



WEST COAST YACHT CLUB

FROM OUR COMMODORE

Ahoy WCYC Members!

Summer has finally arrived!

I have to apologize for not being present at any of our recent events since our Oceanside cruise. I've been dealing with my Mom's health care and chemo treatments for Leukemia. Added to that, Tracey, the cats, and I have bought a place and moved up north to Murphys CA. We are working on getting settled in.

We will be back down in the harbor for the Tiki Regatta on July 6th!

Since I've been out of the loop on the last couple of cruises, it's been brought to my attention that we as WCYC members need to revisit our Club Etiquette and Policies. We all want to have a good time and not offend others in the process. Vice Commodore, Dave Monk, has written his letter to the Members to address this point. Please read his letter and revisit our Club Policies. Remember our motto:

“There are big ships and small ships, but the best ship of all is FRIENDSHIP!”

Hope to see you soon at our Tiki Regatta and dock party following the race!

Happy Boating,
Blake Campbell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FROM OUR VICE COMMODORE

Dear fellow members of WCYC,

Last weekend's raft-up in Danalina was terrific fun as always with 11 boats in total all buddied up in the Dana Point turning basin plus additional members joining us to hang out during the day activities.

Our cruise captains, Donna and Mike Groves with co-captains Steve and Cindy Fiorillo did an outstanding job not only setting up all of the anchors but providing Breakfast and the entertainment which included a highly contested Dinghy Scavenger hunt in our own harbor! As usual our members enjoyed socializing with everyone on their boats including with our two newest members, Drew and Natalie on Big Wally (they were officially welcomed into the club and presented their Burgee and Members Handbook) and Tom and Karen Rasulo who joined us for Saturday events.

I do, however, want to take this opportunity to discuss this with you all as members of WCYC that we have seen a shift in behavior during our cruise events that does not meet with our common standards of behavior. In addition, there is also the matter of safety, which is of paramount importance to us all as boaters and friends. We all want to enjoy our time boating together and I would like to remind everyone that we are all ambassadors for the club.

It's a privilege to be a member of our prestigious and long standing yacht club and we should be mindful of continuing our tradition of courtesy and respect to all of our fellow members and indeed to the whole boating community.

We have added the West Coast Yacht Club Policies, Protocols and Etiquette to the Binnacle as a refresher for everyone to read and review. Please remember that the fleet officers are always available if you have any questions.

We have a great club that we are extremely proud of and a long and rich heritage in the yachting community. Proudly fly your WCYC burgee and know that you represent the best Yacht club in Southern California!

Looking forward to spending time with you all on the upcoming events and seeing you on your boats.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

David Monk

WCYC Policies, Protocols and Etiquette

General:

Underway - Monitor VHF Channel 16

WCYC communicates on VHF Channel 71

When cruising keep in contact with other WCYC members

Hail other members on VHF Channel 16, then switch to VHF 71

Call other members every: 30 minutes while cruising so the fleet knows where you are.

Entering Port - Switch and Monitor VHF Channel 71.

Know the cruise arrival times.

Check-in with Cruise Captain upon arrival

While in port:

Change your VHF radio power setting to 1-watt

Monitor VHF Channel 71 for cruise activity updates.

Activities change from the plan-of-the-day.

Your cruise Captain will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate those changes

Contact other cruise members on VHF Channel 71

Required Gear:

Before the cruise check your docking gear. Store docking gear to be immediately available when docking.

When cruising you will need the following:

4 large fully-inflated fenders (minimum 2 per side)

4 25-foot dock lines (1/2" or greater)

50 foot power cord (30 AMP & 50 AMP) with assorted plug adaptors

Bow anchor with minimum 150 feet of chain or combination chain & line.

Be prepared to drop your anchor when requested to do so.

Your anchor deployment is for ***the safety of the entire fleet***. If you refuse to deploy your anchor be prepared to be asked to leave the anchorage and WCYC cruise.

In Port:

- Fly your WCYC burgee at all times during the day.
- Secure your burgee at night to prevent flapping and bothering your neighbors.
- Club quiet hours: 2300 hours - 0800 hours
- No running generators or engines.
- Mute music and loud talking - people are sleeping, maybe not in the next boat, but sound travels.
- In the morning, no loud noises & keep voice levels low - not everyone gets up at 0700 hours.
- When rafted and crossing from boat to boat:
 - Cross using swim platforms or cross at the bow
 - Plan ahead that your last boat crossing is before 2300 hours, people in the boat you're crossing may have turned-in early.
 - Be courteous at all times.

