



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

Updated Cruise & Dinner Schedule

March, 2023

Valentine's Dinner Photos Inside....

52nd Festival of the Whales – Mar 4-5

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2023 Vessel Safety
Check Now!*



*Photo of Saddleback Mountain over San Juan
by Steve Fiorillo*



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear WCYC Members,

Welcome to March madness: March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The winter weather will soon be winding down, just in time for us to start using our boats a little bit more.

Our 2023 year is off to a great start. Thank you so much to Rear Commodore, Tom Rasulo and his wife, Karen for arranging a lovely Valentine's dinner with beautiful decorations and delicious food. Everyone had a wonderful time! It's always fun to explore new restaurants in our local community.

Looking forward to our next event with a St. Patrick's day theme held on Sunday, March 12th. Hope you all can attend.

A big shout out to Brian Randall and crew for representing WCYC in the Midwinter Regatta. Saturday's weather was much like a lion and therefore the Regatta was cancelled. Sunday's weather was much like a lamb with no wind leading to many boats be forced to drop out.

On March 31st we are kicking off our cruising season to Cherry Cove with Captain Brian Randall and Marji Weber with Co-Captains Ed Sicard and myself. Evites with details will soon be posted.

***“Those who can do, do.
Those who can do more, Volunteer”***

We are looking for new members and seasoned members who have yet to Captain or Co-Captain a cruise to become involved with WCYC and sign up for one of the cruises. There are several to choose from. We always appreciate new ideas, themes and lively new energy. Please contact, Vice-Commodore, Donna Groves if interested.

Looking for something to do this weekend? Come on out to support our local community at the 52nd Annual Festival of Whales in Dana Point. For Event Calendar and details, please visit: <http://festivalofwhales.com> Our very own JAG, Richard Hepner will be in the parade. Look for our WCYC banner.

One of the fun perks of being a Flag Officer is you receive many invitations to SCYA Yacht Club's Opening Days from Santa Barbara to San Diego. This past January, I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Los Angeles Yacht Club's Opening Day (LAYC) where I represented WCYC....



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD



We had a very fun time meeting new people with the same interest and enjoyed seeing their prestigious yacht club rich in history est. 1901. We had extra fun, being that our boat is now located in their harbor and very close to their club.

See you on the seas in 2023,

Mindy Sicard
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy all.

What a crazy February we all have had. Between the rain, cold weather and hail, I am glad this does not happen often. Hopefully March will be much better with sunny skies, flowers blooming and anything over 60 degrees will work.

Our first cruise to Cherry Cove is coming up in April. I know the Captain's will make it a lot of fun. Remember, the Captains and Co-Captains are volunteers, and they do the best they can to accommodate everyone. They can only do so much based on location, events, budget and dietary restrictions. A mere thank you or a compliment goes a long way.

We always encourage members to sign up to put on the cruises so feel free to reach out to me if you are interested. We do have a few spots open to Co-Captain with experience Captain's so sign up and let your creativity shine. It will also give you experience of what they do to put on the event and how much fun it is. We always like new people with fresh ideas. We have so much fun when we are all together enjoying the boating life. We are so blessed.

We are trying out a few new places this summer. Cabrillo has wonderful food, great docks and lots to do. Cherry Cove which is right next to the Isthmus and the Marina (Lighthouse) in Newport Beach. We will be sending out eVites for the May cruise to Cabrillo soon, so sign up as soon as you can. We have limited spots, but they are very accommodating and willing to work with us if we can get them the information in a timely manner.

The March dinner is right around the corner and a good Irish meal is just what we need. If you have not signed up please go to the eVite and do so. It will be a fun night.

Donna Groves
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE TOM RASULO

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The **St. Patrick's Day dinner** date has **changed** from March 11 to **Sunday, March 12**. This allows us to enjoy a true Irish dining experience at Mission Viejo's Dublin 4 Gastropub, with fabulous food prepared by award winning chef, David Shofner!

