the cruises. The WCYC Board will always be around to help you or answer any questions.

To everyone have a safe and Happy New Year. Give your husband or wife a kiss, hug your kids and grandchildren, go on a Cruise with friends or just enjoy the beautiful Sunset with a love one or friends. We live in a beautiful place, so don't let it pass you by. 2023 Here we come!

Donna Groves Rear Commodore



Greetings fellow WCYC members,

Mery Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all got through it safely and that Santa was good to you.

If you attended the "Change of Watch" luncheon you know it was a really good time. We so rarely get together for land-based events, so it was so nice to see everyone in long sleeves and holiday attire for a change. Hey, we clean up pretty good \bigcirc

Now that I've become your Rear Commodore it's time for me to focus on those land- based events. We only have four of them. They are:

February 11	Valentine's Day Dinner (Location to be announced soon)
March 11	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
November 11	Commodore's Dinner
December 9	Holiday / Change of Watch Luncheon

It's been such fun being our Membership Chair for the last two years. Many thank to all of you for referring potential members and for being such evangelists for WCYC. Please keep that momentum going for our new membership chair, Brian Randall. He's a great guy and a perfect fit for that responsibility.

Tom Rasulo Membership Chair



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Ahoy WCYC,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa & a Festive New Years Eve. Welcome to 2023! I hope it will be a fun & successful cruise year. I want to switch up the Tiki Regatta this year. I'm working on changing the date & the menu. Hope to see you all soon.

John Kossa Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM TREASURER CHRISTIE THRELKELD

Hello All:

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

Christie Threlkeld Treasurer



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP BRIAN RANDAL

Greetings and Happy New Year from your New Membership Chair!

I am happy to have been asked to take on the role as Membership Chair for WCYC this year. Tom has done an amazing job and I have some big shoes to fill. Thank you, Tom, for all of your hard work and efforts to help WCYC continue to grow and add new members.

For those of you who may not know me, I have been a WCYC member for a few years now. Marji is my better half and together we love attending the club events. I am an avid boater with a passion for sailing and power boating. I often head to the east coast to race on a team on a Beneteau 36.7 "That's Ridiculous" and race locally in Dana Point and in Huntington. Locally I have a boat in Dana Point - Aquaholic - an 18 foot Reef Runner, and I have the privilege to own "Anchors Aweigh!" a 10M Cooper Prowler. You may have been following my trials and tribulations on our Facebook page documenting my motor issues for the past 2 years.... LOL. I am hoping within the next two months my days of cruising with the big boat are right around the corner! If not you'll still see Marji and I braving the waters in Aquaholic to participate in the cruises.

This brings me to membership..... Steadily over the past years, 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 at membership@westccoastyachtclub.com

Please send any potential member candidates my way and feel free to send a message any time if you need me to connect, answer any questions, etc.

We do have a celebration of a new Membership, Kevin and Renee Hampton. They joined over the Thanksgiving - Christmas Holiday time frame after having attended the required functions with WCYC. They are the proud owners of a Luhrs that is kept in Dana Point Harbor. We look forward to them joining us as members for this upcoming cruising and club season! Welcome Kevin and Renee!

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

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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, <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519</u>. 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



Commodore Mike Sandler

2022 Staff Officers



Vice Commodore Mindy Sicard



Rear Commodore Donna Groves





April's Danalina Cruise Cruise Captains: The Monks & The Sandlers



May's Cruíse to Avalon Cruíse Captaíns: The Sicards & The Babcocks













June's Cruíse to Two Harbors Cruise Captains: The Hepners & The Rasulos



The 2022 Tíkí Regatta Cruise Captains: The Kossas











The Adventurer

DWYC Charity Breakfast





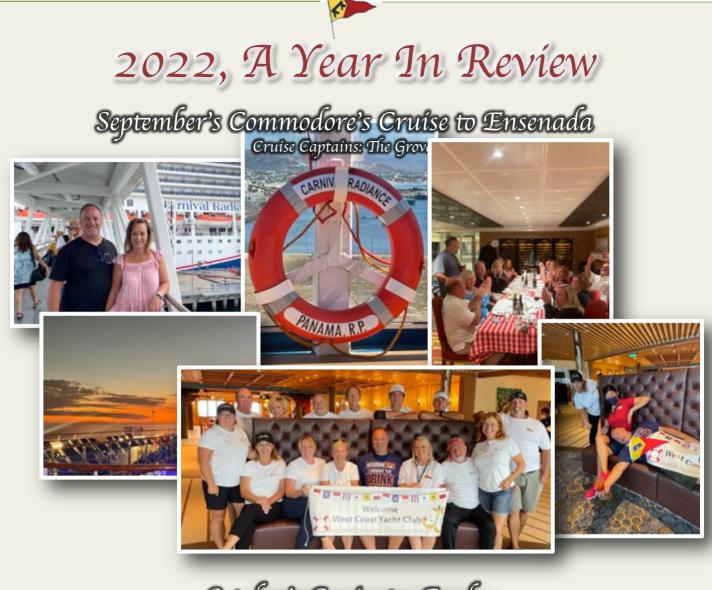


July's Cruise to Cherry Cove Cruise Captains: The Riddles & The Harrisons



August's Cruise to Newport Beach Cruise Captains: The Rasulos & Threlkelds





October's Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: Covarrubias/Huntley 7 The Kossas











Thanks to everyone who made this last year's events fun and exciting, and may this coming year be even better!

