



# West Coast Yacht Club

**BINNACLE**

*May's Event Photos Inside...*

*June, 2023*

*Updates on Upcoming Commodore's  
Cruise and November's Dinner...*



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*Schedule your FREE  
2023 Vessel Safety  
Check Now!*



*Photo of Surfers at Doheny Beach*



## LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear Members,

When I first got a boat in the harbor, I was amazed to see how many dogs and cats are a big part of our boating lives. I always get a kick when I see a dog at a raft- up, enjoying it as much as their human does. When Ed and I lived on our boat, we had our cat, Frankie, and she loved the boat just as much as we did. She went on many trips to Catalina Island with us and always enjoyed seeing the Pelicans and Seagulls and smelling the ocean air.

A big thank you again to the Groves and Fiorillos for all that they did with the Poker Run and to all of you who were able to attend the Poker Run and contribute to the \$900.00 we raised for the Pet Project located at the San Clemente/Dana Point Animal Shelter. I loved how people were asking for additional poker cards, once they knew where the money was going. There are plenty of dogs and cats who would like to thank you too!

Ed and I presented the check to the shelter and the volunteers and employees were very grateful with the generosity of West Coast Yacht Club. They had many questions about who we are and what kind of fun things we do.

Hope you enjoy the photos from some of our club members' pets.



*The Rasulo's  
Puppies*



*The Grove's  
Mr "B"*



*The Monk's  
Lacy*



# LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD



*And many more....*

Some of you have asked about a new burgee. I will bring two different size burgees to our next raft up in Dana Point. 8" x 12" Burgee \$30.00 and 12" x 18" Burgee \$35.00.

Looking forward to seeing you at the raft up! A big shout out and thank you to the Monks and the Sandlers for stepping up and putting the fun event together.  
See you on the seas in 2023

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Mindy Sicard  
Commodore



## LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

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Hello Boaters,

Hello Boaters, Hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Weekend filled with fun, laughter, friends, and family. It is one of my favorite holidays and a great start to summer. Not sure where the sun and summer is, but I am sure it is coming soon. April Showers and May Gray should hopefully be over soon. Cross your fingers, we need the sun for our June Raft up and no June Gloom.

Speaking of Raft Ups. The Monk's and Sandler's will be our Captains for our June Raft Up and have come up with some great fun things to do. Rumor has it, a Margarita machine will be on one of the boats. The dates are June 9th through the 11th and hope everyone will join the WCYC Raft Up. The captains have arranged for a band on Saturday afternoon and even if you cannot do the raft up with your boat, please come hang out with us by dinghy. If you do not have a dinghy call one of us and we can come pick you up. We have five boats as of now signed up and confirmation on 4 or 5 dinghy's that will come throughout the weekend. We can have up to fourteen boats per our permit so sign up for a weekend of fun. These guys are seasoned captains and always do a great job.

I have just sent out the evite on our 4-day Commodore Cruise to Ensenada Mexico in July. Last year we had so much fun and did a 3-day cruise and we all said we could have stayed one more day. So, we did just that. The cruise stops in Avalon and Ensenada. Just think, for the price of gas to Avalon you are almost at the same price, unless you have a sailboat. Once you add food, drinks and dinners on the Island you're there. The best part is someone else is the crew and the captain and they pay for the gas. Someone cleans your room daily and someone is always cooking for you. You can sit back, have a cocktail, and enjoy the view. It truly is a lot of fun. We plan dinners, go to the shows and most of us end up at the Nightclub or Piano Bar at the end of the night. We also cannot forget Karaoke Night. I will not mention any names, but I will, last year Richard our JAG did a great job. Who knew he had such a good voice. Your food, shows, bands are all included in the price. There is a spa on board for a nice relaxing massage, pools to lay by, Guy Fieri has a great hamburger place on board and Shaq has his Chicken Shack which was good as well. They had a Bingo Day which my husband actually won last year, and then off he went to the casino. His pockets were empty when he got back to the room, but that was ok, it was exciting to win.

I hope everyone will join our fearless Commodore Mindy Sicard in celebrating all she does for WCYC. We would love to see all of you there.

Donna Groves  
Rear Commodore



## LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE TOM RASULO

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Hello Clubmates,

Even though our cruise season has just begun is not too late to save the date for our end of year dinners.

To Honor Mindy Sicard our Commodore's will be on November 11th at "The Watering Hole" restaurant inside the club house in beautiful Nellie Gail. Many thanks to Nellie Gail resident and Jr. Staff Commodore Mike Sandler and his lovely bride Sheri for working with my wife Karen to provide this fabulous venue. We've done a complete restaurant buy out so we will have the whole space just for WCYC members that night. It will feature a buffet style dinner with appetizers, salad, entrees, sides and desserts. We will also be providing LIVE MUSIC so be sure you wear something comfortable on your feet to dance in. We max out at 45 members so be sure make your reservation as soon as you see the evite.

