



West Coast Yacht Club

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July, 2023

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Photo of June Danalina Raft-up by Dino Bellafaire



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear Members,

Happy Independence Day! Hope you all have a very fun, enjoyable and safe holiday. The 4th always has been one of my favorite days down in the Dana Point Harbor. A day filled with fun from “water wars” to the fireworks show. The Dana Point Fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m. Remember, parking will be tight. Keep in mind that the Trolley is a great alternative if you are looking for a way to get to the harbor without being stuck in traffic with no where to park, and it’s something different and fun to do. On July 4th the Trolley stops running at 8:30 p.m. Did you know the Trolley is pet friendly?

The Trolley hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Holidays: 10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

A big shout out and big thank you to our Judge Advocate, Richard Hepner, for updating WCYC Policies, Protocols and Etiquette document. He has spent countless hours making appropriate changes and updates. If you are looking to buy someone a drink, Richard is the guy!

Thank you to the volunteers who made and served breakfast at Dana West Yacht Club for their Charity Regatta racers. It’s an annual tradition where DWYC knows they can count on WCYC to give them a hand. It’s our way of saying thanks for including us in their reciprocals. Many thanks to Chef Steve Fiorillo, Co-Chef Mike Groves, Server Donna Groves and Tom Rasulo, and Helen’s helper Cindy Fiorillo and Ed Sicard. The racers loved and appreciated the excellent food prepared by the chefs.

Mark you calendar for our upcoming July events:

Tiki Regatta - July 15th

Catalina, Avalon Cruise - July 21st – 23rd

(Please see flyers for additional information)

See you on the seas in 2023

Mindy Sicard
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Greetings Everyone,

The sun is finally coming out. It is supposed to be a great July starting the month off with the 4th of July. The docks started filling up here in Dana Point Thursday and they are still coming. Cannot wait for the spectacular fireworks show along with enjoying Water Wars with family and friends.

The last cruise was a blast, and I did not expect anything less. Cruise captains the Monks and Sandlers did an outstanding job. Friday night was fun, great weather for a raft up and lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres. Saturday morning on the bridge of the Monks' new boat was great as they were serving danishes and the champagne was flowing. Finally, Saturday they had a great duo playing music through the afternoon, along with serving Chef Sandler's famous hamburgers. We cannot forget the fun we had with our famous Sawhorse presentation. Yes, there was a couple given out. After careful review, Tom Ruslo our Rear Commodore, Eddie our Staff Commodore, and Sandler our Jr Staff Commodore all pleaded their case. At the end Rasulo lost the battle and graciously took the Sawhorse. I think he is getting used to it. Do you all see these men have something in common. The word Commodore. The second Sawhorse there was no pleading or begging from Brian Randall. He smiled, laughed, and said yes and took the Sawhorse.

Next cruise will be in Avalon and the Sicard's will be Captain's for this cruise and Brian and Marji are helping as Co-Captain's. So far, we have 24 people and I heard we have some verbal confirmations as well. It should be a great cruise with a lot of WCYC boaters and hopefully a few new boaters. I have no doubt the captains have a great weekend planned. Please join us if you have not already signed up. August cruise hosted by Chris and Chip and will take us to Cherry Cove and will be a ton of fun. Evite to come soon.

Update on the Captain Carnival Cruise... We are looking to change the date to October 6th through the 9th. Right now, the price ranges from \$256.00pp for an Interior, \$365.00pp for an Ocean View, \$536.00pp for a Balcony and \$1260.00pp for a Suite. This includes all your entertainment, shows and food. Sometimes the price will go down as we get closer to the date, and it can also go up as the cruise ship fills up. That price I mentioned is when you sign up **FREE** to be a Carnival VIP member. They give you exclusive discounts and as we get closer to the date, they will send you updates with new discounts. Hope to see you all there.

Have a great 4th!

Donna Groves
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Hello All:

The 10th annual Tiki Regatta is coming up soon... July 15th. I'm sure you have all received your evites.