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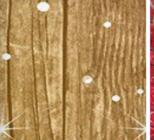


















2022 Trophies & Awards



VAUGHN PERPETUAL George Hughes & Three Sheets Trophy shall be presented each year to a cruising type sailboat for some outstanding performance



GEORGE EDWRD SPINDLER PERPETUAL Rod Cavarrubias Trophy shall be presented each year to a cruising

sailboat on a pleasure cruise of the greatest distance from her home and returns



STEVE NEWMARK PERPETUAL Richard Hepner Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has served WCYC with distinction in the true Corinthian spirit



GALATEA PERPETUA Michael Wagner Trophy shall be presented each year to a power boat cruising on a pleasure cruise of the greatest distance from her home port and returns

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MARK HULSMAN PERPETUAL Brian Randall Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has made an outstanding contribution to yachting



BUD CUMINS PERPETUAL Ed Sicard Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has participated in the most boat races



STEVE NEWMARK PERPETUAL Suzanne Babcock Aboard Three Sheets Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has participated in the WCYC Race as a member of WCYC and represented the club to the fullest



Steve Fiorillo Trophy shall be presented each year to a power boat cruising on a pleasure cruise of the greatest distance from her home port and returns

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MONK/SANDLER PERPETUAL Steve Fiorillo Trophy shall be presented each year to a member for outstanding contributions to WCYC











2023 Change of Watch

Vice Commodore Mindy Sicard being promoted to WCYC 2023 Commodore

Rear Commodore Donna Groves being promoted to WCYC 2023 Vice Commodore

Membership Chair Tom Rasulo being promoted to WCYC 2023 Rear Commodore













2023 Change of Watch

Mike Sandler Promoted to Junior Staff Commodore



Jr Staff Commodore Mike Sandler Acknowledging the new 2023 Commodore Mindy Sicard



Jr St Mindy Sicard Commodore

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Mike Sandler

Jr Staff Commodore David Monk Sr Staff Commodore

Our 2023 WCYC Flag Officers



2023 WCYC Board of Directors

2023 FLAG OFFICERS



Mindy Sicard Commodore



Donna Groves Vice Commodore

Richard Hepner

JAG/Parliamentarian



Tom Rasulo Rear Commodore



Mike Sandler Jr Staff Commodore



David Monk Sr Staff Commodore



John Kossa Fleet/Port Captain

2023 APPOINTED OFFICERS



Christie Threlkeld Treasurer



Brian Randall Membership



Monique monk Secretary

2023 CLUB POSITIONS



Steve Fiorillo Binnacle/Website



Tammy Huntley Ship Store



BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays:



Eric Ten Eyck Dino Bellafaire 3rd 20th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



CLUB NEWS & INFO

New Members:

Kevin and Renee Hampton

• 2023 Membership Fees

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MEMBER LETTERS

Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Ahoy All! As some of you may know I'm a member of the USCG and I manage the VSC function for the Dana Point Flotilla.

I'm working with Division to obtain all the proper publications and 2023 VE Decals so we can start examining vessels as soon as possible. Once we're ready to go, I'll let you all know and we can start scheduling VSCs.

If you who have never had your boat examined or if it's been a while, please don't be intimidated by the process, nor the examiners. We are not here to fail you! We want to see you pass, and will work with you before and during the VSC to make that happen.

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.

With all that said, please reach out to me at your convenience to schedule your 2023 VSC and we'll get you on the calendar. Alternatively you may contact <u>danapointuscgaux@gmail.com</u> or scan the QR code.

Also back this year are our in-person Public Education Boating Courses held at DPYC. These include general boating skills, VHF radio basics, GPS for mariners, charting, and the one that highly recommend for all first & second mates is the Suddenly in Command class which teaches spouses and family members what to do if the captain is suddenly disabled. For a full list of courses, dates & times, and to register, please scan the QR code to the right or go to

http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boatingcourses

Regards, Steve Fiorillo, USCG AUX





A BOATER'S CHRISTMAS STORY ...

"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

and all through the boat, The bilge pumps were hustling to keep us afloat. The children were nestled all snug in their berths, we sleep here most nights to get our money's worth.

As Ma read Jackie Collins and I guzzled my beer, she said "You've had enough, now come to bed now my dear."