Etiquette:

- When visiting another boat, Request permission to board first.
- If you have a pet with you, ask the boat owner first before bringing the pet aboard another vessel. The boats owner or a guest may have allergies.
- Use your own head, don't ask permission- no one will say no, holding tanks are limited.
- Do not untie another vessels lines without speaking with the boats skipper first.
- Control your consumption of alcohol, the more you drink the louder voices become and transferring from boat to boat can be a dampening experience and dangerous.
- Always follow the directions of the Cruise Captain when entering and departing from a cruise dock or raft-up.

Protocol:

Pre-cruise:

Perform a Vessel Safety Check with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to ensure your vessel is ready and legal.

RSVP with the Cruise Captain on or before the deadline date.

If there is limited docking space on a cruise, RSVP early to insure your space on the priority list.

Payment for cruise participation is due upon checking-in with the Cruise Captain or at the designated activity as identified by the Cruise Captain.

If you RSVP for a cruise and cannot make the cruise contact the Cruise Captain immediately, be prepared to pay for the cruise unless released by the Cruise Captain.

Ensure the Club has all required pertinent information on your vessel for your safety and some harbor requirements:

Boat Name

Boat Documentation or CF Number

Copy of your boat's Insurance Declaration Page

Power or Sail

Length & Beam

Origination port and slip number. Especially helpful if reciprocals are in effect during the cruise.

Entering Port:

Plan to depart your home port so you arrive at the appointed time or, as in Oceanside, a docking appointment as instructed by the Cruise Captain.

In ports such as Oceanside boat placement by size is pre-determined and your vessel needs to be available to tie-up before the next vessel arrives. If you're late your delay causes others to wait & drift until you are safely tied-up.

Have your radio turned to Channel 71 upon entering

Hail "West Coast Yacht Club" upon entering the harbor

Notify WCYC "Yellow-Shirts" of your position so they can greet you and can be standing-by to help and assist if needed.

Maintain radio monitoring, do not engage others in chit-chat, the Cruise Captain needs the channel clear to give docking instructions and information.

When approaching the dock or raft-up, ensure you gear has been removed from storage and is ready for deployment:

Fenders (4-fully inflated) 2-Port & 2-Starboard available **with** securing lines

Bow & Stem lines affixed to a cleat and ready.

Dinghy's are down and out of the way

Call a "Yellow Shirt" for any type of assistance or just to be standing by 'just-in-case'.

Don't be macho, help is available and saves on costly boat repairs and divorce attorneys.

In Port & Visiting

Fly your WCYC Burgee

Secure burgee during night time hours to avoid burgee wind flap noise

When visiting other Yacht clubs:

Wear your name
badge

Show your WCYC membership card

Sign-in when entering

Check with the club or port captain on local rules & regulations concerning pets

Wear appropriate clothing:

A collared shirt (no tee-shirts)

Slacks or shorts (no swimming attire)

Remove hats upon entering any building

When in a visiting slip:

Do not use that slip owners lines, hoses, power cords, spring-lines.

Refrain from re-arranging the slip owners:

Stairs

Pre-positioned dock and springlines.

Power cords

Water hose

Kayaks or other stored

Dinner & Cruise Fee Policy:

Late RSVP:

Cruise or dinner RSVP's received after a RSVP deadline date.

Member informed of being on a cruise/dinner stand-by reserve list pending a cancellation

Member may attend, but cannot participate in pre-paid activity or meal.

Cruise & dinner Fee:

Cruise fee or dinner cost becomes a member commitment after the deadline date..

Members failing to cancel by the deadline are responsible for paying the cruise fee or dinner cost per their RSVP

Cruise fees or dinner costs collected at the event.

