



# West Coast Yacht Club

**BINNACLE**

July, 2020

*Opening Cruise to Moonstone!  
Read the cruise report inside.....*

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Photo of Astronut "Scuba" Steve Vandenberg



## LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

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Ahoy WCYC members,

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher, has many quotes to his name but one that seems most pertinent today is “The only constant in life is change.”

Well, every day we continue to be bombarded with facts, predictions, expert opinions, strategies, edicts that we have to evaluate which impact how we go about our daily lives during this Covid-19 pandemic. It’s exhausting discussing what we should do individually and as a society and I am certainly not going to add my own unqualified opinions.

The 4th of July is around the corner and it’s unclear what we can or cannot do to celebrate – if we will or will not have a firework display at the harbor! What events we can attend or hold on our boats and still be compliant to whatever rules are handed down for us to observe.

On a personal note what we are looking forward to is to spend time on our boat as we have been doing over the last couple of months and hopefully seeing you all at the harbor, being compliant with guidelines, and enjoying safe socializing and celebrating the upcoming 4th of July weekend.

I do want to commend our Lunar Flight directors, “Scuba” Steve VandenBerg and Jim McNamara, for a very successful Moon Landing, “One small voyage for man, one giant leap for West Coast Yacht Club!” Looking forward to hearing the stories and seeing the pictures and a big thank you to Tom Rasulo for including us on Facetime so we could say hi to our fellow Oceanauts!

As an update, the board will be reviewing the cruise schedule for July after we hear what guidance we receive regarding Covid-19 for Cherry Cove and will keep you all informed.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Fair Winds and Following Seas

David Monk, Commodore



## LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

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Ahoy WCYC members,

Well, here we go again! At least 3 more weeks of closures, ugh! I am so glad that the Catalina cruise to Moonstone Bay worked out. It looks like everyone who went had a time and the first cruise of 2020 was a huge success. Awesome job and thank you to the Vandenberg's and McNamara's. Any sawhorses to report??

As many of you know, Sheri and I had to move our boat to Newport Beach as we are in the low 200's on the slip waitlist for Dana Point. I must say, the amount of dockside restaurants up here are incredible, and the water activities are nonstop. I have never seen so many Duffy's, paddle boarders, kayakers, and small sail boaters enjoying the waters. We can walk to many restaurants and bars and are a block and a half away from the beach. We are definitely liking our new location, but unfortunately, there are no WCYC members up here to party with. If you are planning a day cruise or overnighter to Newport, please reach out and let us know as we would love to try to get together.

Well, that is all for now. Please stay healthy and smart, wear your mask's, and wash your hands as much as possible.

Mike Sandler  
Rear Commodore



## LETTER FROM BINNACLE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

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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



# WCYC Moon Landing: June 26-28, 2020

By Astronaut "Scuba" Steve Vandenberg

It was a Sunday afternoon a bit after 1:15 pm; I was a skinny "Toe-Head" kid living in San Diego in between kindergarten and first grade (literally the middle of summer, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1969). We had been to church; there seemed to have been a bit more impatience than normal for the sermon to end. I think I was kicking a ball against the garage door when my Dad told me I'd better get inside to watch, because, "The World was about to change". I really didn't understand what he meant; to me every day brought quite a bit of uncertainty. A few hours later I watched (in black and white) and heard a man in a space suit say (in a staticy voice), "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!"



At five years old, in the sixties, the "World" was a giant mystery. Only months prior, my Uncle Bill had visited us between his two tours in Vietnam. My Dad had prefaced his visit by saying; "I can't really explain to you where Uncle Bill has been or what he's had to do there, but when he gets here you need to give him plenty of room and not bother him". The next morning my Uncle Bill exited the bathroom with a small billow of strange sweet smoke following and asked me if I wanted to go catch lizards in the canyon. I shared three days with him; hiking, shooting BB guns, and playing catch. He was on his own escape from a very uncertain and scary reality but he never revealed any of his inner struggle to me. To this day, I remember him as one of the kindest humans I've ever known.

So on a Thursday afternoon; June 25, 2020 a bit after 2:45 pm why do I have butterflies in my stomach and a feeling of trepidation as I embark on a short crossing that I have completed dozens of times??? The crossing was a breeze (even if there wasn't one). After visiting with a small Minke Whale mid-channel, Pantera landed in a "Sea of Tranquility" at Moonstone Cove a bit after 8:00pm.



