



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

March, 2021

February's Dinner & Change of Watch pictures inside.....



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Don't forget to sign up for your 2021 Vessel Safety Check Today!

Photo of 2021 Staff Officers



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

We are off to a grand start to the season with our first social event, the February Lunch, which was a huge success! Big thanks to Dave Stancil for arranging the event - a terrific venue and the food was excellent; Mindy and Ed for all of the preparation for the Change of Watch ceremony, the initiation and presentation of club binders, burgees and name badges to our newest members and presentation of the 2020 trophies and Donna for the Ships Store (I heard everything sold out!). Also thanks to all the board members for making it a successful event!

It was a great opportunity to acknowledge and thank the 2020 flag officers and board for all of their hard work in the most challenging of years, welcome in our new 2021 flag officers and recognize the new 2021 board members (thanks to Tom Rasulo for stepping up as our new membership chair).

Many laughs, slightly rowdy (maybe if I accepted the offer of the microphone in the future I would be able to keep the agenda on track!), some pomp and ceremony but an all important part of our 90 year heritage and tradition at the West Coast Yacht Club – the best little yacht club in SOCAL! Also, a great opportunity to welcome in new members (and guests) to our yacht club – we must be doing something right as we continue to add to our membership!

We have a full and exciting cruising schedule, many thanks to Mike Sandler, and a big thank you to those of you who signed up to be cruise captains and co-cruise captains (can't wait to see the new cruise themes!) – I know we are all looking forward to getting back into our normal flow of the season, enjoying the company of our membership and celebrating this amazing and beautiful part of the world we call our home!

I am certainly, as I am sure we all are, ready to pull up the anchor, cast off the lines and head out to sea for new adventures.

Make sure you sign up for our March Dinner!

”Stay Safe & Healthy and Fair Winds and Following Seas”

David Monk
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

First, I would like to give a HUGE shout out to Dave Stancil for an excellent job on our February brunch at Luciana's Ristorante in Dana Point. The food and service were fantastic, and it sure seemed like everyone had a great time. I would also like to thank everyone who signed up to be "Cruise Captain's" for this year's events. The list went quick (thank goodness everyone was drinking). We have one Co-Captain opening left for our Cherry Cove cruise in July. Please contact me or Ron Latin if you would like to co-host that cruise. What a great way to start off our 2021 season.

We have another upcoming dinner this month, and then we will have our first cruise of the season, which is our famous "Shake Down Cruise to Danalina" in April and will be hosted by the always impressive Mindy and Ed Sicard. We are looking forward to a great turnout so stay tuned for upcoming emails regarding that event. The complete 2021 cruise schedule is below, so mark your calendars.

That is all for now.

Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DAVE STANCIL

Ahoy All:

First, I want to thank all of you that attended the February luncheon and Change of Command Ceremony at Luciana's in Dana Point. There was a degree of difficulty in finding a COVID compliant venue for our group, but Luciana's made it easy!

Secondly, if you recall in last month's *Binnacle*, I explained a little about the umbrella organization we are a member of, called the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). One of the benefits of our membership is that we can compete with clubs our size for the "Club of the Year" award. The competition between the larger clubs is quite fierce, but for the clubs our size, there is less competition. Such an award would not only give WCYC "bragging rights" but could also help us in recruitment of new members. When you look at WCYC's overall activities, we offer a lot to our membership.

The Board has just approved an initiative to go after this award for 2021. There is no cost to compete, just a lot of documentation of activities that WCYC already undertakes. I will be heading this initiative which tracks our activities, and the final score is based on points awarded by SCYA for the submitted documentation. There are 18 total point categories and a club our size has a maximum point allocation of 68.

Finally, the EVITE for the March Dinner at El Adobe on 3/20/21 has gone out. Please, please, please, RSVP by 3/15/21. We have a great menu set up and the feedback from those of you who attended the November 2020 dinner there at El Adobe was great.

Dave Stancil
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN MINDY SICARD

Hello All:

Just wanted to let you know about two dates to save in your calendar....

The Tiki Regatta Sailboat Race: July 10th

Due to the SCYA's calendar availability the race date has changed from June 26th to Saturday, July 10th. The after party has also moved from the docks to the grassy knoll(across the street from DWYC).

Summer Olympics Pub Crawl in Dana Point Harbor: July 24th

We did this last summer Olympics it was a lot of fun. Details to follow and costumes are strongly encouraged.....