Currently we have 2 racers signed up. Dino Bellafair & Brian Randall. Dino is the 2022 1st Place club member winner & still has the coveted "Blondie" trophy. Are there any more club members that would like to challenge Dino & take back Blondie from him?

I have sent emails to DPYC & DWYC to see if we can get some more challengers against WCYC.

For the awards party I need 2 easy-up for shade for the food & the bar areas. I am looking for members that would let us borrow their easy-ups.

The menu is as follows...

- Food: Tropical taco cart with white rice & black beans.
- Drinks: A tropical mocktail with vodka or rum on the side. Water bottles will be provided. All other drinks are B.Y.O.B.
- Dessert: A pineapple cake.

If you would like to bring an appetizer, a dessert, or have an easy-up we can borrow please contact Crezlun at ckossa@gmail.com or (760) 567-3318.

Our committee boat is David & Monique Monk's beautiful new boat Fluke. If you're interested in being on the race committee, please contact David Monk at sr-staff-commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com.

I hope to see all of you at the Tiki Regatta, and don't forget to bring your chairs.

John Kossa
Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP

BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone!

Some new member updates! We are glad to welcome Gary Champlin and Esstelle Leon into the club. Many of you may have run into Gary and Esstelle at the Danalina Raft Up. Gary is the Proud owner of a Bayliner 38 that is kept in Dana Point Harbor and for sure you cannot miss his iconic Green and yellow tender when cruising the harbor! We look forward to having Gary and Esstelle join the WCYC family. Make sure to say hi to them at the next event. Oh..... and by the way..... try to convince Gary to sing when the music is playing..... he has quite the singing voice!!! Welcome Gary and Esstelle!!!

New Rates are coming.....

As you are all aware, costs have increased over the past year for everyone in many areas in all shapes and forms. For many years WCYC has avoided raising fees and attempted to keep the operations within its operational budget, but like many organizations the rates and fees for many of the clubs operational aspects have increased without any adjustments over time. The Board has done a great job keeping member costs at a minimum. However, it has come to a point where the club had to make adjustments to keep in line with rising costs. Last week the Board voted to increase the application fee and yearly dues for members. This decision was not taken lightly and vast discussion went into the decision. As financial stewards of the club and to keep the club moving in a positive direction, the Board approved the following new rates that will be effective January 1, 2024:

2023 Current Rates

Annual Dues: \$150.00

Application Fee: \$150.00

2024 Rates as of Jan 1, 2024

Annual Dues: \$200.00

New Member Application Fee: \$200.00

If you know of someone who is interested in joining the club, you may want to urge them to put in their application and application fee now in order to benefit from a lower cost application fee. As a reminder their dues would be prorated for the current year based on this year's fee structure as well.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about membership.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Tiki Regatta, it should be a great time! Bring that potential member that you think would be a great addition to the WCYC family. Rest assured it will be an amazing time.

Brian Randal
Membership Chair



LETTER FROM JAG/PARLIAMENTARIAN RICHARD HEPNER

Ahoy!

Following the revision of the *By-Laws of the West Coast Yacht Club* in June of 2022, the Board of Directors turned attention to the *West Coast Yacht Club (WCYC) Policies, Protocols and Etiquette* document, which was in need of update and organization.

The revised *West Coast Yacht Club (WCYC) Policies, Protocols and Etiquette* was approved by the Board on June 27, 2023, and will be distributed to all members via e-mail. Please print the new document and replace the outdated policies in your Member Binder.

Each member should be familiar with our club's policies, protocols and etiquette.

The document was organized into the following sections:

- Section 1. Leadership and Participation
- Section 2. Cruising
- Section 3. Event Invitation, RSVP, Payment and Cancellation Policy
- Section 4. Visiting Other Yacht Clubs: Protocol & Courtesies
- Section 5. Marine Radio Etiquette
- Section 6. Nautical Flag Etiquette

Section 1 is new. It outlines the expectation that members will participate in WCYC events and contribute, if able, in a leadership or leadership supporting role.

Section 2 consolidates and updates policies, protocols and etiquette when participating in a cruise.

Section 3 updates the policies and procedures associated with the invitation to WCYC events, membership response to invitations, payment of event fees, and cancellation of attendance. The revised Section 3 addresses the Evite.com tool, and modern payment tools.

