

Happy New Year

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy and Happy New Year!

Welcome to the 2024 Season with WCYC. I am happy to say I will be your Commodore this year and honored to serve all of you. I am so excited to let you know the new things we will be planning for the upcoming year. If you have not had a chance to look at the 2024 Calendar yet, we will be adding several events. We are bringing back the Poker Run, adding a New Year Dock Party Brunch, BBQ, Fishing Tournament ,and so much more. Your board is working hard to make sure you all have fun with WCYC.

I would like to thank Tom and Karen Rasulo for the wonderful Change of Watch Ceremony. It was a great way to honor our past Commodore Mindy Sicard. For those of you who could not make it, the food and service were spectacular, company always good and our ship store had great items to purchase thanks to Tammy. I also would like to personally thank our Jag Richard Hepner who always put's so much effort into making sure we stay in line with tradition and making it a great transition for all.

Vice Commodore Tom Rasulo has some great cruises planned for the 2024 season. I know we have a lot of past Captains participating along with some new Captains who are going to really make these cruises fun for everyone. I hope everyone can join in.

Brian Randall, who is our new Rear Commodore and in charge of our dinner events during the off season, has chosen some great local restaurants. He and Marji have chosen some new restaurants for us all to try and picked great menus for these events. They will also be in charge of some of our land events. Their first event is January 6th, which is a New Years Brunch bringing the new year in with a dock party. We already have over 30 people coming. If you have not signed up it is a PJ party (or not), and we will be serving Breakfast, Bloody Mary's, and Mimosa's. The first nighttime event will be a Valentines Day Dinner at Jack's restaurant in Dana Point. Look for Brian's letter in this Binnacle for more details. We hope to see you all there.

John Kossa who is staying on as our Fleet Captain will be in charge of the Famous Tiki Regatta again this year. He and his wife Crezlun always do such a great job and we are so happy they will continue. John will also be in charge of the Poker Run along with our first ever Fishing Tournament. It will be a one-day event, but I know it will be a lot of fun. Stay tuned for the details.

If you know anyone that would like to come to one of our events as a guest and possibly join our club, please feel free to reach out to our new Membership Director Sheri Meehleis. We always love adding new members to our membership who have the same interest we all do... boating.

I would also like to take this time to thank all the Board members past and present for the volunteer time and effort they give to this club. It does not go unnoticed.

Cheers to the 2024 Season. I am looking forward to new adventures, seeing old friends, meeting new friends, and creating new memories.

Donna Groves Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Happy New Year!

This, being the first time I write you as you Vice Commodore, is special for me. I'm so happy to report that we have a VERY robust activities scheduled for 2024. Be SURE to read it below. I am still very committed to getting our newer members involved in doing their part to volunteer for some kind of event. It's how our club stays so vibrant and fun. New people bring new experiences and ideas.

Case in Point: For this upcoming year Glenn and Astrid Ashworth will Chair the Newport Marina Lighthouse cruise. They have selected Linus and Lynette Brinkis as their Co-Chairs. Many thanks to both couples. Some very creative ideas are already coming out of this group. So far this one will feature dinner on the dock, a dingy event, and even a CASINO NIGHT! This event was so well attended last year that we've reserved the whole marina just for WCYC. It's nice to step off your boat onto the dock and to have shore power and water for the whole weekend on this cruise.... Very civilized! There's only 23 slips so please plan this as your shakedown cruise for April 5-7. We need to sell out the marina.... (so we can let our hair down in private)

For some MORE new member participation I just learned Gary Champlin and Estella Leon have been kind enough to volunteer to run the Newport Raft up later in the season on June 7-9. We are still looking for a Co-Chair for that one so feel free to put YOUR NAME in this blank to assist them. This too, is traditionally well attended and fun, and may even have live music again.

While not new members, our JAG, Richard Hepner and his bride Susan have volunteered to Chair our last cruise of the season to Long Beach where we will have their long dock and, thus, shore power again. These folks have chaired this cruise in the past and know the ropes so, if you'd like to learn how it's done well, volunteer to be their Co-Chair on October 18-20

Looking forward to a great year on the water with WCYC.

