



# West Coast Yacht Club

**BINNACLE**

March, 2022

*Check out February's Winter Olympic  
Pub Crawl & Dinner Photos!*

*See inside for details....*

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Signup for your 2022  
Vessel Exam Today.  
See details inside....

*Photo of White Sided Dolphin Outside of Dana*



## LETTER FROM COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

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Greetings WCYC Members,

I can't believe it is March already and you all know what that means... THE WHALES! As many of us who are in Dana Point know March is the start of the whale festival and this is the 51st annual year of the festival in Dana Point which will be held March 5th and 6th. This is a fantastic time to invite family and friends down to your boats and take them out for a cruise. We have already seen thousands of dolphins just outside of the harbor and many members have spotted WHALES as well. Take advantage of our weather and location and enjoy the water and sunshine.

Love was in the air for our first dinner of the '22 season and our rear commodore Donna Groves did not disappoint. Brio Tuscany Grill was amazing and her decorations were spectacular. Lots of Love and Hearts. We had a great turnout and much fun was had by all. Our first "ships store" of the year was open and Tammy Huntley put together a lot of new items and clothing for everyone to purchase and she also assembled a wonderful gift basket to raffle off. Thank you both for a great evening.

Our next dinner will be March 12th and I am sure everyone will love what Donna has planned but I will let her spill the shamrocks... I mean beans. Keep an eye out for the invite.

One other important note: Our April "Danalina" shakedown cruise has been moved up one week and will be held April 1st through the 3rd, so please adjust your calendars accordingly. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get the "kinks" out of your boats and get ready for the summer cruising season. Also remember if you can't bring your boat you can drive down and join the party anytime. There is a very special event also happening that same weekend in the harbor and you won't want to miss it.

Well that's all for now and I hope to see everyone at the March dinner.

Mike Sandler  
Commodore





## LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

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Hello WCYC Members

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Olympics Pub Crawl. Check out the photos and medal winners in the Event Section below.

Our cruising season is soon to begin. Please join us at our Danalina Shake Down Cruise the weekend of April 1st – 3rd. Evites will be sent out soon with all the fun details.

Please note that we have made the following changes to our Cruise Schedule:

- Shake Down Cruise to Danalina is now April 1-3
- June Cruise on June 10-12 has now moved to Two Harbors
  - This is the weekend of the Wine Festival as well. Tickets go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and suggest you purchase them early!
- We have an additional cruise to this year in late October to the Long Beach YC on Oct 28-30

Mindy Sicard  
Vice Commodore



## LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy Everyone,

Hope you all had a beautiful and Romantic February with your loved ones. The weather finally turned around mid-February and the boats took to the Sea. It was so fun to see everyone out and about on the docks, in their boats with friends and paddle boarders in the channel.

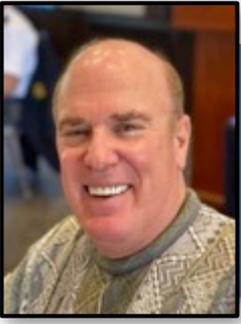
We had our first dinner of 2022, and we had a great turn out with thirty members . Dinner was at Brio's Restaurant and the food and service were excellent. They were very flexible and accommodating to us and they exceeded my expectations. I sent an email to the owner thanking him and come to find out he is a boat owner and in DP Harbor. It is nice to have a change of pace but even nicer when we can give back to the community and other boat owners businesses. I know what Tom in Membership is thinking right now as he is reading this and yes Tom, maybe he will become a member. Cannot hurt to ask.

Our next dinner will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Hennessey's Tavern in Dana Point so save the date. Well fitting since St. Patrick's day is right around the corner. Wear your green outfit's so you do not get pinched. To add to the Green Beer and fun, we will be doing a St. Patrick's Day Sock Contest. Wear your craziest St Patty Day socks and win a prize.....



Dinner will be a choice of four different items to include Shepherd's Pie, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Steak & Shrimp, or Fish & Chips. As we did at the last dinner, you will pay on your own with no additional club fees. Evite to follow. Cut off for the dinner will be March 7<sup>th</sup> so get your reservation in quickly. It should be a really fun casual night and we hope to see you all there.

Rear Commodore  
Donna Groves



## LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

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Hellloooooo Thrill Seekers,

The first events of our new commodore's year we very well attended, and a good time was had by all. The pub crawl and dinner at Brio's were really great casual fun. In attendance were guests and new candidates for membership. Special thanks to the Fiorillos and the Teneycks for referring some new members. It's so cool that WE get select who joins WCYC by referring them.

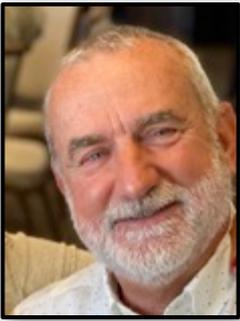
I'd like to ask our membership to dig out those name badges you were given when you joined. Please put them somewhere like your car so you can easily find them when attending a cruise or club function. It makes such a difference to our new members when they can read your name and use it in conversation. Thanks in advance for trying to do that. Much appreciated.