A member refusing to pay their cruise fee or dinner cost is referred to the Board of Directors for action as outlined in the WCYC by-laws

Exceptions being:

Illness

Boat mechanical failure

Weather

A reserve list member is available to take their place

Visiting Other Yacht Club Protocol & Courtesies:

Source: Southern California Yachting Association

Most yacht clubs in Southern California who reciprocate with other yacht clubs in the area do so on a formal basis. This is typically done through an exchange of reciprocal cards, which are approved and issue on an annual basis. This activity is between two specific clubs who wish to offer the mutual exchange use of their facilities. These reciprocal privileges are not intended to entitle guests to "wholesale" use of the other's facility.

Under no circumstance should a yachtsperson assume that all clubs are reciprocal and before requesting entrance to another yacht club, the yachtsperson should check with their own club to ensure a reciprocal agreement exists. Prudent yacht people will make their visit to another yacht club more enjoyable if they follow the simple rules of courtesy as follows:

Verify you have reciprocal privilege before casting-off.

Call as far ahead as possible so:

The club can ensure space is available

Your visit will not conflict with another club function

The club can plan all other arrangements as necessary

When making arrangements, ask about club and marina rules & regulations pertaining to:

Pets

Parties

Electrical service

Pump-out facilities

Shower facilities

Local restaurants, food markets and marine stores.

Always sign the guest register. In some clubs this is mandatory.

Always have a current membership card from your club and be prepared to show it courteously to staff and members of the club you are visiting upon request.

Wear your club's nametag.

Ask for a copy or the location of club rules. Observe them as members of their club must; remember you are their guest and you represent our club.

Always be courteous with club employees. Remember, their direction comes from their club officers and are not of their making.

Visiting Other Yacht Club Protocol & Courtesies (Cont'd):

When planning cruise-type visits, make arrangements early in the year with the appropriate yacht club officials.

Patronize the facilities of the club. They may have brought in extra staff and provisions for your visit.

Under no circumstances board or make fast to any vessel, unless specifically asked to do so or upon obtaining permission.

Under no circumstances use hoses, stairs, mops or other materials belonging to the slip-holder without permission.

Many skippers leave lines, particularly spring lines, at their slips to assist their vessel in docking upon their return. Never use and most particularly do not re-tie these lines, as your action could cause serious damage to the slip-owners vessel and crew.

Always follow good environmental practices consistent with concerns for proper trash disposal and discharges from your vessel into the water; leave a clean wake.

Write a thank-you note and mention any employees or members who were particularly helpful.

If you have been invited to participate in a regatta or race, you and your crew are guests just as much as on any other visit to the Host Club and much conduct yourselves as guests.

If approaching by sea, fly your burgee.

Most clubs want you to visit their facilities. Traditional yachting protocol, courtesy and a thank-you will help them achieve providing you a great yachting experience.

Marine Radio Etiquette:

VHF Basics

The lowly VHF radio remains the most versatile communication device for a boat. It is the only communication device most pleasure boats carry, and it is required by law before you can put any other marine radio aboard. Due in part to its universality, the VHF is arguably the most valuable piece of safety gear aboard, delivering any call for assistance to dozens or hundreds of nearby listening ears.

Fixed-mount or hand-held?

Modern hand-held VHF radios are full featured and extremely convenient, and they have the significant advantage in an emergency of being independent of the boat's electrical system. Where maximum range and/or continuous use are more important, you will want a fixed-mount unit. If your budget allows, having both offers additional advantages, such as two-way communications with an excursion party (but transmissions from ashore are prohibited without a coast-station permit).

Not a telephone

Boaters also use the VHF much like a telephone to call other boats and shore stations to relay information, to make appointments, or sometimes just to chat. Before you join in, however, you should recognize the differences between VHF radio and telephone communication:

Radio conversations are not private. When you talk on the VHF, everyone within range tuned to that channel is listening.

Regulations require radio conversations to be for "operational" purposes, which is interpreted liberally by most pleasure boat operators. Sharing weather information, confirming a rendezvous, even obtaining a recipe for fish stew are defensible uses, but social chit-chat-say, talk about sports, movies, or shoreside activities-is not. This regulation is widely ignored in many areas, but if someone calls you down about it, he or she is right.

A radio conversation ties up the channel you are using. No one else within a 25-30 mile radius can use it until you sign off. This is significant because only five channels are legitimately available for pleasure-boat-to- pleasure-boat communication. Think of this situation as an airport terminal with a single bank of five pay phones. If callers are lined up three-deep while some blockhead drones on and on about the size of the mosquitoes in Maine, you can be sure he won't be the only unhappy camper. In high- traffic areas, keep calls short.