The Harbor Patrolman (Brett) efficiently assigned us Salty Dog's Mooring and Brenda and I settled in for a relaxed evening prior to the rest of the landing party arriving throughout the day on Friday. Team Pantera made a quick run into Avalon Friday morning (20 minutes in, 20 minutes on Island, 20 minutes back to "The Moon"). While I concentrated on steering our little outboard, Brenda pointed out over 20 Flying fish taking flight in and around our wake.

Upon our return, the first boat in was Genty Lee (Tom and Karen Rasulo) assigned to a mooring snuggled up to Hen Rock. They were followed by Box Office (John and Crezlun Kossa), Whole Life (Jim and Maggie McNamara), Big Wally (Drew Von Grep and Natalie Brown), Liberty Belle (Ron and Cindy Latin), and Panacea (Chip and Christie Threlkheld). Although we were spread across Moonstone, White's, and Hen Rock, all boats were within a short dinghy ride. Whenever I stay in this area (only 3.5 nm from Avalon) I feel like I'm at the Isthmus but with the convenience of Avalon only a short dinghy ride away.



Friday afternoon was “free” with folks visiting each other’s boats. We had handed out the cruise schedule along with some very brief cruise guidance:

### **COVID 19 Cruise Etiquette**

- *We all have different views on the degree to which we should follow the evolving pandemic guidelines. Please be sensitive to your cruise-mates requests particularly when visiting their vessel.*
- *Now more than ever, it is poor form to request to use someone else’s head. We will all be moored within minutes of each other; so best to return to your own boat.*
- *When attending Happy Hours or Progressive Dinners, have your own trash bag in your tender. In remote harbors, it is especially important to contain and dispose of your own refuse.*
- *Cruisers Pro Tip. Although paper plates and plasticware will be available for meals, seasoned cruisers often bring their own dishes and silverware. Better for the environment, less waste.*

The 5 O’Clock Bell rang on Pantera and soon after the Lunar Landers were touching down. As usual, the appetizers overtook the appetites and no one went home hungry. Special mention to Karen’s rocket skewers, Natalie’s Italian Sausage Bread and Maggie’s Prosciutto and Mango on [FKNBREAD.COM](http://FKNBREAD.COM). Actually, everyone outdid themselves (everything was amazing) and we all enjoyed an incredible feed.

This same evening saw the debut of a now famous cocktail specially created for our cruise. The “Buzzed Aldrin” (Shoutout to [www.merrymakerscocktails.com](http://www.merrymakerscocktails.com), @merry.makers)



Saturday morning was particularly special with Lunar Landers delivering Bloody Mary’s to Whole Life for immediate cruise captain consumption (to use an Irish term “Brilliant” cruise planning). John and Crezlun went “all-in” with Lobster Tails braised with Bacon grease. This taste and presentation was not to be matched. However, Christie and Chip did not waiver and brought their own concoction including fresh grated horseradish. This taste was also not to be matched. A draw was determined and both teams won incredible floatie toys enjoyed throughout the day. As the day slowly unfolded (Graciously not marked by a repeated 15 minute toll of a bell), we all settled into a relaxed feeling of true social distance



On *Island Time*, the snorkeling tour and treasure hunt drifted into our day about an hour late. The following direction was provided:

*It was a Saturday in June  
We all took a trip to the Moon  
A few drinks were served  
Before everything blurred  
It was decided we should look for treasure...  
...So Mask on my Face, Fins on my feet, I planted Doubloons for their pleasure  
A small cove right in sight  
Red, Blue, Yellow (No White) shall ye find something worth your trouble  
If you encounter a cork; "yep", "nope", "winner" or dork  
Ye may just have Red Women for Dinner.*

The "winner" was found and a nice bottle of Navigator Cabernet was rewarded which was shared that evening at the progressive dinner. Appetizers were provided by Panacea, Salad and Veggies by Box Office, and the Main course of Chicken and Tri Tip by Whole Life and Pantera respectively.