Then out on the dock there arose an uproar, as I reached in the Igloo to get just one more. So up went my head out of the hatch, though I should have thought first to undo the latch.

I saw stars for a moment, and as quick as a blink, my wife yelled, "See, you've had too much to drink!"

The moon on the water lit the marina up bright, which was good since the kids had lost my flashlight.

Then what with my wondering eyes should I see, but a fat, fuzzy old guy in a Bayliner Capri.

Instead of an outboard hung on the rear, tied to the bow were eight tiny reindeer. More rapid than Reggie, these coursers they flew, and on each of their hoofs was a Topsider shoe.

With crashing and bashing and banging and knocking, I knew in an instant they must be docking. "No Dasher! Hold it, Dancer! Damn you Prancer and Vixen. Stop, Comet! Grab a line, Cupid! Get bumpers, Donner and Blitzen!

Look out for that boat! Watch that seawall! Now fend off, fend off, fend off all!"

He was dressed in a red cap ringed with fur trim, along with a Speedo that covered just a fraction of him.

I was shocked and astonished. What could I say? I also go boating dressed exactly that way.

He then grabbed a bag, a bulging huge sack, and hoisted it up, up onto his back. He also had sponges and a mop in his grip, as he waddled his way over to my slip.

He said "My name's Nick, and my friend I can tell, that your gel coat needs buffing and your teak looks like hell. Your vinyl needs cleaning, your lockers arranging. Your holding tank pumping, and your oil a-changing. You've put these jobs off for too long and you know it. So here's all that you need, this time don't you blow it."

Then as quick as he came, he was back on his boat. His reindeer revving and eager to tote. "Merry Christmas!" he called as they cruised through the night. "And regarding the beer Joe, your wife, she was right."

THE END

Compliments of Rear Commodore, Tom Rasulo

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

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (<u>danapointuscgaux@gmail.com</u>) 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*)

Mindy Sicard
Donna Groves
Tom Rasulo
Mike Sandler
Dave Monk
Tammy Huntley (2 nd yr)
Monique Monk (4 th yr)
Brian Randall <i>(1st yr)</i>
Christie Threlkeld (3 rd yr)
Richard Hepner (2 nd yr)
John Kossa <i>(2nd yr)</i>
Steve Fiorillo (7 th yr)

WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

Alamitos Bay YC 7201 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551

Bahia Corinthian YC 1601 Bayside Drive Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832

Cabrillo Beach YC 211 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207

Chula Vista YC 642 Marina Parkway #83 Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058

> Dana West YC 24601 Dana Drive Dana Point, CA. 92629

Lido Isle YC 701 Via Lido Soud Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Marina Venice YC 4333 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Morro Bay YC 541 Embarcadero Drive Morro Bay, CA 93442

Oceanside YC 1950 N. Harbor Dr. Oceanside, CA 92054

Port Royal YC 555 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Shoreline Yacht Club 386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

South Shore YC 1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 American Legion YC 215 15th Street Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Balboa Basin YC 829 Harbor Island Drive #38 Newport Beach, CA. 92660

Cerritos Bahia YC 6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway Long Beach, CA 90803

Convair Sailing Club P.O. Box 22981 San Diego, CA. 92192-2981

> Hollywood YC Holiday Harbor Marina Berth 201 Wilmington, CA 90744

Little Ships Fleet YC 233 Marina Dr. Long Beach, CA. 90803

Marina YC of Long Beach 233 Corsair Way Seal Beach, CA. 90740

Navy YC Long Beach 223 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

Pacific Corinthian YC 2600 Harbor Blvd Oxnard, CA 93035

Redondo Beach YC 210 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Silver Gate YC 2091 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA. 92106

Ventura YC 1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396 Anacapa YC 2810 S. Harbor Blvd. B-6 Oxnard, CA 93035

Buccaneer YC P.O. Box 76 San Pedro, CA. 90733

Channel Islands YC 4100 S Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310

Coronado Cays YC 30 Caribe Cay Blvd. Coronado, CA. 92118

Huntington Harbour YC 3821 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, CA. 92649

Long Beach YC 602 Appian Way Long Beach, CA. 90803

Mission Bay YC 1215 El Carmel CT. San Diego, CA 92109

Navy YC San Diego Fiddlers Cove Marina POB 182111 San Diego, CA. 92187

Pacific Mariners YC 13915 Panay Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Seal Beach YC 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

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Reason for Joining WCYC:		
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Prospective members are required to attend two events and I	be introduced at that time by their sponsors	or a Club Officer
The Membership Chairperson's recommendation, the signatu	res of two sponsoring	
Club Members and all dues will be presented to the Board of	Directors at their next scheduled meeting. Cu	urrent 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:	
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Applicant #2		
Sponsoring Member #1		
Sponsoring Member #2	Date	
Please return your Membership Application together with you	Ir check (made navable to West Coast Vacht	Club) to the
Membership Chair.	ar check (made payable to west coast facilit	