Hope to see you there!

Mindy Sicard
Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

Hi all,

I'm excited to be appointed by Commodore David Monk to chair Membership for 2021!

I'd like to begin that effort by saying that membership is really all of our responsibility. Our existing members will always be the best source of new prospective members. After all, who knows our club better and can speak to its culture, benefits, and functions as well as measuring if WCYC is the kind of club they are looking for and if the match is a good one.

Compliments to Commodore Jim McNamara! At the luncheon he came right over to new members RJ Traviso and Kevin Jones / Linda McCroskey and introduced himself and warmly welcomed them to WCYC. It makes such a difference. Other members did the same. Nice going to all! This is a cultural behavior we must increase, encourage, and continue.

Please, go out of your way to talk to and welcome new members.

It is my goal to see prospective members at every event. Luncheons, dinners, and dock parties are great places for prospective members to get to know us.

Please email me at Trasulo@cox.net or text at 949-350-3037 to give me the names of those you would like me follow up with. I will take it from there with your assistance and be advised I'll surely not ever pressure anyone. We should never have to.

I will create a Prospective Member List (PML) and report on it regularly. Thanks in advance to all of you that will help me grow our club with passionate boaters who love to cruise and have fun

Tom Rasulo
Membership Chair



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



February's Luncheon Luciana's





2020 Awards & Trophies



Commodore's Perpetual

Awarded to each year's Commodore

David Monk



Galatea Perpetual

Greatest distance traveled with powerboat Served WCYC with distinction in the true Corinthian spirit

Mike Wagner



Steve Newmark Perpetual

Mike Sandler



Mark Hulsman Perpetual

For outstanding contributions to yachting

Ron & Cindy Latin



Most Island Touches Perpetual

Most visits to Catalina Island

Chip & Christie Threlkeld



2021 BOD Appreciation

Jim McNamara, Mindy Sicard, Mike Sandler, Steve Fiorillo, Donna Groves, Suzanne Gehret-Babcock, Dave Stancil, Ed Sicard, & Ron Latin



2021 Change of Watch



David Monk
2021 Commodore



Mike Sandler
2021 Vice Commodore



Dave Stancil
2021 Rear Commodore

2021 New Appointments



Mindy Sicard
2021 Fleet/Port Captain



Tom Rasulo
2021 Membership Chair



BIRTHDAYS



March Birthdays:

Ron Latin	13 th
Monique Monk	13 th
Alicia Egan	18 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

As the health and safety of our membership is our top priority, all upcoming events are subject to the current COVID restrictions and may be canceled or rescheduled accordingly.

WCYC MARCH DINNER & CELEBRATION
**¡ACOMPAÑANOS
 A CELEBRAR!**

HOST: DAVE STANCIL 714-742-5309
 SATURDAY, MARCH 20 FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM PT
 EL ADOBE DE CAPISTRANO
 31891 CAMINO CAPISTRANO SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA 92675



April's
Shakedown Cruise
To
Danalina!

April 16th – 18th

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



The Ocean Institute's
Festival of the Whales

March 6th – 7th



CLUB NEWS & INFO

• WCYC New Members

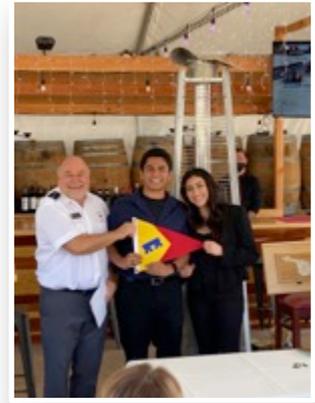
WCYC welcomes three new members this month...



Kevin Jones & Linda McCroskey
"Heil Yeah"
38' SeaRay SunDancer
Alamitos Bay



Rod & Tammy
"Ciadem"
50' Catamaran
Marina Del Rey
&
50' Carver
Dana Point



RJ Traviso
Boat Pending

• Dana Point 1st North American Heritage Whale Site

Well I knew we lived in an awesome spot, but this just goes to prove it even more....