Tom Rasulo Vice Commodore





LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I can't believe we are in January! This is my first message as Rear Commodore and as part of the role, I oversee dinners and various activities on the water.

It has been fun running around with Marji, trying out new restaurants for potential locations for our events and sampling what they have to offer. I think I have gained 10 pounds just trying out all of the culinary delights that we have been experimenting with!

Here are the plans for a few of the upcoming events!

January 6th - 10:30 am- We will be kicking the year off with our New Years Brunch Dock Party in Dana Point Harbor. We have had a great response to the Evite that was sent out and have about 40 guests attending. It should be a great time catching up and hearing of everyone's holiday stories. Please check the evite for additional news and details for the event. It's next weekend!!

February 10th - Valentine's Dinner at Jack's Restaurant in Dana Point. We will be having cocktails on the side patio at 5:30 followed by a seated dinner at 6:00pm in our private room. The menu is looking amazing, and the service at Jack's is outstanding. It should be a fantastic romantic night.

March 9th - St Patrick's Day Dinner at Paddy's Starion in San Juan Capistrano. We are scheduled to have live music and amazing food and a festive atmosphere. The location is constructed of old rail cars and gives quite the European experience.

All of the event information this year will be going out via the Evite system. Please make sure that membership has your current email so that we don't miss anyone.

Marji and I are excited for this year's activities and if you ever have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out. We are always up for some creativity.

Have a wonderful and safe New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Brunch on January 6th!

Brian Randall Rear Commodore





LETTER FROM JR STAFF COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear Members,

2023 was an amazing year, and one I will always remember, thanks to all of you! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the WCYC Annual Change of Watch Ceremony. Congratulations to the 2023 recipients of the West Coast Yacht Club Trophies and Awards:

- · Brian Randall won the Rod Leonard Perpetual Trophy.
- · Clare Kenney won the Bud Cummings Trophy.
- Christie Threlkeld won the Steve Newmark Trophy.
- John and Crezlun Kossa won the Mark Hulsman
- Dino Bellafaire won the Vaughn Trophy
- Steve and Lori Ash won the Galatea Trophy
- Chip and Christie Threlkeld won the Catalina Touches with 8 touches
- · Richard Hepner won the Golden Sawhorse Award
- Richard Hepner won a special award for Best Video Editor
- Steve Fiorillo won a special award for the Best Editor

Congratulations to WCYC 2024 Commodore, Donna Groves and her Board of Directors. It will sure be an amazing year with lots of fun!

Sincerely, Mindy Sicard Jr. Staff Commodore





LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a grand Holiday season! I'm so honored to have been asked to head up this important committee as I'll be working with an excellent team, including my predecessor Brian Randall, who did an outstanding job promoting our club as Membership Chairperson.

For those of you I haven't had the privilege of meeting, I'd like to introduce myself. I've been a member of WCYC for several years and am an avid boater. My boating "life" began back in 2005 when I joined my family on the "Baja Ha-Ha", a cruising rally from San Diego to Cabo. We sailed down on a Beneteau Oceanis 40 named "Hoofbeats" and had a very exciting time. That experience convinced me the cruising life was for me! Over the years I've been up and down the coast and over to Catalina more times than I can count, as well as several long distance boat deliveries, the longest from San Diego to El Salvador. This past August, my significant other, Gary Olson and I sailed our "new to us" boat, a Beneteau Oceanis 41 named "Te Tiare" from San Francisco to Dana Point. Between the two of us we've covered many miles on the water and have owned over 30 vessels...monohulls, trimarans, catamarans, and power boats. Most of them belonged to Gary, who I am convinced has a certifiable boat addiction! We have lots of escapades we'd love to share and look forward to the next 12 months creating new adventures and memories with all of you.

