

June's Newport Raft-Up Comin Soon! See details inside.....



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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

WEST COAST YACHT CLUB, are we fun or what?

I have to tell you all, you are making this so easy for me to be Commodore this year. The participation at the dinners, cruises, activities has been over the top and we have broken several records for attendance. Vice Commodore Rasulo, Rear Commodore Randall, the Board and I appreciate all of you and are excited for more to come this year.

The May Opening Day Cruise, themed Cinco de Mayo, was outstanding. Read all about it in my cruise report below.

We voted in 2 members in May, Nick & Dee Pappageorges and Bill & Susan Blanchard. We know they will be participating in our events moving forward, so introduce yourself and get to know them. They are a great addition to our club.

Following the raft up on Sunday May 5th, I drove to the American Legion in Newport for their Opening Day. It was an honor to be invited and see all the Veterans who attended. I can now check it off my Bucket List. What a wonderful day and weekend it was for me and Mike.

On May 18th I was invited by our Director of Membership, Sheri Meehleis, to accompany her and other DWYC/WCYC members to ride in the DWYC Boat Parade which was a lot of fun. Following the Parade, Vice Commodore Rasulo and I attended DWYC's Opening Day where we represented WCYC. We had a wonderful time and saw a lot of dual members from both clubs. Everyone had fun joining in on the festivities.

Our next cruise is coming up quickly in June and will be another Raft Up, but this time in Newport Beach Harbor. It will be hosted by Huntly, Covarrubias, Sandler, and Monk's. It will be a lot of fun and I hope to see you all there. We are limited again on how many boats we can have in the raft up so if you have not signed up, make sure to do so.

Donna Groves Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

With a couple of cruises under our belts, the 2024 season is now well underway. As usual, our Danalina event was fun. The high point for this year was the dingy parade accented with the harbor patrol providing a spectacular water display.

The third time was indeed the charm when it came to dethroning Big Bad John Kossa as the Left Right Center Champion. Lynette Brinkis took him down and won all the money. Now SHE's the target and must fight off challengers!

Next up it's the Newport Harbor raft-up on June 7-9. Our volunteer Cruise Captain, Tammy Huntley, will have WCYC royalty assisting her this time. Staff Commodores David Monk and Mike Sandler will Co-Capitan together with their lovely and talented wives Monique Monk and Sherri Sandler. This cruise will feature a group lunch at good ole Woody's Warf followed by a dingy cruise of Newport Harbor. There will be some surprises so don't miss it. So far, we have 22 people attending.

As always, keep looking for fellow boaters to join WCYC if you think they'd be a good fit. You are what keeps us growing

Tom Rasulo Vice Commodore





LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Opening Day Raft up with great friends, food, music, and not to mention our amazing "Dinghy Parade"! The dinghies looked great, and fun was had by all. A big thank you to all who helped make this a success! Thank you, Marji, for arranging and providing the decoration of Aquaholic for the lead boat in the parade. (BTW.... Yes, it took me forever to remove all the balloons off of Aquaholic.)

We are currently ramping up the plans for the Tikki Regatta. John Kossa is planning some amazing food and festivities for the afterparty on the "Grassy Knoll", and I am working on the details for the race itself. The race is currently registered on Regatta Network so you can scan the QR code on the flyer below. Please pass the word along to anyone you know with a sailboat as the more the merrier. We are looking forward to seeing you all there on July 27th.

We have some great cruises coming up quickly on the calendar and the next is the "Newport Raft Up" with the theme "Redneck Yacht Club" (I can only imagine what sights will be seen. LOL) I believe we are at 8 boats confirmed for the raft up and lots of folks visiting via dinghy. It should be a grand time.

If you haven't heard I have torn my Achilles tendon on my right leg, so my boating season has been greatly limited. I will see what events I can get out to. It is pretty exhausting using the scooter and peg leg. I am hoping for a mid-August return to the water.

Enjoy and Happy Boating Everyone!!

Brian Randall Rear Commodore





LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Happy June Everyone!

Well we're almost through May "Gray" and Mother Nature finally seems to be releasing her hold on our cold and rainy weather. But there's no "June Gloom" for West Coast Yacht Club members though, with our "Redneck Yacht Club" raft up just a few days away! So far this year all of you have turned out in a big way to put West Coast Yacht Club in the headlines! Our very first "Opening Day" raft up and dinghy parade caused heads to turn throughout the harbor and certainly set the bar for future Opening Day festivities. A big thanks to our Officers for putting together such a memorable event!

Congratulations to our newest members! I am pleased to announce the Board of Directors has approved full membership privileges to two new members. A big welcome to Mike and Melanie Owens who are joining our great family of boaters. When you see them next please introduce yourselves and get to know our newest members.