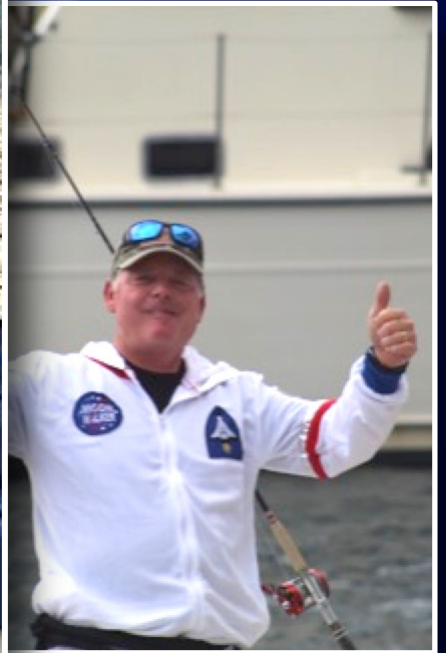
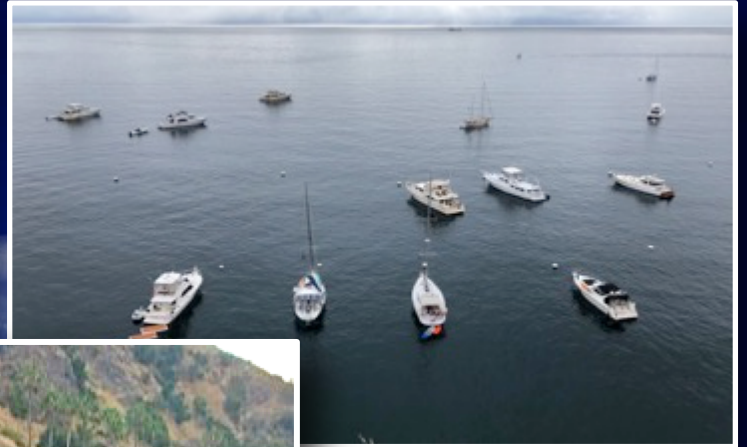
As the evening and cruise weekend wound down, each team progressed to their Lunar Orbit Rendezvous (LOR). Preparations were made for the next day's Earth Atmosphere Re-entry (EAR). By 1700 on June 28<sup>th</sup>, all landing teams had arrived safely at their next destination.

As Pantera glided back to Earth (Parachute deployed) I reflected on the apprehension felt on the previous Thursday afternoon; certainly the pending short crossing not the cause. I realized my anxiety like so many others feeling the same way, now, had to be the result of the overwhelming uncertainty we face today. My uncertainty brought me back to the days of a 5 year-old living in the Sixties and to a memory I have from then. As difficult and divisive as things seem today, I'm going to do my best to follow my Uncle's example and choose to be kind.

God Bless.



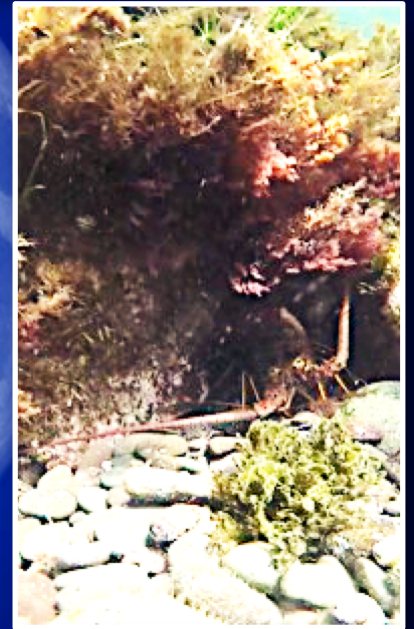
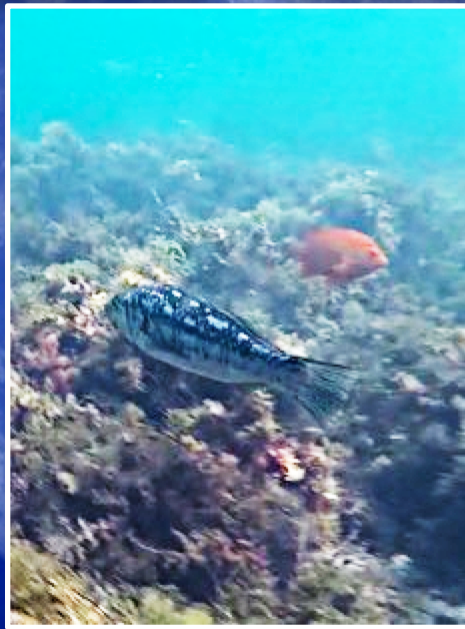
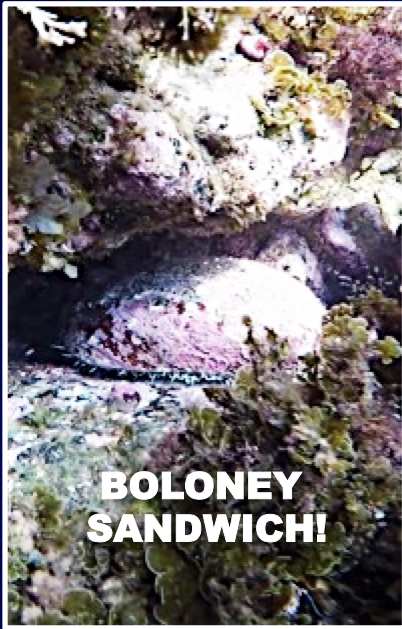
# Pictures From The Landing Site.....