Our annual "Change of Watch" and Awards luncheon will follow the next month on December 9th. Karen and I are interviewing restaurants to decide on that venue but please mark your calendars.

Boating and fellowship with members enhances and extends our lives. Let's celebrate it all.

***"Dining with one's friends is certainly one of life's primal and most innocent delights. One that is both soul-satisfying and eternal." – Julia Child***

Tom Rasulo  
Rear Commodore



# LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Ahoy WCYC!

Calling all SAILBOATS with their POWER BOAT CREWS!

It's almost that time of year again time for the 10th Annual famous TIKI REGATTA! July 15, 2023 is approaching fast.

The grassy knoll location captains meeting & race will be the same this year but there are big changes to the awards party. We are doing a Hawaiian style taco cart. All the years of paella have been fun but we decided to give everyone a break. Just come & enjoy the stress free 10th Annual Tiki Regatta awards party.

Please consider signing up your sailboat for the race. If a captain asks you to crew please be brave & do it.

Thank you to the Monks for volunteering your new boat to be the committee boat for 2023.

See the attached flyer with all the information about the race & the Tiki Regatta. I hope to hear from you soon. [johnkossa@yahoo.com](mailto:johnkossa@yahoo.com) or (760) 567-0308.

John Kossa  
Fleet/Port Captain



A Notice from the WCYC Fleet Captain ... John Kossa

## **ATTENTION SAILBOAT OWNERS.**

There is a change in the date for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual WCYC Tiki Regatta sailboat race & awards party.  
**Saturday, July 15, 2023.**

**Capt meeting 09:30. Race Start 13:00**

Let me tell you all about it. It's in Dana Point, registered with SCYA, the twist is that your favorite power boaters must captain & crew your vessel, with your supervision of course.

### **Awards party 16:00**

The awards party has a new menu this year.  
Hawaiian style taco cart serving  
ginger beef, teriyaki chicken & pineapple pork tacos  
with white rice & black beans.

To register for the race;  
Please contact: [johnkossa@yahoo.com](mailto:johnkossa@yahoo.com)



## LETTER FROM THE 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



# May's Cruise to Avalon

## Cruise Captains: The Groves & The Fiorillos

Well the cruise as you all know was cancelled because of safety concerns due to the forecasted poor weather which resulted in limited turn out.

The forecast which we went by to determine a go/no-go, had the trip over to Avalon looking like this...



And the forecast from Harbor Patrol like this....







# May's Cruise to Avalon

In reality, the trip over was more like this....



And even though the Harbor Patrol was still telling us on Friday and Saturday mornings the harbor would be choppy, it turned out to be wonderful.

Two boats, Aquaholic captained by Brian Randall and the Genty Lee captained by the Rasulos braved the "harsh conditions" and had a great weekend in Avalon.

But as all good seaman should have a Plan B, so did we....



# May's Cruise to Avalon

So Saturday morning in Dana Point Harbor, we hosted our Cinco de Mayo brunch from the back of Moist Obsession. We had a turnout of about 12 members, serving them our homemade bacon or carnitas breakfast burritos, along with Mimosas & Irish Pancakes Breakfast shots.....





# May's Cruise to Avalon





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## BIRTHDAYS

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### June Birthdays:

Tom Hensley	9 <sup>th</sup>
Rod Covarrubias	10 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda Vandenberg	20 <sup>th</sup>
Mindy Sicard	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Barb DeFabry	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Elissa Forcier	30 <sup>th</sup>

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## CLUB NEWS & INFO

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- **New Members:**



Walter Folsom & Clare Kenney  
Sailboats "Clareboyant" & "Getting Off"



Robin Levinson  
25' SeaRay - "Amenity"



## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

# June's Danalina Raft-Up

WELCOME TO

# MARGARITAVILLE

We welcome you to Margaritaville to see how  
"A Pirate Looks at Forty".

Please call our "Son of a Son of a Sailors" Mike Sandler and David Monk on channel 71 upon arrival any time after noon on Friday. Feel free to dingy in as well.

Cost is \$20 pp.

Please RSVP if you are bringing your boat to save space for you. If you are joining us on your dingy, let us know in the comments section of the invite so we have plenty of food and grog.

**Friday, June 9, 5 pm**

"Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude" Tailgate

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share and wear "Fins" pre-party gear. BOYB your libations.

**Saturday, June 10**

**9:30 am**

"It's Five O'clock Somewhere" Eye Openers

Tropical Mimosas and Bloody Mary's, along with paradise fruit salad and pasties will be available.

**12:30 pm**

Come "Surfing in a Hurricane" at our Parrothead Party

Bring your floaties to hang out in "One Particular Harbor" drinking "Boat Drinks". We will be serving "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" with all the fixings and the blender will be spinning margaritas.

