



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

March, 2024

Valentine's Dinner!

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*Upcoming St. Patrick's Dinner
& April Cruise*

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Photo of Sunset Over the Harbor by Cindy Fiorillo



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

AHOY Fellow WCYC Members,

What a great couple of months being your Commodore. Your Board has been very busy, and we have accomplished a lot in the past couple of months. Boat Parade, Brunch, Dinner at Jack's, planning March's dinner, planning of the April Cruise (which sold out), working on WCYC first ever "**Opening Day**", and then updating a few things in our By-Laws, all in 2 months and very exciting. We added a Pop-Up event to the calendar, the "Famous Olympic Pub Crawl" which will be hosted by our one and only, Jr. Staff Commodore Mindy Sicard. I am also working on a few more Pop-Ups during the season for added fun, so look at the calendar each month. If you have any ideas, send me an email. We want to hear what you might think is something fun to do as a group.

You will see below we presented DWYC Youth sailing their \$500 check from the Boat Parade. They were very excited, and you can read more about it below. We also received a very heartfelt letter from the Commodore of the Lahaina Yacht Club in Maui regarding our donation after the fires, see below her letter. Hopefully after they rebuild, some of us will be able to visit them and their new club.

Our Jag Richard Hepner has decided to resign his position and we thank him for all his hard work in putting together our By-Laws, along keeping us all in line. He will be missed but you will see him and his lovely wife Susan at dinners and cruises in the future. Our new Jag, who just took the position, is Mark Babcock. He has been a long-time member of WCYC and eager to get involved with the Club as a Board Member.

First cruise of the season is going to be really exciting. Casino night at the Lighthouse Marina is going to be fun, and hope the weather is going to be nice and HOT! Cannot wait for a giant floaty raft up!

Your Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Membership Director will be finalizing our first ever "**Opening Day**" in May. It will be held at our traditional yearly raft up in Danalina and the theme will be Cinco de Mayo. Members can decorate their dinghy in either traditional décor or themed décor. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the best "**Traditional**" and the best "**Themed**" dinghy. We will have a band in the afternoon, and in the evening a Traditional Mexican Fiesta. We have a few more fun things we have planned which we will keep a surprise for now, but needless to say it will be a fun weekend. The Evite will be coming soon with all the details. Who is going to get the first Opening Day Trophy and be put in the History Books of the Club?

It's time to Cruise in 2024, Cheers everyone!

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Our 2024 season has started very strong. The participation in the early events this has been outstanding!

I am happy to report the early response to our shake-down cruise to Marina Park in Newport on April 5 has been beyond perfect. We have rented out the whole Marina! All 24 slips will be occupied by WCYC boats. This one will be chaired by the Ashworths and the Brinkis' and will feature a Casino night and a Saturday Newport Harbor dingy event. Even if the marina is full there's still lots of room to drop an anchor and join us.

This weekend Tammy Huntley and Rod Covarrubias graciously volunteered to chair the Newport raft-up in June so we have all the volunteers we need for this years planned cruises. Thanks guys. That said, please offer to pitch in where any of our cruises need support this year. It this kind of selfless participation and assistance that sets WCYC apart from other clubs.

We are quite a value at \$200 per year. Don't you know someone you'd like to refer to Sherri, our membership chair? All we do is Eat, Drink and Cruise and we do it better than anyone!

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone!

We had an amazing time at the Valentine's Dinner at Jack's in Dana Point. We hope that you did as well.....Amazing food, drink and most of all amazing people! We had record numbers of members in attendance! (48 members showed up for the dinner!) Fun was had by all, and from what I remember and heard, the fun didn't stop at Jack's, the group headed down to Stillwater after we vacated Jack's.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Marji for an outstanding job creating the decorations and centerpieces for the tables. The room looked amazing.... it was a lot of work but well worth it and she did a wonderful job.

Thank you to those of you who purchased a few of the center pieces to aid in the cost coverings for the evening. We hope the flowers provided enjoyment for many days.

Thank you to Ed and Mindy Sicard for donating all of the wine bottles that the center pieces were placed in. Thank you to Maureen Hensley for setting up the ship's store and running the raffle and assisting in the creation of the Raffle basket. And a big thank you to the staff at Jack's as they handled the group amazingly well.

Speaking of raffle baskets if you have items that you would like to donate to a future basket, please reach out to myself, Marji or Maureen Hensley as items are always welcome.... especially those bottles that have libation within them..... LOL.

Our next event is right around the corner ... March 9th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Hennessey's Tavern in Dana Point. We currently have 30 attending the event and it's growing so please RSVP by today, March 1. We will begin the event at 6:00 p.m. appetizers and no host cocktails will be served, followed by a sit-down dinner. There will be a band beginning at 9:00 p.m. Prepare to have a full night of fun and entertainment.

If you have RSVP'd to the dinner, please make sure to make your payment to the treasurer via Zelle: treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com \$ 80.00 per person. **As a reminder if you have RSVP'd to a dinner, you are responsible for making the payment even if you cancel at the last minute.*

We look forward to seeing you all on the 9th! There will once again be a basket to raffle off and wear your best Irish outfits and sport the GREEN!