# Snorkeling in The Sea of Tranquility





# Let There Be Fun.....



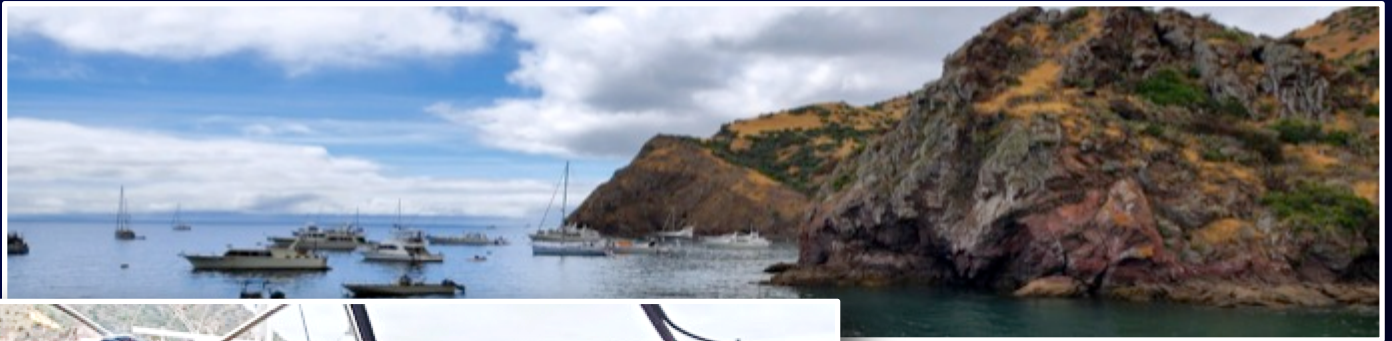


... and drinks...





... and of course friends!





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## BIRTHDAYS

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### July Birthdays:

Tracy Imsland	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kevin Bertrand	7 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Stancil	10 <sup>th</sup>
Donna Groves	19 <sup>th</sup>
Christie Threkeld	30 <sup>th</sup>

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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July Cruise:  
Cherry Cove, July 17-19  
Cruise Captains/Co-Captains: The Sandlers / The Babcocks



Unfortunately due to the current CORVID-19 restrictions the following events have been rescheduled:

**Tiki Regatta, June 26-26:**

*Proposed to move to later in the season once dock parties are allowed to resume.*

**CG Aux Vessel Safety Checks:**

*Postponed until restrictions are lifted and CGAUX resumes activities.*

# JOKES OF THE MONTH.....



**Remember wishing the weekend would last forever? Happy now?!?!**

**WHEN WE COME OUT OF THIS AND I ASK YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO EAT, I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR, "DON'T KNOW." YOU HAD 45 DAYS.**



**AND JUST LIKE THAT HAVING A MASK, RUBBER GLOVES, DUCT TAPE, PLASTIC SHEETING AND ROPE IN YOUR TRUNK IS OKAY**



**Guys I need your help. I'm in the middle of an argument with my wife and she just told me that I'm right. What the hell do I do next?!**





## BOATING EDUCATION



### 2020 Class Schedule USCG Auxiliary Public Education Classes Flotilla 68 – Dana Point

All classes are held at Dana Point Yacht Club

**Sailing Skills & Seamanship (7 Weeks)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$65**

**WHEN** Every Wed from Mar 25th thru May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book

Our Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice sailor. Topics include safety, knots, radio, and aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects. In addition, completion of the class will get you the California Boater Operator Card which is now required to operate a motorized vessel in the state.