Chef Shofner is the Orange County Business Journal ***Chef of the Year*** for 2020, and was additionally celebrated with the ***Michelin 'Discovery' award***. More details of the event can be found in the Evite invitation! The event will offer a true Irish opportunity to say "Slainte" to friends, sip artfully curated wines and craft cocktails, and enjoy outrageous food!

Menu

DUBLIN 4 GASTROPUB
WEST COAST YACHT CLUB
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Sunday, March 12th, 2023

\$75 PER PERSON

(20% gratuity and sales tax included)

FOR THE TABLE - to share

ROASTED HEIRLOOM MARBLE POTATO PIZZETTA
Truffled caramelized onions, aged white cheddar, gruyere, mornay

D4 REUBEN ROLLS

house cured corned beef, sauerkraut, Irish cheddar cheese, D4 dipping sauce

SALAD COURSE

PETITE CLASSIC CAESAR

Roma tomatoes, roasted garlic brioche croutons, fried capers, shaved parmigiano

MAIN COURSE - choice of one

CREEKSTONE FARMS PRIME HOUSE CORNED BEEF BRISKET
Butter Poached Heirloom Marble Potatoes, Roasted Baby Carrots, Braised Savoy Cabbage,
Jameson Whiskey Cream Sauce

FISH & CHIPS

Norwegian cod, brewery x blonde beer batter, crushed English garden peas,
sea salt & malt vinegar hand-cut fries

DUBLIN 4 PORK BANGERS (SAUSAGES)

Potato Puree, Caramelized Onion, Whole Grain Mustard Jameson Cream Sauce

COTTAGE PIE

dry aged & house-ground prime beef, roasted garlic, aged-cheddar mash

DESSERT COURSE

BLUEBERRY MEYER LEMON BREAD PUDDING
blueberry compote, creme anglaise

TO THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE – SLÁINTE, SONAS & CAIRDEAS
(HEALTH, HAPPINESS & FRIENDSHIP)!

THE COYLE FAMILY



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP BRIAN RANDAL

Greetings Everyone!

I can't believe it is already March! Let the warm weather arrive and let's get out on the water!

I had a great opportunity to see the whales last weekend while warming up for the Mid-Winter Regatta. Such a beautiful sight.

You know what is also a beautiful sight?..... New members! We have 2 sets of prospective new members that have been in attendance at our last event (Valentine's Dinner) and are now one event away from becoming official members of WCYC...

- Walter Folsom and Claire Kenney who each have sailboats, Walter with a G& S 36 named "Getting Off" and Claire with a Catalina named "Clairebuoyant" - Walt Sailed under the WCYC burgee this last weekend showing his support for his new club.
- Ryan and Natalie Lacher who have a 28' Powerboat called "Lachertime"

We are looking forward to their participation in the upcoming cruising season and joining WCYC officially!

If you know of anyone that is interested in joining the club, please send them my way. I'll be glad to answer any questions and guide them in the process. You can reach me at membership@westcoastyachtclub.com

I can't wait to see you all at the upcoming St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 12th. It should be a great time.

Brian Randal
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



BIRTHDAYS



February Birthdays:

Monique Monk	13 th
Alicia Egan	18 th
Milton Stone	31 st

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



Please join Tom and Karen Rasulo for
**WCYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 DINNER**

Sunday, March 12, 2023 5:30 PM PT

Dublin 4 Gastropub
 26342 Oso Parkway
 Mission Viejo, CA

SLÁINTE, SONAS & CAIRDEAS

Let's bring out the leprechaun spirit in all of us, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Dublin 4 Gastropub with our WCYC friends! Gastropub owners Darren and Jean Coyle, natives of Ireland, offer authentic Irish hospitality, cuisine and ambience at Dublin 4.