“May the winds of fortune sail you. May you sail a gentle sea. May it always be the other guy who says this drink's on me.”

Slainte!

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

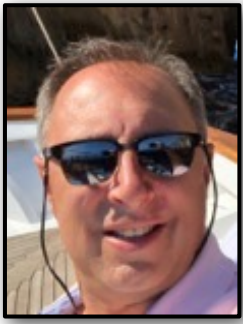
Happy March to everyone!

Spring is almost here and we're gearing up for the start of our fun schedule of cruising activities. But first.....what Yacht Club has the best parties? WE DO! What a great turnout at our Valentines' Day dinner! Several of our prospective members will be in attendance at the St. Patrick's Day celebration and I know they'll be super impressed to see what a great Yacht Club we are.

Many of you still need your 2024 membership stickers so you'll find me at Hennessey's stationed at the door waiting to update your membership cards. If I miss you when you arrive PLEASE reach out to me during the evening.

See you on St. Patrick's Day!

Sheri Meehlies
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

Valentine's Day Dinner





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BIRTHDAYS



March Birthdays:

Monique Monk	13 th
Robin Levinson	29 th
Milton Stone	31 st

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

West Coast Yacht Club

St. Patrick's Party

March 9, 2024 6:00-10:00 p.m.

\$80.00 per guest

Live Music
"Sunglasses at Night" @9:00pm



House Salad
Choice of:
Chicken Penne Pasta
Salmon w/lemon herb sauce, mashed potatoes and veggies
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Desert: Brownie a la mode





Appetizers - Irish Nachos and Boneless Buffalo Wings -will be served upon arrival during cocktail hour:

RSVP by March 1

Zelle Payment:
treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com

Hennessey's - 34111 La Plaza
Dana Point, CA 92629



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April Cruise Season Opener



GATHER 'ROUND AND DUST OFF YOUR COWBOY HATS BECAUSE WE'RE FIXIN' TO RIDE INTO THE SUNSET FOR A WESTERN-THEMED YACHT CLUB CRUISE LIKE NO OTHER! WESTERN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!

CRUISE COST IS \$45 PER INDIVIDUAL.

INCLUDES

SATURDAY MORNING: BREAKFAST WITH BOTTOMLESS BLOODY MARYS AND MIMOSAS.

SATURDAY EVENING: BBQ FEAST CATERED RIGHT ONTO THE DOCKS.

KINDLY RSVP BY MARCH 8TH!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH:

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM: ARRIVAL

6:00 PM: DOCKSIDE GATHERING!

WEAR YOUR NAME-TAG AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE TAPAS OR BAR FOOD TO SHARE AS WE ENJOY CAMARADERIE AND KICK OFF THE WEEKEND.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH:

9:30 AM: DOCKSIDE BREAKFAST W/ BLOODY MARYS AND MIMOSAS

1:30 PM: GRAB YER HAT AND SADDLE UP FOR A NEWPORT HARBOR DINGHY CRUISE

6:30 PM: DOCKSIDE BBQ DINNER FOLLOWED BY POKE & LCR!

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH : DEPART BY 11:00AM

ALL 24 BOAT SLIPS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR OUR EXCLUSIVE PARTY.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE BY RESERVING AN EXTRA DAY DIRECTLY WITH THE MARINA.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RESERVED A SLIP, YOU CAN SECURE A MOORING CAN WITH THE MARINA OFFICE OR ANCHOR IN THE TURNING BASIN/ANCHORAGE

PLEASE COORDINATE WITH THE HOSTS FOR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS OR ASSISTANCE DURING THE CRUISE.



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

DANA POINT FESTIVAL *of* WHALES



Mark your calendars now!

Come back and see us on March 1-3, 2024 in the dolphin & whale watching capital of the world for the 53rd annual Dana Point Festival of Whales!

SAVE THE DATE



OCEAN INSTITUTE'S 2ND ANNUAL SEA'CRET SOIRÉE

SPEAKEASY CIRCUS

SATURDAY | MARCH 23 | 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN ELEVATED FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE THAT COMBINES THE ALLURE OF A SPEAKEASY WITH THE THRILLING SPECTACLE OF A CIRCUS.



21+
EVENT

LIVE MUSIC BY
CASEY ABRAMS
FROM AMERICAN IDOL AND POST
MODERN JUKEBOX



2024 California Wine Festival

Friday, April 19 from 6:30-9pm
Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort
Sunset Rare & Reserve Tasting

Saturday, April 20
Sea Terrace Park





CLUB NEWS & INFO

• WCYC Donation to the Lahaina Yacht Club

We received a Heartfelt letter from the Lahaina Yacht Club regarding our donation of \$1000.00 dollars. The damage to their Yacht Club in the fires was devastating and they will have to start over.

Our small part is only a sliver of what they will need, but if we all join together, they will have the support to move forward. That is why WCYC decided it was the right thing to do. We wish them well in rebuilding their Yacht Club which we hope one day some of us will be able to visit.