**How to Read a Nautical Chart (2 Nights)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$45**

**WHEN:** Wed June 3rd, June 10th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book, chart

How to Read a Nautical Chart are seminars that will help the student unravel the mystery of charts by providing the navigator with the knowledge to interpret a chart's contents to navigate safely to his or her destination and return to port. Suggested as intro to Basic Coastal Navigation.

**Basic Coastal Navigation (6 weeks)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$65**

**WHEN:** Every Wed from June 17th thru July 22nd 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book, chart

An introduction to the basics of coastal navigation designed to acquaint you with the tools and skills required to be a successful navigator – essential for novices or a great refresher course for experienced (rusty) sailors. Covers navigation theory, plotting and course determination, dead reckoning, (time/speed/distance), compass use, bearings and fixes, and tides.

**Basics of Marine Radio (1 night)** **Cost \$25**

**WHEN:** Wed August 5th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Learn how to operate one of the most important safety devices on your boat. Learn what DSC calling is and how to use it.

**GPS for Mariners Class (3 weeks)** **Cost \$45**

**WHEN:** Wed August 12th thru Aug 26th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book

This is a class that will enable you to get the most from your nautical navigation GPS. Learn how to use the menus and functions to determine position, set waypoints, plot a course, determine speed and heading, correlate to a chart, and more.

**Boating Skills & Seamanship (7 classes)** **Cost \$65**

**WHEN:** Every Wed from Sep 16th thru Oct 28th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book

Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include safety, knots, radio, aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects.

**TO REGISTER:** Email: [ericgritzmacher@cox.net](mailto:ericgritzmacher@cox.net). Or call 949.632.2378 or Garry Nelson 714.234.0731 Visit our website at: [danapointcgaux.org](http://danapointcgaux.org) for more information



# 2020 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2020 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner at Mozambique
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner at Ciao Pasta
April 17-19	Shake Down Cruise to Oceanside - <b>CANCELLED</b> <i>Cruise Captains: The Kosas</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Wagners</i>
May 15-17	Cruise to Avalon - <b>CANCELLED</b> <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 26-28	Cruise to Moonstone Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Vandenberg</i> <i>Co-Captains: The McNamaras</i>
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Famous Tiki Regatta – <b>Postponed/TBD</b>
July 17-19	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Sandlers</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
August 14-16	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Bertrands</i>
September 11-13	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Fiorillos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Stones</i>
October 9-11	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Dinner at Vintage Steak House
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Brunch at SJHGC





## WCYC 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>The Elective officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore</b>	
<b>Commodore</b>	David Monk
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Kevin Bertrand
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Mike Sandler

<b>The Flag officers of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore</b>	
<b>Sr Staff Commodore</b>	Ed Sicard
<b>Jr Staff Commodore</b>	Blake Campbell

<b>The Appointive officers of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian</b>	
<b>Fleet / Port Captain</b>	Dave Stancil
<b>Secretary</b>	Ed Sicard
<b>Treasurer</b>	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock
<b>Vice Membership Chairperson</b>	Mindy Sicard
<b>JAG / Parliamentarian</b>	

<b>The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Sr Staff Commodore, Jr Staff Commodore and six additional Active Members</b>	
<b>Commodore</b>	David Monk
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Kevin Bertrand
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Mike Sandler
<b>Sr Staff Commodore</b>	Ed Sicard
<b>Jr Staff Commodore</b>	Blake Campbell
<b>Active Member – Ship Store</b>	Donna Groves (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
<b>Active Member – Binnacle/Web Admin</b>	Steve Fiorillo (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
<b>Active Member</b>	Mindy Sicard (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
<b>Active Member</b>	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
<b>Active Member</b>	
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## WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

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### **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:

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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 \$50.

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.