



# West Coast Yacht Club

## **BINNACLE**

**!** *Avalon Cruise Dates have changed to May 21-213!*

*May, 2021*

*April's Cruise Report inside.....  
Invite to DWYC Opening Day, May 15....*



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

*Photo of the Sadie Mae at Danalina!*



## LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

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Ahoy WCYC members,

My new mantra is “***Fun in 2021***”

The shake out cruise in Danalina was a fabulous start to the season. It was great to see 12 boats in the raft-up which included several new and prospective members which I had the pleasure of “hanging out” with and a chance to get to know them on their boats as well as our own and members boats. Adding diversity and practicing inclusion breathes new life into the club and is at the core of our club vision.

The 70’s disco on the Friday night was so much fun – as soon as people put on their costumes they shed inhibitions, take on new persona’s and wow are they funny! Huge props to Mindy and Ed for arranging and hosting on “Disco - Sadie Mae”. I know there was a lot of incriminating photo’s taken which I am sure will be included in this month’s binnacle!

Our next cruise to Avalon has run into some logistical issues and we are pushing this forward to the next weekend but more on that from Mike Sandler our vice commodore. Please make sure you sign up early for the Avalon cruise!

On a final note, there is a lot of work undertaken by the flag officers and the board members which I want to both thank and recognize. Our virtual zoom board meetings continue to improve in respect to efficiency but also the thoughtful and knowledgeable content and contribution. As we move forward we are endeavoring to build a more a robust structure to the management of the club (rigor) which will allow a smoother transition of roles and management year on year. The goal is to provide the structure to support a well-managed club moving forward.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to having “more fun in 21”!

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

David Monk  
Commodore



## LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

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Greetings WCYC Members,

Our first "Yacht Club Cruise" for 2021 is in the books and if it is any indication of what is ahead this summer, most of us are going to need new livers! Ed and Mindy Sicard did a spectacular job hosting the Danalina cruise and it sure seemed like everyone had a great time.

The "70's Disco" party Friday night followed by the famous "Bloody Mary Bar" Saturday morning did me in (in an exceptionally good way). Saturday's afternoon festivities including live music was so much fun which continued right into the evening. Not sure what happened to the "Left - Right - Center" game that was to take place, but at least David Monk did not lose any money. And right on que, Chip Threlkeld's late-night dip into the water capped the evening.

As our commodore mentioned in his letter, our next cruise to Avalon has been pushed back one week. It is now scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP TO BE CRUISE CAPTAINS. Our original volunteers will be out of town that weekend, so please, call me at 949 448-8222 as soon as possible if you would like to take over. The Avalon cruise is easy as everyone is on their own moorings.

Our June cruise is to Oceanside, so please plan your schedules for that event.

That is all for now.

Mike Sandler  
Vice Commodore



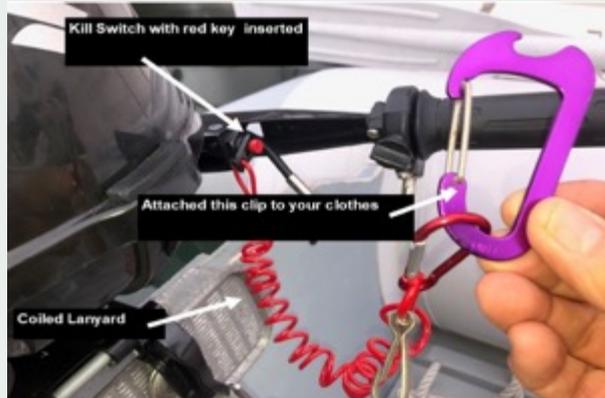
# LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DAVE STANCIL

Hello All:

## New Boating Law- Effective 4/1/21

All of us should be aware of a new federal boating law that went into effect on 4/1/21 that covers the requirement of a ECOS (Engine Cut-Off Switch). A ECOS is a government acronym for what most of us know a “Kill Switch” which is probably mounted somewhere on your console of your inflatable, Whaler, or on your outboard motor. The scope of this article in our *Binnacle* is a broad brush of the details. If you want all of the details, see the link below.

The Kill Switch is a safety mechanism that will shut off the engine and prevent a runaway inflatable or Whaler that is very difficult to stop and can cause a propeller strike, collision, or injury to someone trying to stop the runaway boat. They may look a little different on each boat or outboard, but here is a photo taken of the Kill Switch on my 2.5 HP outboard that I mount on my inflatable.



The Kill Switch coiled lanyard is typically attached in some manner to the operator, his/her clothing, or the worn floatation device. The “red end” is sandwiched into the actual mechanism that is required to start the engine and will cut off the engine when dislodged or removed. There are some newer non-lanyard model electric fobs that have entered the market. The law applies primarily to boat manufacturers that build recreational boats beginning in January 2020 less than 26’ in length that have some source of power around 3HP. If the boat has an enclosed helm the Kill Switch is not required.