Our first event this year is the Commodore's New Years Brunch on January 6th, from 11 am to 1 pm on the Commodore's Dock in the newly reconstructed East Cove, Dock #6, Slip #74. This event will be an outstanding opportunity to garner member interest as the docks are full of cruising boats new to the Harbor.

As your Membership Chairperson I recognize that being a "cruising club" requires unique approaches to attract interest. I commend our new Flag Officers for their vision to organize our first annual WCYC Opening Day Parade during the Danalina Raft Up, the weekend of May 3rd-5th! We're sure to catch the interest of boaters in the Harbor when they see the enthusiasm and camaraderie that our cruising club offers.

West Coast Yacht Club members are the greatest ambassadors to connect with new cruisers, so please...continue to do what you do best by talking up the best cruising club on the West Coast! Hopefully, 2024 will be a record year for welcoming new members. Please send contact information for any potential member to me via email at membership@westcoastyachtclub.com or text me at 949-220-6214.

Sheri Meehlies 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

2023 Staff Officers



Commodore Mindy Sicard



Vice Commodore
Donna Groves



Rear Commodore Tom Rasulo

February's Valentine's Dinner at Tannins















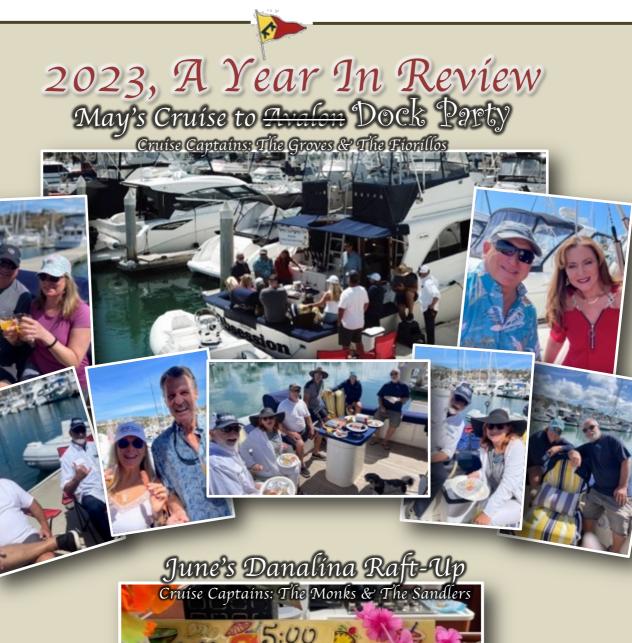
March's St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Dublin 4

Hosted By The Rasulos



April's Poker Run & Bonfire







DWYC Charity Breakfast







The 2023 Tiki Regatta Hosted by The Kossas















July's Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: The Sicards, Brian Randall & Marji Weber



August's Cruise to Cherry Cove Cruise Captains & Murder Mystery Hosts.... The Threlkelds





September's Cruise to Lighthouse Marina - Newport
Cruise Captains: The Rasulos & The Hepners





November's Commodore's Dinner at Whitestone







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









2023 Trophies & Awards



VAUGHN PERPETUAL

Dino Bellafaire & Running Water

Trophy shall be presented each year to a
cruising type sailboat for some outstanding
performance



Brain Randall

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 NEWMARK PERPETUAL

Christie Threlkeld

Trophy shall be presented each year to the

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has served WCYC with distinction in the true Corinthian spirit



GALATEA PERPETUA Steve & Lori Ash

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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2023 Trophies & Awards



MARK HULSMAN PERPETUAL

John & Crezlun Kossa

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person(s) who has made an outstanding contribution to yachting



Ed Sicard

Trophy shall be presented each year to the person who has participated in the most boat races



The Threlkelds – 8 Touches

This trophy shall be presented each year to a Power or Sailboat making the most cruises to Catalina Island.



