



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

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LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC:

A big thank-you to our Rear Commodore, Mike Sandler (and his Admiral, Sherri) for not only picking out a great new venue for our season 2020 kick-off dinner at Mozambique but also hosting the dinner. Reports back are he did a great job with all of the announcements welcoming members, recognizing our past Commodores, birthdays, guests, and new members as well as calling for any sawhorses!

I apologize for not attending but I had a business commitment which took me out to Tucson but clearly my team stepped up to ensure everyone had fun. I am disappointed as I will also not be able to make the March dinner (March 14th at Ciao Pasta in San Juan Capistrano) as my youngest daughter is getting engaged that weekend and Monique and I will be in Richmond, Virginia. I know, "where is our new Commodore"!! It's a tough start but I am committed to joining all of our cruises this year and continuing to drive communication and engagement within the club in 2020.

On that note, I want to thank Steve for doing a fabulous job with the Binnacle – this new look is really impressive and its making for a great read and source of club information. Please feel free to send him any comments or articles – pictures from your own cruises and weekend activities - (our WCYC Catalina Club – you know who you are Jim – John - Scuba!).

We have a board meeting this week and we will be firming up the cruise schedule which will be posted in the binnacle.

Fair Winds and Following Seas*
David Monk, Commodore

***Origin of: "Fair Winds and Following Seas."**

The origin of the quote "Fair Winds and Following Seas" is unknown. It is often said to have been lifted from a poem, phrase, or literary work, but to the best of this researcher's knowledge, it wasn't. Over the last century at least, the two quotes "Fair Winds" and "Following Seas" have evolved, by usage, into a single phrase which is often used as a nautical blessing.

"Fair Winds": The Dictionary of American Regional English defines "Fair Wind" as "safe journey; good fortune." An early example of the phrase's use is in Herman Melville's Moby Dick, published in 1851, where it says near the end "Let me square the yards, while we may, old man, and make a fair wind of it homeward." In other words, let me square the yards (add on all sail) and make a safe journey home.

"Following Seas": Defined by Bowditch's American Practical Navigator as "A sea in which the waves move in the general direction of the heading." It further defines "Tide" as "the periodic rise and fall of the water resulting from gravitational interactions between the sun, moon, and earth. . . . the accompanying horizontal movement of the water is part of the same phenomenon." In simple terms: the movement of the water, the waves, and the surface, correspond with the movement of the tide.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas" is really two quotes originating from different sources. The two quotes are a nautical phrase of good luck--a blessing as it were--as the person, group, or thing it is said to departs on a voyage in life. It is often used at a "beginning" ceremony such as a commissioning ceremony of a ship or people, as well as in retirement, change of command, or farewell ceremonies.



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE KEVIN BERTRAND

Anchors Aweigh West Coast Yacht Club!

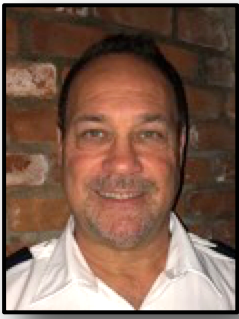
The cruising season is upon us with the Oceanside cruise kicking off the season on April 17th. The Kosas and Wagners will be your very capable cruise captains for this event and I am sure they will organize a smooth and eventful cruise.

Sooooo, as our Limey (slang term for English sailor) Commodore would say, lets get our vessels in “Shipshape and Bristol Fashion” and all head for Oceanside!

With this being said, Steve Fiorillo has been working to schedule vessel safety checks for our club members. To date, we have had minimal participation. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this prior to our cruising season. There is no penalty for not passing a safety check and nothing is reported to anyone other than you, the vessel owner. A copy of the VSC will be given to each participating member and very well might include some valuable safety related recommendations. Remember, being proactive is always better than being reactive, especially when we are out on the water.

Happy sailing!

Kevin Bertrand
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Ahoy WCYC members,

What a fantastic turnout for our first dinner of the 2020 season. It seemed like everyone enjoyed the new venue, Mozambique, and our very private garden room. The food was wonderful and the service was great. I hope everyone got a chance to meet our guests, Rod and Tammy, who have boats in San Pedro and Dana Point, and Li Lin, who visited our group but does not own a boat at this time.

Our next dinner is March 14th at Ciao Pasta in San Juan Capistrano. An eVite has been sent out with all the details. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM BINNACLE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

I'm still 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 Dinner at Mozambique



February's Dinner at Mozambique





BIRTHDAYS



February Birthdays:

Ron Latin	13 th
Monique Monk	13 th
Alicia Egan	18 th
Greg Haynes	25 th
Milton Stone	31 st

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

It's Your
**LUCKY
MARCH
DINNER**



March 14 6:00-pm
at

Ciao Pasta, 31661 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano

Please RSVP via the eVite you received

*So join us for good food, fun, and a chance to win one our
ship store's awesome gift baskets!*

Oceanside Cruise April 17th-19th 2020



More info coming soon!



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



WCYC 2020 Vessel Safety Check Event April 11, 2020

As conscientious boaters, we should all want our vessels checked regularly to ensure that we're not only Coast Guard compliant, but our boats are safe for our family and friends we have onboard.