Dana Point has recently been named the first Whale Heritage Site in North America by the World Cetacean Alliance. Check out the full [LA Times article](https://www.latimes.com/travel/story/2021-01-27/social-spot-snags-whale-heritage-site-status-the-first-in-the-u-s),
<https://www.latimes.com/travel/story/2021-01-27/social-spot-snags-whale-heritage-site-status-the-first-in-the-u-s>

• Update on DP Harbor Revitalization

If you haven't gotten the updated newsletter yet, it look like the Marina is one step closer to breaking ground, though still no schedule. Read the latest in the recent [DP Boater's Association Newsletter](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/DPHP-Receives-Coastal-Development-Permit-for-Marina-Revitalization.html?soid=1101582442430&aid=FITnAx4fgec),

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/DPHP-Receives-Coastal-Development-Permit-for-Marina-Revitalization.html?soid=1101582442430&aid=FITnAx4fgec>

• Where did that phrase come from?

Here's an interesting article sent in by Jim McNamara regarding the nautical origin of many common phrases... https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2021/february/all-shipshape-and-bristol-fashion?utm_source=bmag&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=magazine

• 2021 Membership Fees

Friendly reminder that your 2021 Membership Fees of \$150 were due by Mar 31, 2021. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay using Zelle from your bank just enter the email treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com.

Alternatively, you may send a check to:

Mindy Sicard
33831 Camino Capistrano #25
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675



MEMBER LETTERS

Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Just a friendly the Dana Point CG Auxiliary is back to providing VSCs! However, the Phase 2 COVID restrictions and protocols that are outlined on the following USCG AUX Bulletin Board page still apply.



As always I encourage everyone to have their vessel examined. It not only ensures your boat is safe for you and you passengers, but it could reduce some hassles if you're ever stopped by the Coast Guard.

So, please reach out to me, our [flotilla website](#), or danapointuscgaux@gmail.com at your convenience to schedule your 2021 VSC and we'll get you connected with one of our Vessel Examiners(VE) and on the calendar.

Your boat's not Dana Point Harbor? No problem. Just let me know where it's located and I will find a VE in your area to work with you.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo, USCG AUX

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



**The longer
I stay home,
the more
homeless
I look.**



A man takes his wife to get tested
Two days later, he gets a call from the lab.
Doctor: I'm sorry to inform you that your wife's
test results were mixed up with another patient's.
We're not sure if she has COVID-19 or
Alzheimer's disease.
Man: So what am I supposed to do now?
Doctor: Take her for long walk and leave her. If
she finds her way back home, don't open the
door.

**I trained my dog to
fetch beer. It may
not sound too
impressive but he
gets them from the
neighbor's fridge.**



**I DON'T LIKE THE
FACT THAT MY
CHANCES OF
SURVIVAL SEEM
TO BE LINKED TO
THE COMMON
SENSE OF OTHERS**



**DURING THE MIDDLE
AGES THEY CELEBRATED
THE END OF THE PLAGUE
WITH WINE AND ORGIES
DOES ANYONE KNOW IF
THEY HAVE ANYTHING
LIKE THAT PLANNED
WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?**

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)





2021 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2021 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

NOTE: We still need Cruise Captains for this year's season, so if you are interested, please contact Mike Sandler.

February 20	Luncheon – Luciana's
March 20	Dinner – El Adobe
April 16-18	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: Ed & Mindy Sicard</i> <i>Co-Captains: OPEN</i>
May 14-16	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Jim & Maggie McNamara</i> <i>Co-Captains: Steve & Brenda Vandenberg</i>
June 11-13	Cruise to Oceanside <i>Cruise Captains: David & Monique Monk</i> <i>Co-Captains: Drew Von Grempe & Natalie Brown</i>
July 10	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 16-18	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: Ron & Cindy Latin</i> <i>Co-Captains: OPEN</i>
July 24	Summer Olympics Pub Crawl
August 13-15	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: Tom & Karen Rasulo</i> <i>Co-Captains: RJ Trevizo & Kevin Jones</i>
September 17-19	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: John & Creslun Kossa</i> <i>Co-Captains: Rod Covarrubias & Tammy Huntley</i>
October 8-10	Cruise to Long Beach - LBYC <i>Cruise Captains: Chip & Christie Threlkeld</i> <i>Co-Captains: Richard & Susan Hepner</i>
November 13 th	Commodore's Dinner
December 12 th	Christmas Brunch at San Juan Golf Club

NOTICE: Unfortunately due to the ever changing COVID restrictions, this schedule is subject to change. We will do our best to notify you of any changes as soon as possible.