Our next event will be the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Do you know anyone that might be interested in joining a reeeeeally cool yacht club? Bring 'em along and introduce me. I'll take it from there.

*"There is nothing like lying flat on your back on the deck, alone except for the helmsman aft at the wheel, silence except for the lapping of the sea against the side of the ship. At that time you can be equal to Ulysses and brother to him."*

*– Errol Flynn*

Tom Rasulo  
Membership Chair



# LETTER FROM JAG/PARLIAMENTARIAN RICHARD HEPNER

## RENAMING CEREMONIES

NAMING A VESSEL is a solemn duty, demanding that the vessel's owner contemplate the furthest recesses of the his/her mind, and the deepest fathoms of his/her soul. The name selected may reflect the character, profession, hobbies, sense of humor, mindset and/or aspirations of the vessel's owner.

RENAMING A VESSEL (removing the previous name and assigning a new name) implicates the Laws of Poseidon. As long as vessels have traversed the seas, sailors have known that renaming a vessel can not only bring bad luck, but renaming a vessel without consulting Poseidon will surely incur the wrath of the gods. When renaming a vessel, the owner of said vessel bears the responsibility to ensure that the name of said vessel is recorded on Poseidon's Ledger of the Deep in order to secure said vessel's safe passage throughout Poseidon's Domain. This involves the conduct of a Renaming Ceremony that pays homage to, and requests the gentle ministrations of Poseidon and the Four Winds. The Renaming Ceremony consists of two parts: 1) purging the vessel's previous name, and 2) renaming the vessel.



When assigning a NEW VESSEL its first name, for the above stated reasons, it is advisable to ensure that your new vessel is recorded on Poseidon's Ledger of the Deep. This involves a simpler, but no less solemn Naming Ceremony – no purging required.

Your WCYC Judge Advocate General/Parliamentarian is experienced in conducting Renaming Ceremonies, with a proven track record of appeasing Neptune and the Four Winds (Not a single vessel has been lost!). If you are planning to rename your vessel, please consult with your JAG/Parliamentarian.

Richard Hepner – JAG/Parliamentarian  
rhepner@hepnerlaw.com  
(949) 280-4800



## 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



# 2022 WINTER OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL

We began the fun at Jimmy's, then went to Harpoon Henry's and made our final stop at the Lil' Skipper's Shack where we held our traditional medal award ceremony.



2022



# 2022 WINTER OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL

## YOUR OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL MEDALISTS:

### DOUBLES



**Gold Medal**  
Stacy Mata  
Sherry Meehleis



**Silver Medal**  
Bob Larsen  
Randy Casteel



**Bronze Medal**  
The  
Sandlers

### INDIVIDUALS



**Gold Medal**  
Ed Sicard

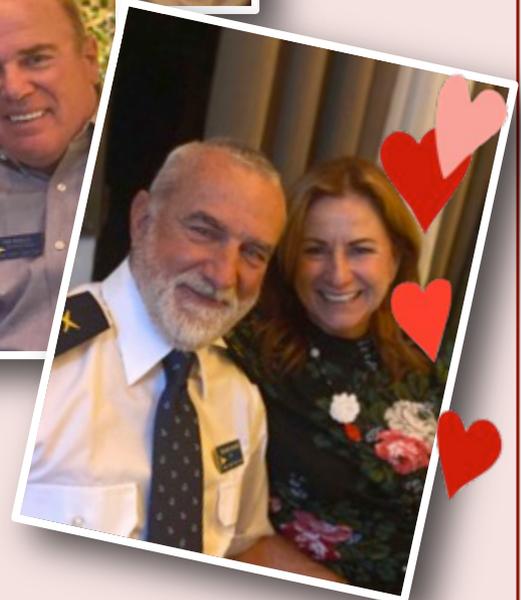


**Silver Medal**  
Barbie Aglio



**Bronze Medal**  
George Hughes

February's Valentine's Dinner  
At Brío Tuscan Grille





# February's Valentine's Dinner





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## CLUB NEWS & INFO

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- **2022 Membership Fees**

Last reminder that your 2022 Membership Fees of \$150 were due on Jan 1, 2022. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay using Zelle from your bank just enter the email [treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com).

Alternatively, you may send a check to:

West Coast Yacht Club  
PO Box 309  
Dana Point, CA 92629

- **Welcome New Members**



Gary & Alisha Sacks



Frank Pace



## BIRTHDAYS



### March Birthdays:

Monique Monk	13 <sup>th</sup>
Alicia Egan	18 <sup>th</sup>
Milton Stone	31 <sup>st</sup>

## 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 & DWYC Vessel Safety Check Event

Contact Steve Fiorillo for your  
appointment at  
[sfiorill@gmail.com](mailto:sfiorill@gmail.com) / 303-947-8175

Select your day & times will be assigned  
accordingly several days prior

Mar 12: 10a-2p  
Dockside At Your Vessel  
RSVP by Mar 7

## WCYC March Dinner

March 12<sup>th</sup>: 6-10 pm

Location:  
Hennessey's Tavern  
Dana Point

It's Your

**LUCKY  
MARCH  
DINNER**





SEASON OPENER  
SHAKEDOWN  
CRUISE  
DANALINA  
APRIL 1-2



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

*Fred Hall*  
Shows Inc.