I have more great news to share with all of you!!! Your Officers and the Board of Directors, in particular our resident "IT Guy" Steve Fiorillo, are putting together the Club's first Member Directory! This directory will include your photo, a photo of your vessel, your names, contact info(email/phone), and vessel name & location. The directory should be ready for distribution next month and will be sent directly to each member. Please send your photos of yourself and vessel to Steve at admin@westcoastyachtclub.com. If there's any of your personal you prefer NOT to have included, or if you'd like to be omitted altogether, please let Steve know.

Please continue to keep your eyes out for potential new members! The more the merrier!

Sheri Meehlies Membership Chair





LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

Hi WCYC Members,

The Tiki Regatta is coming together nicely. Members have voted on the food choice, and the overwhelming results was for a Taco Cart.

We're still looking for racers, so please let all your friends and family know. For more information, please read the flyer below.

John Kossa Fleet/Port Captain





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



In Memoriam

Remembering Danny Casteel by Sheri Meehlies



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend, and fellow sailor Danny Casteel, who set sail for his final voyage on April 16, 2024.

He met the love of his life, Jan, while they were attending high school together and they married shortly after graduation on June 16, 1966. They had two amazing sons, Randy and Jeremiah and one granddaughter. He and Jan also have very special extended family members, their dear adopted daughter, Eda and her husband Paul Selecky as well as all of his friends at West Coast Yacht Club and Dana West Yacht Club.

Danny spent his life exploring new horizons. He studied at Orange Coast College and National University, where he obtained his teaching credentials. He had an infectious enthusiasm and love for teaching and went on to teach at San Juan Elementary and Hidden Hills Elementary and will be remembered by the countless students he taught for his unwavering inspiration, guidance and dedication.

Danny was a vibrant and adventuring soul with a deep love for the sea. He began sailing early in his life and he and Jan's sailboats were always filled with family, laughter, music and new friends. Their boats were named the "U.S.S Crustacean," "Tropical Impulse," a 2004 Ericson, and "Tropical Breeze," a beautiful Hunter. Several years ago they decided it was time for a more relaxing vessel to while away their hours and bought a Ranger Tug they named "Sea Therapy".

Danny had a heart of gold, an uncanny wit and a spirit of adventure that will never be forgotten. As we say goodbye to our dear friend, we take comfort in the memories of his bright smile, his laughter, and the countless lives he touched. May his legacy continue to inspire us to live life to the fullest and cherish the connections we make along the way. Fair winds and following seas, dear Danny. You will be missed!



Cruíse Captains: WCYC Staff Cruíse Report by Commodore Donna Groves

The May Opening Day Cruise which we themed Cinco de Mayo, was outstanding.

There was a total of 14 Boats. We had some concerns about the weather Saturday night, so a few boats stayed back in their slips but came and joined in the activities by dinghies. A few brought their boats for only 1 night, but the rest stayed the entire weekend and the weather cooperated. We had 34 people who attended and several who stopped by on their dinghy's for the fun



Friday night hors d'ourves were hosted on our one and only Staff Commodore Dave Monk and his wonderful wife Monique's boat. They always jump in where needed and we so appreciate them. Their boat is definitely set up to entertain larger groups.

Saturday started with Breakfast Burrito's and eye openers served on the Commodore's boat. DWYC who we reciprocate with, and we have several dual members, made the breakfast burritos. If you are a DWYC member or even when visiting, when you see Chef Angel let him know how good they were. Everyone raved about them, and we are trying to get them on the menu at the Club.

The Ooening Day Parade started with our Dana Point Harbor Patrol sending us off in true official fashion complete with waterspout.



They took the dinghy's around the entire harbor where people on the walkway's cheered and took photos of our decorated dinghy's.























Our dinghy bar that traveled with the parade was staffed by the Hostess with the Mostess Cindy Fiorillo, and Captain Commordorable Mike Groves. They cruised next to the dinghy's serving, Juice, Mimosa's, and Bloody Mary's (only to the passengers).

Look at all the fun pictures on our WCYC Facebook.

Our winner for the Opening
Day Traditional
Dinghy, went to
Sondra
Harrison,
decorating her
vessel in the true
spirit of red,
white, and blue.





Congratulations to our Fiesta Theme Winners......



1st Place: Rear Commodore Brían Randall and Dírector Marjí Weber





2nd Place: Míke and Maureen Owen's



3rd Place: Tammy Huntly and Rod Covarrubías.





Congratulations to all our first ever Opening Day Trophy Winners! They will all be featured on Perpetual Opening Day Trophy. A Perpetual Trophy is being engraved as we speak, and once done we will present it at the next event.



Dinner was a traditional Mexican Fiesta which was catered serving Fajitas with all the trimmings. Big Wally hosted the bar with Margarita's, Champagne, and mixed drinks. Thanks Drew and Natalie for pitching in.