USCG AUX Bulletin Board - Vessel Safety Checks -



USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current guidelines effective January 1, 2021, 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:

- Each VSC must also have prior approval by the CG AUX approximately one week prior to the exam
- One examiner per vessel
- Exam to be completed in 30 minutes
- No boarding of the vessel
- Examiner and boat owner are to wear PPE and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- All vessel safety equipment (PFDs, flares, fire extinguishers, holding tank seacock, sounding devices, etc) must be available for either physical or virtual(FaceTime/Skype/Zoom/Pictures) inspection

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=V-DEPT&category=job-aid-kits>
- <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com). You can also visit the [Dana Point Flotilla Website](#) or the WCYC VSC page.

- Education -

Due to the current COVID restrictions all in person classes for 2021 have not been scheduled. However the USCG AUX is developing on-line classes. Please stay tuned for more information.



WCYC 2021 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Elective officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore	
Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil

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	Ed Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN

The Appointive officers of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian	
Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	OPEN
JAG / Parliamentarian	Ron Latin

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Sr Staff Commodore, Jr Staff Commodore and six additional Active Members	
Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil
Jr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN
Active Member – Ship Store	Donna Groves (3 rd yr)
Active Member - Secretary	OPEN
Active Member - Membership	OPEN
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (1 st yr)
Active Member - JAG	Ron Latin (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard (5 th yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (5 th yr)



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

Alamitos Bay YC

7201 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551

American Legion YC

215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Anacapa YC

2810 S. Harbor Blvd.
B-6
Oxnard, CA 93035

Bahia Corinthian YC

1601 Bayside Drive
Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832

Balboa Basin YC

829 Harbor Island Drive #38
Newport Beach, CA. 92660

Buccaneer YC

P.O. Box 76
San Pedro, CA. 90733

Cabrillo Beach YC

211 W 22nd Street
San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207

Cerritos Bahia YC

6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, CA 90803

Channel Islands YC

4100 S Harbor Blvd.
Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310

Chula Vista YC

642 Marina Parkway #83
Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058

Convair Sailing Club

P.O. Box 22981
San Diego, CA. 92192-2981

Coronado Cays YC

30 Caribe Cay Blvd.
Coronado, CA. 92118

Dana West YC

24601 Dana Drive
Dana Point, CA. 92629

Hollywood YC

Holiday Harbor Marina
Berth 201
Wilmington, CA 90744

Huntington Harbour YC

3821 Warner Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA.
92649

Lido Isle YC

701 Via Lido Soud
Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Little Ships Fleet YC

233 Marina Dr.
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Long Beach YC

602 Appian Way
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Marina Venice YC

4333 Admiralty Way
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Marina YC of Long Beach

233 Corsair Way
Seal Beach, CA. 90740

Mission Bay YC

1215 El Carmel CT.
San Diego, CA 92109

Morro Bay YC

541 Embarcadero Drive
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Navy YC Long Beach

223 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Navy YC San Diego

Fiddlers Cove Marina
POB 182111
San Diego, CA. 92187

Oceanside YC

1950 N. Harbor Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92054

Pacific Corinthian YC

2600 Harbor Blvd
Oxnard, CA 93035

Pacific Mariners YC

13915 Panay Way
Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Port Royal YC

555 N. Harbor Dr.
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Redondo Beach YC

210 Yacht Club Way
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Seal Beach YC

255 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA. 90803

Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive South
Long Beach, CA. 90802

Silver Gate YC

2091 Shelter Island Drive
San Diego, CA. 92106

South Coast Corinthian YC

13445 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

South Shore YC

1099 Bayside Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Ventura YC

1755 Spinnaker Drive
Ventura, CA. 93001-4396

Westlake YC

32123 Lindero Rd
Westlake Village, CA 91361



WCYC Membership Application

Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Occupation _____ Birthdate _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Occupation _____ Birthdate _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Vessel Type _____ Length _____

Vessel Name _____

Home Port _____ Basin (if in DP harbor) _____

Slip _____ Slip Size _____ Beam _____

Reason for Joining WCYC:

Prospective members are required to attend two events and be introduced at that time by their sponsors or a Club Officer.

The Membership Chairperson's recommendation, the signatures of two sponsoring

Club Members and all dues will be presented to the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting. Current dues are \$150 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$150.

The undersigned hereby agrees to abide by the Club's By-Law's, Policies and Protocols:

Applicant #1 _____ Date _____

Applicant #2 _____ Date _____

Sponsoring Member #1 _____ Date _____

Sponsoring Member #2 _____ Date _____

Please return your Membership Application together with your check (made payable to West Coast Yacht Club) to the Membership Chair.