Section 4 has been updated and consolidated.

Section 5 has been updated and consolidated.

Section 6 is new. This section captures the *Nautical Flag Etiquette Overview* that was released as a separate document in August of 2022.

Richard Hepner
JAG/Parliamentarian



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



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June's Danalina Raft-Up

WELCOME TO

MARGARITAVILLE

Cruise Captains: The Monks & The Sandlers





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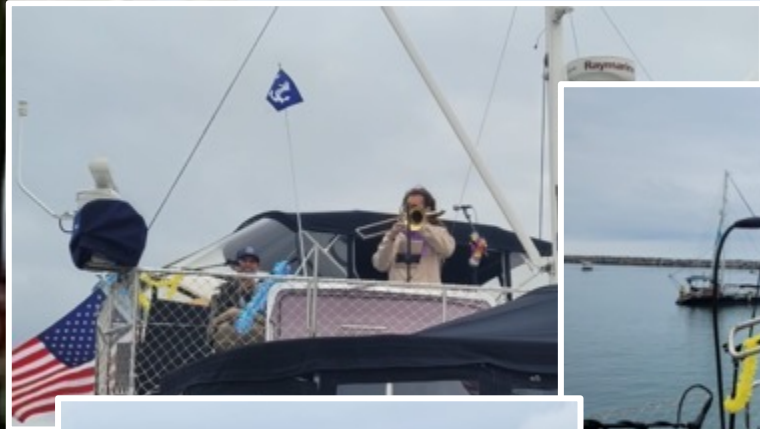




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BIRTHDAYS



July Birthdays:

Paul Hamilton	4 th
Jean Chalais	12 th
Jacqueline Harth	18 th
Donna Groves	19 th
RJ Breeden	22 th
Astrid Ashworth	23 rd
Christi Threlkeld	30 th

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **New Members:**

- Welcome Gary Champlin and Estelle Leon, 38' Bayliner

- **Boating News....**



[Take Action](#)

Proposed California Boat Registration Fee Increase

June 27, 2023

Dear California BoatU.S. Member:

Governor Newsom's proposed 2023-2024 budget calls for a 300% increase in boat registration fees. Although California boat registration fees have not increased in several years, BoatU.S. and our state partner, the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), do not believe such a significant increase has been justified by the administration. Please contact your state legislators to request they reject this proposal and engage with boating stakeholders to develop realistic fees that are dedicated to boating programs.

You can easily contact your state representatives using our prefilled form. Feel free to add your own views to this message. [Take Action](#)

RBOC, BoatU.S. and other recreational boating stakeholders have been engaged in a two-year process to review the state's boating programs. While we anticipated there would be a modest increase, we expected the state to recognize the significant contribution boaters already make, such as \$107 million in annual motor fuel taxes. It is our expectation that the fees and taxes paid by boaters go to fund boating programs. Unfortunately, that is not the case with the current proposal.

You can read more about this issue at the [RBOC website](#).

Now is the time to speak up and request your state representatives stand firm in rejecting this massive registration fee increase. While boaters are willing to pay our fair share, this will be a barrier for many Californians to enjoy the state's waterways.

Please contact BoatU.S. Government Affairs govtaffairs@boatus.com if you have additional questions. Thank you for being a BoatU.S. member.



CLUB NEWS & INFO

- WCYC Flag Officers cook Breakfast for DCYC Charity Regatta for 60+ racers over two days....





UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



West Coast Yacht Club

TIKI REGATTA



Dana Point Harbor
Saturday, July 15th

THIS RACE IS FOR EVERYONE!

Sailors, this fun race is open to members and non-members alike.

Let us know if any friends with boats would like to join us for this fun race.

Power boaters join your sailing friends for an afternoon of fun!