Radio etiquette

Using a VHF radio is as easy as announcing yourself on an apartment intercom. Turn the power on, set the channel to 16, and listen for a few seconds. If Channel 16 isn't in use, key the microphone-meaning squeeze the button on its side-and say the name of the boat you are calling twice, followed by the name of your boat, and then "over." Release the mike button. A typical call transmission would sound like this:

"Cowboy, Cowboy. Tambourine, over." You can say "this is Tambourine," but keeping calls as cryptic as possible is desirable. Since VHF licensing was eliminated (except for vessels traveling into foreign waters), you no longer need to announce your radio call sign. Cowboy will respond "Tambourine, (this is) Cowboy." If Cowboy doesn't respond, wait two minutes and try again. You are permitted three tries two minutes apart, but common sense should tell you that if Cowboy has failed to respond twice, the third transmission is just airwave pollution. Wait at least 15 minutes before you make another attempt. Few things will give your on-the-water neighbors a worse opinion of you than listening to you call over and over and over. They're not there, already; give it a rest. When Cowboy does respond, key your mike and say "Six eight?" Channel 16 is reserved exclusively for calling and distress. Once contact is established, you must switch immediately to a working channel. The five channels designated for non-commercial ship-to-ship communications are 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78A. Channel 9 used to be in this group, but has been re-designated as an alternate calling (but not distress) channel. Cowboy confirms your channel selection by repeating it. By either rotating a knob or pushing a button, you select channel 68 on your radio, key the mike, and say "Cowboy. Tambourine." When Cowboy responds, you have your conversation, ending each transmission with "over" so Cowboy will know when you are finished and it is time to respond. When your conversation is complete, your last transmission should be "Tambourine, out." Cowboy will likewise say "Cowboy, out." "Out" lets anyone waiting to use the channel know you are through with it. Sometimes when you switch to a working channel, you find it occupied. In that case, check the other four to find an empty one, then go back to 16 and say, "Cowboy. Tambourine. Seven one." If you and Cowboy speak regularly, saying just "seven one" may be adequate. Either way, Cowboy will respond "seven one." You both switch to Channel 71 and have your conversation.

Use low power

All fixed-mount VHF radios can transmit at either 25 watts or 1 watt. The maximum power from a handheld is typically 5 watts. With either type, if your radio contact is nearby, set the power setting to low (1 watt) to reduce the distance the signal carries beyond your target. Also watch your language; not only is profanity over the air against the law, it will be particularly offensive to other boaters with children aboard

AND NOW FOR THE FUN STUFF!



West Coast Yacht Club's
2019



Tiki Regatta

Dana Point Harbor **Saturday, July 6th**

This race is for Anyone who loves boating!
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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 please email Mike Wagner at mcwagner1@cox.net

Cost is \$20 per person for dinner & \$10 for a race hat

****Must have entry forms into Jay by June 27th****

9:30 Pre-Race Meeting- Captains meet at N dock, East Basin, Island side (Wag's slip- N5). *Everyone will need to bring their own lunch for the race

13:00 Race Begins

Following the race we'll meet on N dock (TBD – Probably Blake's slip) for dinner and awards. BYO beverages & chairs. Paella dinner will be served.



If you would like to come just for the awards & dinner email mcwagner1@cox.net. Last year we had a great turnout of dinner only guests and it was a lot of fun.

MAY CRUISE

Our Cinco De Mayo cruise was a success! Thank you everyone for a great weekend.

On Friday we celebrated David Monk's birthday & hosted cocktails with light appetizers on The Box Office. Saturday it was all about fiesta mini golf & 31 for dinner at Mi Casita. Best fiesta mini golf costume went to Christopher Monk. Lowest score winner was David Monk & highest score "winner" was Nikki Wagner, but since the prize contained alcohol (boxed wine) we gave it to the next person with highest score Christine Wagner.

Thank you everyone for participating & making it another wonderful West Coast Yacht Club Cruise.