Vessel Safety Checks are easy, free, and hold no consequences if not passed. You may even learn something new about your boat, I know I have.

So in conjunction with the Dana Point CG Auxiliary, we are offering VSCs on April 11th, conducted in your slip, probably starting around 10am. We realize this is Easter weekend, but it was the last available Saturday before our Oceanside cruise while giving folks time to complete their pre-cruise maintenance. If you can't make this date, please contact me and we'll make other arrangements.

The checklist can be found at <http://www.usps.org/door/vsc/2018-vsc-form.pdf>.

Only items 1-15 are required, and some of those are LOA and engine type specific (*check back for explanations & requirements*). If you have any questions regarding any item, please feel free to contact me directly so we can address your concern prior to the VSC.

If you're interested, please send the following info to Steve Fiorillo at sfiorill@gmail.com to sign up for the event:

Your Name:

Your eMail:

Your Phone #:

Vessel Name:

Vessel Length:

Vessel Type (Sail/Power):

Would you like your dingy inspected: (Y/N):

Slip Location:

Once we have a complete list, you will be contacted to schedule a time for your VSC. Hope to see you all there!



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



USCG Auxiliary Public Education Classes Flotilla 68 – Dana Point

All classes are held at Dana Point Yacht Club

Sailing Skills & Seamanship (7 Weeks)

Cost \$65

WHEN Every Wed from Mar 25th thru May 6th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book
Our Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice sailor. Topics include safety, knots, radio, and aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects.

Completion of this class will get you your California Boater Operator Card!

For more classes, please refer to the complete 2020 PE Class Schedule in the Boating Education section of this edition.





BOATING EDUCATION



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Cost \$65

WHEN: Every Wed from Jan 29th thru Mar 11th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book
Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include safety, knots, radio, aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road, and many other valuable subjects. In addition, completion of the class will get you the California Boater Operator Card which is now required to operate a motorized vessel in the state.

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How to Read a Nautical Chart (2 Nights)

Cost \$45

WHEN: Wed June 3rd, June 10th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book, chart
How to Read a Nautical Chart are seminars that will help the student unravel the mystery of charts by providing the navigator with the knowledge to interpret a chart's contents to navigate safely to his or her destination and return to port. Suggested as intro to Basic Coastal Navigation.

Basic Coastal Navigation (6 weeks)

Cost \$65

WHEN: Every Wed from June 17th thru July 22nd 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book, chart
An introduction to the basics of coastal navigation designed to acquaint you with the tools and skills required to be a successful navigator – essential for novices or a great refresher course for experienced (rusty) sailors. Covers navigation theory, plotting and course determination, dead reckoning, (time/speed/distance), compass use, bearings and fixes, and tides.

Basics of Marine Radio (1 night)

Cost \$25

WHEN: Wed August 5th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Learn how to operate one of the most important safety devices on your boat. Learn what DSC calling is and how to use it.

GPS for Mariners Class (3 weeks)

Cost \$45

WHEN: Wed August 12th thru Aug 26th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book
This is a class that will enable you to get the most from your nautical navigation GPS. Learn how to use the menus and functions to determine position, set waypoints, plot a course, determine speed and heading, correlate to a chart, and more.

Boating Skills & Seamanship (7 classes)

Cost \$65

WHEN: Every Wed from Sep 16th thru Oct 28th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book
Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include safety, knots, radio, aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects.

TO REGISTER: Email: ericgritzmacher@cox.net. Or call 949.632.2378 or Garry Nelson 714.234.0731 Visit our website at: danapointcgaux.org for more information



2020 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2020 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

February 8 th	Dinner at Mozambique
March 14 th	Dinner at Ciao Pasta
April 17-19	Shake Down Cruise to Oceanside <i>Cruise Captains: The Kosas</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Wagners</i>
May 15-17	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 12-14	Cruise to Mission Bay <i>Cruise Captains: The Vandenberg</i> <i>Co-Captains: The McNamaras</i>
June 27 th	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 17-19	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Sandlers</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Babcocks</i>
August 14-16	Cruise to Newport Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Monks</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Bertrands</i>
September 11-13	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Fiorillos</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Stones</i>
October 9-11	Cruise to Long Beach <i>Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 14 th	Commodore's Dinner at Vintage Steak House
December 5 th	Christmas Brunch at SJHGC



WCYC 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Kevin Bertrand
Rear Commodore	Mike Sandler

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	Ed Sicard
Jr Staff Commodore	Blake Campbell

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

Fleet / Port Captain	Dave Stancil
Secretary	Ed Sicard
Treasurer	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock
Vice Membership Chairperson	Mindy Sicard
JAG / Parliamentarian	

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	Kevin Bertrand
Rear Commodore	Mike Sandler
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Jr Staff Commodore	Blake Campbell
Active Member – Ship Store	Donna Groves (2 nd yr)
Active Member – Binnacle/Web Admin	Steve Fiorillo (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Mindy Sicard (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock (3 rd yr)
Active Member	
Active Member	



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 \$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.