Please see their letter and kind words. If you were not able to donate at the Newport Cruise, please send a check to them at the address below their letter. Put a small note inside that says you are part of the West Coast Yacht Club family and we are still thinking of them. They will not be forgotten.

Commodore Groves.

Aloha West Coast Yacht Club Commodore Sicard, Officers, Directors and Members,

Thank you for your kind words and for generously supporting the Lahaina Yacht Club's Burgee Campaign. These Burgees, along with your \$ 1,000 donation, will provide encouragement and funding that will enable us to rebuild our Club.

Your role as a donor is pivotal in ensuring the Lahaina Yacht Club continues to stand strong and resilient. We recognize and deeply appreciate the impact of your contribution, which extends beyond financial assistance. It signifies a shared belief in the spirit of our Club and its ability to overcome adversity.

We look forward to the day when we can celebrate our successes and milestones with you. Your involvement is not only appreciated but cherished, and we hope to have the opportunity to express our gratitude in person. I hope you will seek us out the next time you find yourself on Maui. We hope to have made significant progress in the rebuilding of our Club as we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary in 2025.

Once again, thank you for being a pillar of strength for the Lahaina Yacht Club. Your support is truly valued and makes a significant difference in our ongoing efforts.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

*Linda Rickabaugh
2024 Commodore
Past Commodore 2001, 2019-2021
LAHAINA YACHT CLUB*



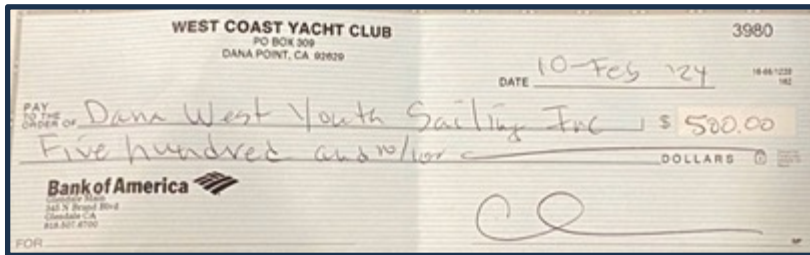
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- **Check Presentation to DWYC Youth Sailing Organization**



I am happy to announce we recently met with DWYC Youth Sailing Director Steve White and gave him the Donation Check of \$500.00 from our “Best Sailboat WIN” at the DPHP Boat Parade.

Steve was incredibly grateful and excited that we chose them to be the recipient of the money. They will put it to good use this summer.



I was joined in the picture by board member Steve Fiorillo who helped with the decorations from start to finish, along with Dino and Cathy who were so gracious to host 3 nights of the parade on their Sailboat “Running Water”.



Next year’s theme, Circus, will be a lot of fun and we already have some great ideas. Time to get the “Red” noses out.

Commodore Donna Groves

- **No New Members**
- **2024 Membership Fees**

Final reminder that your 2024 Membership Fees of \$200 were due on Jan 1, 2024. 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



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 <i>Cruise Captains: The Ashworths</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Brinkis</i>
April 20	Poker Run & BBQ
May 3-5	Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade <i>Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership</i>
June 7-9	Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup <i>Cruise Captains: Huntley / Covarrubias</i> <i>Co-Captains: Chalis'</i>
July 12-14	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
July 27	The Famous Tiki Regatta
** Aug 3	Olympic Pub Crawl
August 9-11	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
August	5-Day Cruise – TBD
September	Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21 st or 28 th)
October 18-20	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon</i>
November 2	Commodore's Dinner – TBD
December 7	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD
December 6,7,8	Dana Point Parade of Lights

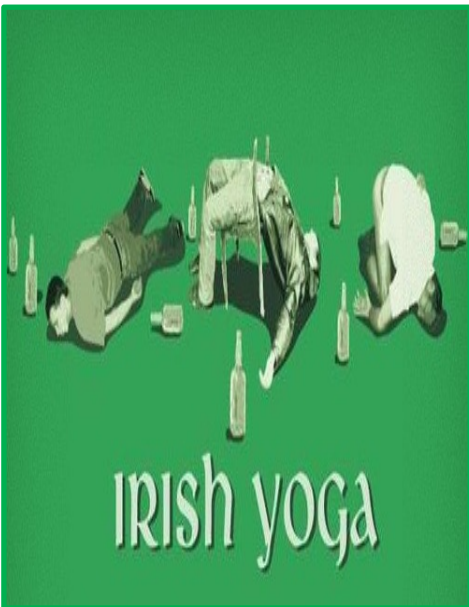
**** Please note this indicates date/venue change from original schedule or new event.**



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.....



The best part of St. Patrick's day is I can make my coffee Irish and not feel guilty about it like I do every other day.



St. Patricks day is like Valentines day for people who love Jameson and bad decisions.
Like us.



Saint Patrick regrets his decision to drive the snakes out of Ireland.



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 Steve Fiorillo at (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) or scan our QR code



- Education -

Our Boating Education 2024 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 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall

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	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler

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

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 \$200 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$200.

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.