On Saturday night, someone FINALLY beat our Port/Fleet Captain John Kossa in the LCR tournament. His streak has come to the end. Lynette Brinkis won twice so it makes her the New Champion for the Johnny Boy LCR Tournament. Congrats Lynette, but he is coming for you at the next LCR tournament.

Thanks to all of you who made this a very memorable WCYC Inaugural Opening Day!



BIRTHDAYS



June Birthdays:

Tom Hensley	9 th
Rod Covarrubias	10 th
Brenda VandenBerg	20 th
Mindy Sicard	22 nd
Barb DeFabry	23 rd

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June Raft-Up in Newport Harbor



Cruise Captains: Huntley/Covarrubias & Monks/Sandlers \$45.00/pp

(Includes Sat's Brunch at Woody's Wharf and Dinner)

Friday, June 7

3:00p: Arrivals - Call on channel 71 for assistance.

5:00p: Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB aboard Diadem. Wear red, white and denim blue for group photo

Saturday, June 8

9:30a: Dingy over to Woody's Wharf restaurant for Bottomless Champagne Brunch

11:30a: Dingy parade around the Harbor back to tie-up 12:30 Chill, enjoy life on the water with friends, lunch on your own 5:00p: Dinner on Diadem, includes Moonshine

Sunday, June 9
Departures



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July Cruise to Cherry Cove July 12-14 Cruise Captains: The Riddles & The Threlkelds eVites Coming Soon!





UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

592 Superior Avenue, Newport Beach

HAVE ANY UNUSED MARINE FLARES? SAFELY DISPOSE OF THEM AT NO COST

DETAILS: OC residents and boaters are asked to bring expired flares

to the event. Upon arrival, staff will collect items directly from vehicle trunks.

OCWR will be joined by OC Health Care Agency onsite, promoting their Free Bilge Pad Exchange Program.

WHY: Join OC Waste & Recycling for an essential community service. Boaters are invited to a free collection event.

Disposing of marine flares safely can be difficult, with few

options available.

For details on how to safely dispose of household hazardous waste, visit OCLandfills/hazardous-waste. Have recycling questions? Check out OCRecycleGuide.com.



Accepted:

- Hand-Held Flares
- Aerial Flares
- Smoke Flares



Not Accepted:

- · Electronic Flares
- Military Flares
- Hazardous Waste such as Paint, Oil, E-waste or

batteries.



OC RESIDENTS DISPOSE OF MARINE FLARES FOR FREE!





















CLUB NEWS & INFO

- New Members
 - Mike & Melanie Owens

In Honor Of Summer's Arrival (Hopefully).....



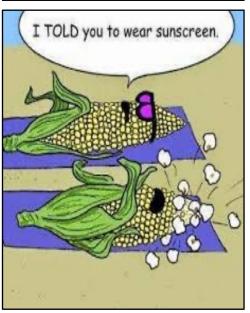
















2024 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

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: Huntley / Covarrubias

Co-Captains: Monks / Sandlers

July 12-14 Cruise to Cherry Cove

Cruise Captains: The Riddles Co-Captains: The Threlkelds

July 27 The Famous Tiki Regatta

** Aug 3 Olympic Pub Crawl

August 9-11 Cruise to Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

August 11-15 Optional Extended Cruise From Avalon:

8/11-12: Long Beach > 8/13 San Pedro > 8/14 Newport

September Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21st or 28th)

** October 18-20 4-6 Cruise to Long Beach YC

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 or new event.



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 scan our QR code or go to the Dana Point CG Auxiliary VSC page to request a VSC,

https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599



- Education -

Our Boating Education 2024 Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back.

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	Mark Babcock		

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 (1 st yr)		
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1st yr)		
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4 th yr)		
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (1st 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

Redondo Beach YC

210 Yacht Club Way

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Pacific Mariners YC

13915 Panay Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Seal Beach YC

255 Marina Drive

Long Beach, CA. 90803

Port Royal YC

555 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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			
city			
Vessel Type Length			
Vessel Name			
Home Port	Basin (if in D	P harbor)	
Slip Slip Size	Beam		
Prospective members are required to	attend two events a	nd be introduced at that time by the	ir sponsors or a Club Officer.
The Membership Chairperson's recor	nmendation, the sign	atures of two sponsoring	
Club Members and all dues will be pr	esented to the Board	of Directors at their next scheduled	meeting. Current dues are
\$200 annually, plus a one time initiat	ion fee of \$200.		
The undersigned hereby agrees to ab	ide by the Club's By-l	aw's, Policies and Protocols:	
Applicant #1		Date	
Applicant #2			
Sponsoring Member #1		Date	
Sponsoring Member #2		Date	
Please return your Membership Appl	ication together with	your check (made navable to West (Coast Yacht Club) to the
Membership Chair.	icación together with	your effect (made payable to West (soust ruent clusy to the