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MARCH 2 - 6, 2022

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HARBOR  
MARCH 5 & 6



# Women and Yacht Clubs

## The Importance of Women in Yacht Clubs

**Saturday, March 19, 2022 – 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Hosted by Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, 211 W 22<sup>nd</sup> St, San Pedro**

Meet the women Commodores of Southern California Yacht Clubs.

There are more women Commodores in 2022 than ever before!

CBYC Commodore Andrea Abernatha



SCYA Commodore Anne Eubanks



Join our panel of women Commodores to discuss why women are crucial to the survival of the yacht club.

### Topics:

- How did you break through and get on the flag's leadership roles?
- Diversity in your club
- What are you looking for in a club?
- There will be a question-and-answer period.

*Please RSVP to [Office@cbyc.org](mailto:Office@cbyc.org) or 310.519.1694*

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ALL attendees are invited to stay and enjoy the club until closing

CBYC bar opens at 3pm / Food service starts at 4:30pm

Visitor Parking across the street.

CBYC follows LA City & LA County Covid Protocols/Guidelines. Currently, to enter the clubhouse members, sailors and guests are required to show proof of vaccination and to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking.



# U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

## FLOTILLA 6-8 DANA POINT

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**WELCOMES THE PUBLIC**

**VISIT THE USCG CUTTER NARWHAL**

**Saturday, April 2nd – Public Tours 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

Docked at



Dana Point Harbor



**Tour a USCG ship - Meet the officers and crew of the NARWHAL**  
**Visit the USCG Auxiliary Booth – meet local members - learn about joining**

**The Auxiliary will be providing Boating Safety Information and Demonstrations:**

**MEET "COASTIE" (a talking ship FOR THE KIDS!)**

**Boater Education Classes**  
**Paddle Craft Requirements**  
**California Boaters Card**  
**Clean boating Habits and**  
**Fuel-Oil Spill Prevention**  
**Marine Safety**

**Free Vessel Exams**  
**Demonstrations and use of:**  
**Fire Extinguishers**  
**Personal Flotation Devices.**  
**Distress Flares (simulation)**  
**Marine Radio**

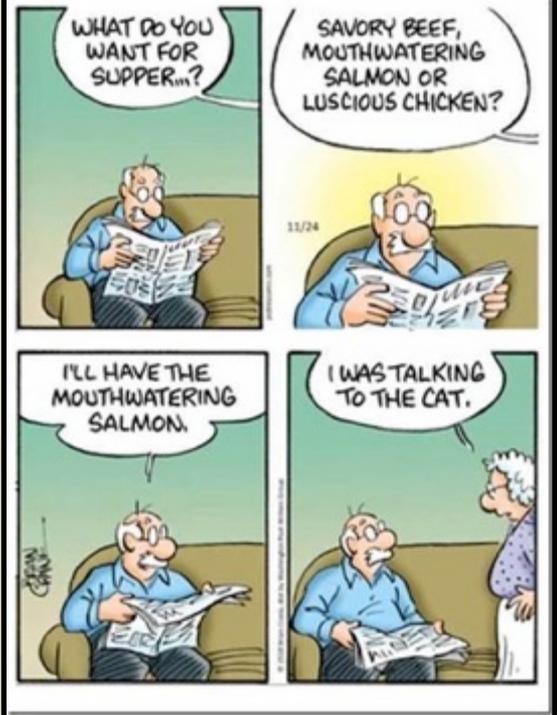
# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE .....

**Them:** What inspires you to get out of bed every morning?

**Me:** My bladder mostly.



Wouldn't it be nice if you read a medicine bottle that says...  
Warning: May cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles, and increase energy.



**My stomach is FLAT.**  
The L is just silent.

**Exercise makes you look Better Naked.**

**So does Alcohol ..your choice. 😊**

**A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, " Call for backup".**



**My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant and have a little wine and good food. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.**





# 2022 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2022 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 Mindy Sicard.*

February 5	Winter Olympic Pub Crawl
February 12	Valentine's Dinner - Brio
March 12	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Hennessey's Tavern
April 1-3	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Sandlers</i>
May 13-15	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
June 10-12	Cruise to Two Harbors – Wine Festival <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Rasulos</i>
June 25 ( <i>Tentative</i> )	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 8-10	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Harrisons</i>
August 12-14	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Rasulos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 9-18	Extended Cruise to San Diego (with DWYC) <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
October 7-9	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Kossas</i>
October 28-30	Bonus Cruise to LBYC <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Dinner
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Brunch

**\*\* Please note this indicates date/venue change from original schedule.**



## USCG AUX Bulletin Board

### - Vessel Safety Checks -



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



*The following are the current 2022 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
- Examiner and boat owner are to wear PPE and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet

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](mailto:danapointuscgaux@gmail.com)) or scan our QR code



### - Education -

## Our Boating Education 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 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Elective Officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

Commodore	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves

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	Dave Monk
Sr 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 / Port Captain	John Kossa
Secretary	Monique Monk
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Tom Rasulo
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	Mike Sandler
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves
Jr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (6 <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.