If you or your family would like to participate in the race and need a boat to crew on,

Email: johnkossa@yahoo.com

Cost is \$25.00 per person for dinner and

\$15.00 for a race hat



Must have Entry Forms into John Kossa by July 7th

9:30 Pre-Race Meeting - Captains meet at the grassy knoll across from DWYC

(Everyone will need to bring their own lunch for the race)

13:00 Race begins

16:00 Hawaii Style Taco Dinner

Following the race, we will meet at the grassy knoll for

Hawaiian Taco Dinner, Pineapple Cake,

Tiki Punch and Awards.

BYO Beverage and Chairs.

If you would like to come

just for the awards and dinner,

please Email: johnkossa@yahoo.com





UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



Cruise Captains: Ed & Mindy Sicard Co-Captains: Brian Randall & Marji Weber

~ \$20.00 per person Cruise Fee ~

Friday, July 21st

11:00 a.m. - Arrival

When you arrive, contact Harbor Patrol for mooring assignment.

Cruise Captain, Ed and Mindy Sicard will be on channel 71. Please let us know you have arrived or if you need assistance

Relax and enjoy the afternoon on your own

6:00 p.m. - Party on the Sadie Mae

Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB Mindy's Famous Chicken Burrito dinner will be served

Saturday, July 22nd

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast on the Sadie Mae

Please join us for breakfast delights and eye-openers

Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure - Take a walk to the Botanical Gardens, Pickle Ball (\$10/pp) Enjoy the warm water with fun in the sun. DJ Irony will be playing at Descanso Beach from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Bar Hopping

Dinner on your own at one of the places along the bar hop or elsewhere First stop - Luau Larry's, El Galleon, JL's Locker Room, Avalon Grille Marlin Club

Sunday, July 23rd

Departure by 9:00 a.m.

Contact Mindy Sicard for further information at commadore@westcoastyachtclub.com



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Come Join Us For Our
2nd Annual Commodore's Cruise
To
ENSENADA
On The Carnival Radiance
October 6th – 9th

Save The Date

More Information Will Be
Coming Soon!



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

TROLLEY Hops



SUNDAY, JULY 2

12 - 5 PM

DANA POINT RESTAURANTS

Concerts In The Park Series

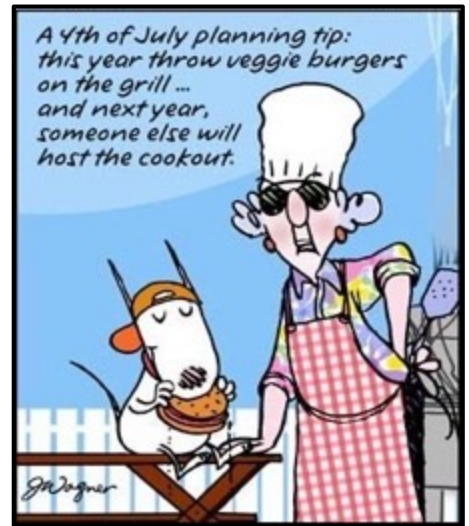


Journey USA
July 9th



Pyromania
Def Leopard Tribute Band
July 30th

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE IN HONOR OF THE FOURTH OF JULY...





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 12 14	<i>St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Dublin 4 Gastro Pub, Mission Viejo</i>
** March 31-April 2	<i>Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove - CANCELLED Cruise Captains: Brian Randall Co-Captains: The Sicards</i>
** April 22	<i>Poker Run & Bonfire</i>
** May 5-7 12-14	<i>Cruise to Avalon Cabrillo YC - CANCELLED Due To Weather Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
June 9-11	Cruise to Danalina Cruise Captains: The Monks Co-Captains: The Sandlers
July 15	The Famous Tiki Regatta
** July 21-23 24-28	<i>Cruise to Avalon Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i>
** August 11-13	<i>Cruise to Cherry Cove Avalon LBYG Cruise Captains: The Sicards Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 8-10	Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captains: The Hepners
** Sep 29-Oct 1 Oct 6-9	<i>Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada</i>
** October 27-29 6-8	<i>Cruise to Long Beach Avalon Cruise Captains: The Kossas Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i>
November 11	Commodore's Dinner – The Watering Hole at Nellie Gail
December 9	Holiday Brunch - TBD

**** 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/wow/114-06-08/2023_vsc_form_hqjt_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.