Dinner will be on your own. BBQ on board or go out to one of our local restaurants. Feel free to get together for LRC, liars dice or anything else. Sunday,

**June 11, Depart @ 10:00 am or hang out all day**



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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West Coast Yacht Club  
invites you to join us in our

# *Tiki Regatta*

*This race is for anyone who loves boating*

*Power boaters will race on a sailboat*

*Saturday, July 15th*

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

*13:00 Race Begins*

*16:00 - The trophy presentation will  
be accompanied with a Hawaiian  
Style Taco Cart \$25pp*

*\$15.00 Hat*

*Entry Forms due by July 1st  
please send to:*

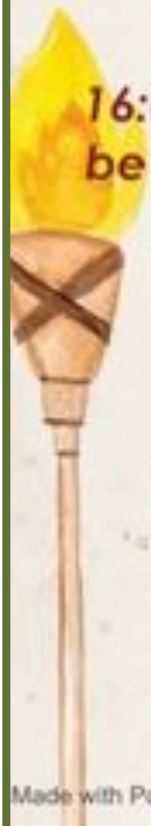
*John Kossa -*

*johnkossa@yahoo.com or*

*Crezlun Kossa -*

*ckossa@gmail.com*

*Wear your Hawaiian Apparel*





## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

# Come Join Us For Our 2nd Annual Commodore's Cruise To **ENSENADA** *On The Carnival Radiance* July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Day 1: Set sail from Long Beach at 5pm.  
Day 2: Arrive in Catalina 7:30-4:30 pm.  
Day 3: Arrive in Ensenada, Mexico 8-5pm.  
Day 4: Fun day at Sea.  
Day 5: Arrive in Long Beach Port at 7 am.

Pricing as follows and subject to change.

Interior Room \$484 pp  
Ocean View \$614.00 pp  
Balcony \$759.00 pp  
Suite \$1182 pp

Does not include Gratuity but can be purchased ahead of time when you book your cruise. Includes all meals with the exception of the specialty restaurants. Includes all music and specialty shows. Casino on boat and available while at Sea. Spa on boat.

Alcohol Drink packages are available at an additional cost.

Soft Drink packages are available at an additional cost.

You may bring two unopened bottles of wine or champagne with you at no additional charge. No hard liquor allowed to be brought onto the ship.

Passports are necessary. No Covid information needed.

Parking is at the Port in Long Beach. There is a charge so I suggest going with another couple.

Bring a friend or family member to join in on the fun.

Please advise Donna Groves if you are attending prior to booking your cruise. We may be able to get a group discount if we have enough people. Instructions will go out once we have a better idea of how many people will be attending. We will inform you when to book your cruise and any price changes.

Contact Donna Groves with any questions at [dcgultevent@aol.com](mailto:dcgultevent@aol.com)



## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

LANTERN DISTRICT  
DANA POINT  
**ArtFest**  
@dpartfest

**DANA POINT**

Free Entry

**ART AND WINE FEST**

90 local artists

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-4PM**

ART · MUSIC · FOOD  
WINE TASTINGS · BEER GARDENS

ON DEL PRADO

TAKE THE TROLLEY!

DANA POINT

Jackie's BEACH BAR & GRILL

THE GALLERY

**DOHENY SURF AND ART FESTIVAL**

JUNE 24-25

**2023**

DOHENYSTATEBEACH.ORG

CELEBRATE - EDUCATE - COMMUNICATE

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SEA GALS

LONG BEACH SAILING FOUNDATION

All girls on deck.....

**“ALL GIRLS ON DECK” THE 2023 SAILING SEASON!**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> & August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Go to <https://lbsailingfoundation.org/content/10/SeaGals.aspx> to Register.





# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE IN HONOR OF THE UPCOMING BATHING SUIT SEASON...





# 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
<del>** March 12-14</del>	<del>St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Dublin 4 Gastro Pub, Mission Viejo</del>
<del>** March 31-April 2</del>	<del>Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove - CANCELLED Cruise Captains: Brian Randall Co-Captains: The Sicards</del>
<del>** April 22</del>	<del>Poker Run &amp; Bonfire</del>
<del>** May 5-7 12-14</del>	<del>Cruise to Avalon Cabrillo YC Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</del>
June 9-11	Cruise to Danalina Cruise Captains: TBD Co-Captains: TBD
July 15	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 24-28	Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada Cruise Captains: The Groves
<del>** August 11-13</del>	<del>Cruise to Cherry Cove Avalon-LBYG Cruise Captains: The Sicards Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</del>
September 8-10	Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captains: The Hepners
<del>** Sep 29 – Oct 1</del>	<del>Cruise - TBD</del>
<del>** October 27-29 6-8</del>	<del>Cruise to Long Beach Avalon Cruise Captains: The Kossas Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</del>
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\\_hglt\\_sample.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wow/114-06-08/2023_vsc_form_hglt_sample.pdf)



If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at ([danapointuscgaux@gmail.com](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (4 <sup>th</sup> yr)
Active Member - Membership	Brian Randall (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 <sup>th</sup> 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:

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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 \$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.