\$75 PER PERSON
 (20% gratuity and sales tax included)

~ APPETIZERS FOR THE TABLE ~
 ROASTED HEIRLOOM MARBLE POTATO PIZZETTA
 D4 REUBEN ROLLS

~ MAIN COURSE - CHOICE OF ~
 CREEKSTONE FARMS PRIME HOUSE CORNED BEEF
 FISH & CHIPS
 DUBLIN 4 PORK BANGERS (SAUSAGES)
 COTTAGE(SHEPPARD'S)

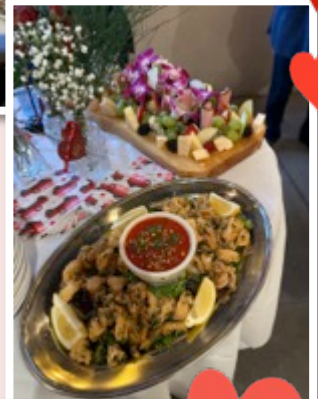
~ DESSERT ~
 BLUEBERRY MEYER LEMON BREAD

The Coyle's offer a wide array of curated wines, beers and craft cocktails for cash purchase, including the best Irish coffee this side of Dublin.

RSVP by Sunday, March 5th
Please see your eVite to RSVP and for more information.

Parking is available in front & rear of the restaurant. WCYC Ship Store will be open during the event.

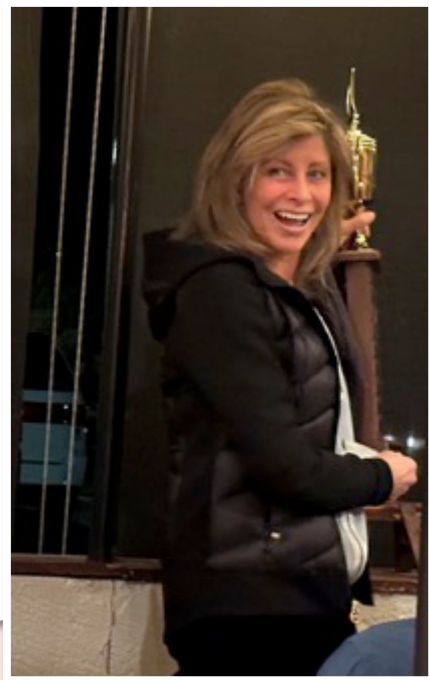
February's
Valentine's Dinner



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS


April Season Opener Cruise Cherry Cove Mar 31 – April 2

Cruise Captains: Brian Randall & Marji Weber
Co-Captains: The Harrisons



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS


DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES PRESENTS
CONCERTS ON THE CLIFF
 SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023



SHEENA EASTON
TAYLOR DAYNE

LAGUNA CLIFFS MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA
 25135 PARK LANTERN, DANA POINT, CA 92629

TICKETS AT [ticketmaster](#)[®]
 DOORS OPEN 3PM • ALL AGES • RAIN OR SHINE



THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL



Dana Point
FESTIVAL OF WHALES
 MARCH 4-5, 2023



March 4 - 5



MEMBER LETTERS

WCYC Mid-Winter Regatta Participation:

By Brian Randall



West Coast Yacht Club



SATURDAY – THE START

Well, The first of 2 days of racing did not begin well. The Race Committee cancelled the Saturday racing which left us to head off to a Yacht Club pub crawl in which we managed to hit 5 yacht clubs along the coast. We then headed straight to the afterparty at DWYC! Fun was had by all and WCYC had a great presence in the host club. The music was great and the refreshments flowed.



SUNDAYS RACE

After a small delay by the Committee boat, we had a great start in division B, It started with 5 kts of wind but that soon faded. Discovering the mark had disappeared from the storm, the wind died and one by one the boats began to drop out. After hours of struggle, "Caravela" succumbed to the dreaded "DNF" and was the last boat to give up the battle.



SUNDAYS AWARDS

Though the racing was less than expected, the view from the ocean was fantastic. (Photo credit to Greg Hickey)
Coming in from a long day on the water we were greeted by the Hepners and Mindy Sicard with our own Sawhorse decor! Great time being with friends and it was a pleasure to represent WCYC this year in the Midwinters. Next year will be better! Brian Randall





CLUB NEWS & INFO

- **New Members:**

No new members

- **2023 Membership Fees**

Last reminder that your 2023 Membership Fees of \$150 were due on Jan 1, 2023. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay using Zelle from your bank just enter the email treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com.