GOLDEN SAWHORSE
Richard Hepner
This award is presented to the person who made the biggest nautical blunder of the year

2023 Staff & BOD





2024 Change of Watch

Vice
Commodore
Donna Groves
being
promoted to
WCYC 2023
Commodore





Rear
Commodore
Tom Rasulo
being
promoted to
WCYC 2023
Vice
Commodore





Membership Chair Brian Randall being promoted to WCYC 2023 Rear Commodore





2024 Change of Watch

Mindy Sicard Promoted to Junior Staff Commodore









2024 WCYC Board of Directors

2024 FLAG OFFICERS



Donna Groves
Commodore



Tom Rasulo Vice Commodore



Brian Randall Rear Commodore



Mindy Sicard
Jr Staff Commodore



Mike Sandler Sr Staff Commodore

2024 APPOINTED OFFICERS



John Kossa Fleet/Port Captain



Richard Hepner JAG/Parliamentarian



Christie Threlkeld
Treasurer



Sher Meehlies Membership



Marji Weber Secretary

2024 CLUB POSITIONS



Steve Fiorillo
Binnacle/Website



Maureen Hensley Ship Store



BIRTHDAYS



January Birthdays:

Eric Ten Eyck 3rd
Sondra Harrison 3rd
Dino Bellafaire 20th
Bryan Chalais 21st

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS





February 10th 5:30p - 10:00p

Location: Jack's, Dana Point Evite Coming Soon

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

Cruise Captains: The Ashworths

Co-Captains: The Brinkis

April 20 Poker Run & BBQ

May 3-5 Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade

Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership

June 7-9 Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup

Cruise Captains: TBD Co-Captains: TBD

July 12-14 Cruise to Cherry Cove

Cruise Captains: The McNamaras Co-Captains: The Riggs & The Vandenbergs

July 27 The Famous Tiki Regatta

August 9-11 Cruise to Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

August 5-Day Cruise – TBD

September Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21st or 28th)

October 18-20 Cruise to Long Beach

Cruise Captains: The Hepners Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon

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.



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 2024 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 2024 VSC and we'll get you on the calendar. Alternatively you may contact danapointuscgaux@gmail.com 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=boating-courses



Regards, Steve Fiorillo, USCG AUX

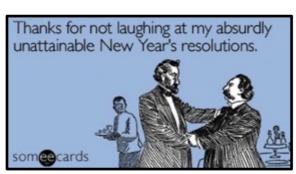
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF NEW YEARS.....







night of hard partying.













Fed up with how her diet is going, Charlene takes a more serious aim at her target weight.



HULK'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- 1. SMASH LESS
- 2. BE NICER TO PUNY HUMANS
- 3. BUY NEW PANTS ... MAYBE SPANDEX





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 <u>Elective Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore			
Commodore	Donna Groves		
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo		
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall		

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	Mindy Sicard		
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler		

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	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 (1st yr)		
Active Member - Secretary	Marji Weber (1st yr)		
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1st yr)		
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4th 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 RECIPROCLE 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

Silver Gate YC

2091 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA. 92106

Seal Beach YC

255 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

Ventura YC

1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396

South Coast Corinthian YC 13445 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Westlake YC

32123 Lindero Rd Westlake Village, CA 91361

South Shore YC

1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660



WCYC Membership Application Please Print Clearly

Name		Occupation	Birthdate
Cell Phone	Email		
Name		Occupation	Birthdate
Cell Phone	Email		
Address			
City			
Vessel Type Length	1		
Vessel Name			
Home Port	Basin (if in	DP harbor)	-
Slip Slip Size	Beam		
Reason for Joining WCYC:			
Prospective members are required t	o attend two events	and be introduced at that time b	by their sponsors or a Club Officer.
The Membership Chairperson's reco	ommendation, the sig	natures of two sponsoring	
Club Members and all dues will be p	resented to the Boar	d of Directors at their next sched	duled meeting. Current dues are
\$200 annually, plus a one time initia	tion fee of \$200.		
The undersigned hereby agrees to a	bide 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 App	olication together with	h vour check (made pavable to V	West Coast Yacht Club) to the
Membership Chair.		, z z zz (ac payazie to t	Table source of the state of th