JUNE CRUISE PICTURES





West Coast Yacht Club

2019 Cruising Schedule

May 3-5 Cruise to Avalon

Cruise Captain: Kossas Co-Captains: Stones

June 7-9 Cruise to Danalina

Cruise Captain: Groves Co-Captains: Fiorillos

July 6 The Famous Tiki Regatta

July 19-21 Cruise to Two Harbors

Cruise Captain: Wagners Co-Captains: McNamaras/Vandenbergs

August 16-18 Cruise to Newport Beach

Cruise Captain: Sicards Co-Captains: Monks

September 13-15 Cruise to Two Harbors

Cruise Captain: Vandenbergs Co-Captains: McNamaras

October 25-27 Cruise to Long Beach

Cruise Captain: Campbells Co-Captains: Bowens

November 16 Commodores Dinner at Vintage Steak House

December 7 Christmas Brunch at SJHGC

West Coast Yacht Club 2018 Officers and Board of Directors

2019

The Elective officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore:

Commodore	Blake Campbell
Vice Commodore	David Monk
Rear Commodore	Kevin Bertrand

The Flag officers of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore.

Sr. Staff Commodore	Jim McNamara
Jr. Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard

The Appointive officers of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian.

Fleet Captain	Mike Wagner
Secretary	Julie Barnes
Treasurer	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock
Port Captain	Mike Wagner
Membership Chairperson	Mindy Sicard
Jag/Parliamentarian	Ron Latin

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Senior Staff Commodore, Junior Staff Commodore and six additional Active Members.

Commodore	Blake Campbell
Vice Commodore	David Monk
Rear Commodore	Kevin Bertrand
Sr. Staff Commodore	Jim McNamara
Jr. Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Active Member	Steve Fiorillo (2 yr)
Active Member	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock (3 yr)
Active Member	Tracey Imsland (3 yr)
Active Member	Mindy Sicard (3 yr)
Active Member	Teri Bowen (3 yr)



WEST COAST YACHT CLUB RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

American Legion Yacht Club 215 15th Street Newport Beach, CA. 92663	Anacapa Yacht Club 2810 S. Harbor Blvd. B-6 Oxnard, CA 93035	Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club 1601 Bayside Drive Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832	Alamitos Bay Yacht Club 7201 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551
Buccaneer Yacht Club P.O. Box 76 San Pedro, CA. 90733	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club 211 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207	Cerritos Bahia Yacht Club 6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway Long Beach, CA 90803	Balboa Basin Yacht Club 829 Harbor Island Drive #38 Newport Beach, CA. 92660
Chula Vista Yacht Club 642 Marina Parkway #83 Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058	Convair Sailing Club P.O. Box 22981 San Diego, CA. 92192-2981	Coronado Cays Yacht Club 30 Caribe Cay Blvd. Coronado, CA. 92118	Channel Islands Yacht Club 4100 S Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310
Hollywood Yacht Club Holiday Harbor Marina Berth 201 Wilmington, CA 90744	Huntington Harbour Yacht club 3821 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, CA. 92649	Lido Isle Yacht Club 701 Via Lido Soud Newport Beach, CA. 92663	Dana West Yacht Club 24601 Dana Drive Dana Point, CA. 92629
Long Beach Yacht Club 602 Appian Way Long Beach, CA. 90803	Marina Venice Yacht Club 4333 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292	Marina Yacht Club of Long Beach 233 Corsair Way Seal Beach, CA. 90740	Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club 233 Marina Dr. Long Beach, CA. 90803
Morro Bay Yacht Club 541 Embarcadero Drive Morro Bay, CA. 93442	Navy Yacht Club Long Beach 223 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803	Navy Yacht Club San Diego Fiddlers Cove Marina POB 182111 San Diego, CA. 92187	Mission Bay Yacht Club 1215 El Carmel CT. San Diego, CA 92109
Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club 2600 Harbor Blvd Oxnard, CA 93035	Pacific Mariners Yacht Club 13915 Panay Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292	Port Royal Yacht Club 555 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach, CA 90277	Oceanside Yacht Club 1950 N. Harbor Dr. Oceanside, CA 92054
	Seal Beach Yacht Club 255 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803	Shoreline Yacht Club 386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802	Redondo Beach Yacht Club 210 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach, CA. 90277
South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club 13445 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292	South Shore Yacht Club 1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA. 92660	Ventura Yacht Club 1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396	Silver Gate Yacht Club 2091 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA. 92106
			Westlake Yacht Club 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 \$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.