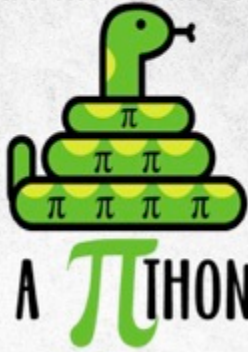
Alternatively, you may send a check to:

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

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PI DAY(3/14)...



WHAT DO YOU CALL A SNAKE THAT'S 3.14 METERS LONG?



Why should you never talk to pi?

Because he'll just go on forever.



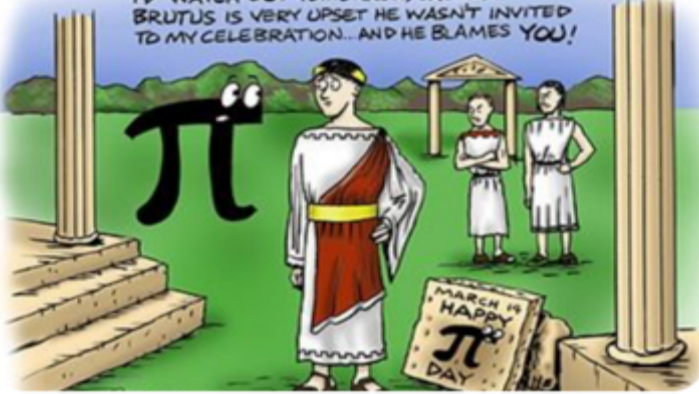
GUESS WHAT DAY IT IS?



PI DAY!

memegenerator.net

I'D WATCH OUT TOMORROW, CAESAR. BRUTUS IS VERY UPSET HE WASN'T INVITED TO MY CELEBRATION...AND HE BLAMES YOU!



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3.14



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facebook.com/24sabitake

MIND BLOWN.

SALE BATCH: 001848
IHU: 422365
AUTH: 020552
BASE \$26.86
TIP \$ π
TOTAL \$ 30.00

Win



COME TO THE NERD SIDE. WE HAVE PI.

grammarly





2023 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2023 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!
Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

February 11	Valentine's Dinner – Tannins, San Juan
** March 12-11	<i>St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Dublin 4 Gastro Pub, Mission Viejo</i>
March 31- April 2	Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: Brian Randall</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Sicards</i>
** May 5-7 12-14	<i>Cruise to Cabrillo YC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
June 9-11	Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: The Sandlers</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Monks</i>
July 15	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 24-28	Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i>
** August 11-13	<i>Cruise to Avalon LBYC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
September 8-10	Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park <i>Cruise Captains: The Rasulos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Hepners</i>
** October 27-29 6-8	<i>Cruise to Long Beach Avalon</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Kossas</i> <i>Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely</i>
November 11	Commodore's Dinner
December 9	Holiday Brunch

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



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2023 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2023 guidelines allowing the CG AUX to conduct VSCs while conforming with the current social distancing restrictions. However, as with all COVID restrictions they are subject to change.

The new VSC guidelines include:

- As much as possible the exam should take place in the open air, however per the owner's permission, the examiner can now board the vessel to examine those items that cannot be brought topside
- One examiner per vessel
- Upon request, the examiner can wear PPE

The CG AUX also have several resources where you can conduct a virtual VSC and prepare your vessel for the safety check.....

- <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130-07-12&category=virtual-vsc>
- Download sample VSC form...
http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wow/114-06-08/2023_vsc_form_hglt_sample.pdf



If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) or scan our QR code

- Education -

Our Boating Education 2023 Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back at DPYC.

Please scan the QR code to the left to or click the link below check out our current offerings.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boating-courses>



WCYC 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo

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

Jr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk

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

Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa
Secretary	Monique Monk
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Brian Randall
JAG / Parliamentarian	Richard Hepner

The Board of Directors shall consist of the aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (*Consecutive Years of BOD Service*)

Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Jr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (4 th yr)
Active Member - Membership	Brian Randall (1 st yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (3 rd yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (2 nd yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 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.