Regardless of the new law, the use of the Kill Switch is an important safety component that should **not be overlooked** when we are operating our inflatables or Whalers. We highly recommend that you attach it to your clothing when operating even for short distances while cruising the harbor or attending one of the WCYC raft-ups.

More details:

[Coast Guard Announces New Law Requiring Use of Engine Cut-off Switches | Coast Guard News](#)

Dave Stancil  
Rear Commodore



## LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN MINDY SICARD

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Hello All:

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

**The World Famous WCYC Tiki Regatta Sailboat Race: July 10<sup>th</sup>**

This event is one of the "Top Five" Tiki Regattas in the world. I am looking for volunteers to be part of our Tiki Regatta Committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact: [melindasicard@gmail.com](mailto:melindasicard@gmail.com) or 949-412-2276. Our first meeting will be held via Zoom (details to follow).

**Summer Olympics Pub Crawl in Dana Point Harbor: July 24<sup>th</sup>**

The crawl will start at 12:00pm beginning at Dana West Yacht Club. Gold, Silver, and Bronze prizes will be awarded for the best and unique costumes. A 50/50 \$10.00 raffle will take place with proceeds going towards the Special Olympics.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Mindy Sicard  
Fleet/Port Captain



## LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

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Ahoy Cruisers!

What a great DanaLina Cruise! The weather was perfect and not a single Sawhorse award was earned. With the number of adult beverages consumed that's quite an accomplishment!

The 70's costumes were a real scream! On Saturday I counted 21 dinghies tied up to our boats while we had the live entertainment going. Many thanks to Ed and Mindy Sicard for arranging and paying for that live performance.

There were plenty of paddle boarders who just parked and enjoyed the music too. This led to a number of people asking about WCYC membership. In fact, I was introduced to THREE perspective member candidates and I'm working with them now. Nice going group! One filled out the membership application and paid the initiation and first year membership fees in cash on the spot! Thanks to all that made the introductions. Our members will always be our best source of new membership to keep our club thriving and fresh.

Next comes Avalon on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Karen and I are bringing a perspective couple and have invited them to stay on our boat. Please be sure to make them and anyone else you don't know feel warm and welcome.

PS - We are making progress toward stickers for your cars and boats similar to the ones seen below so we can all show our pride and attract potential members. More on this after our next board meeting



Tom Rasulo  
Membership Chair

***"A ship in its harbor is safe.... but that is not what ships are built for"***



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

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Hello All:

I'm always looking for content for the Binnacle, including cover photos, 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



# April Cruise Report - Danalina



West Coast Yacht Club had their first shakedown cruise in Danalina the weekend of April 16th – 18th. We had 12 boats participating in the fun-filled weekend. The fun began with people gathering, mixing and mingling while eating Mindy's famous hotdogs.





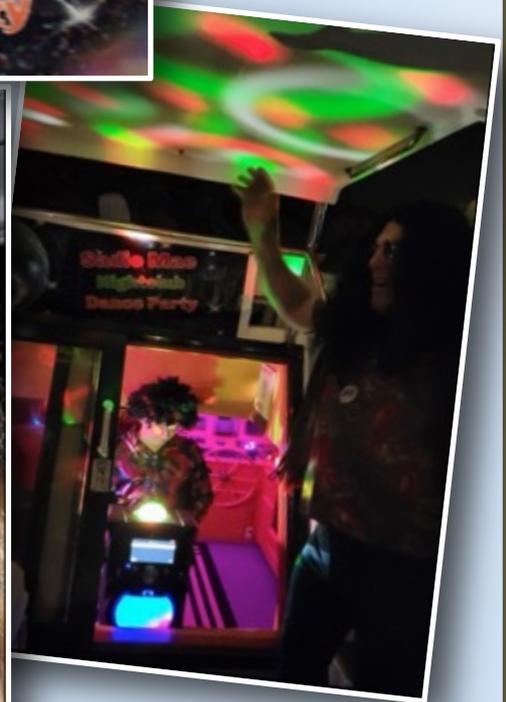
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The real party began in the evening with a 1970's party and our club did not disappoint. All came dressed in their decked out disco costumes and danced to DJ Eddie's 70's music.





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Saturday morning the attendees enjoyed eye openers consisting of Bloody Marys, Mimosas and a variety of danishes and scones. In the afternoon, on the Sadie Mae we had singer, Rick Sherman to entertain the crowd. In the evening, people reunited on various boats and enjoyed the evening together under the stars.



Sunday we started dispersing around 11:00 a.m. while others stayed and enjoyed the afternoon sun. A fun time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who was able to make the cruise for the weekend or even for part of it. We always enjoy the company of West Coast Yacht Club.

Who has more fun than we do? We do!

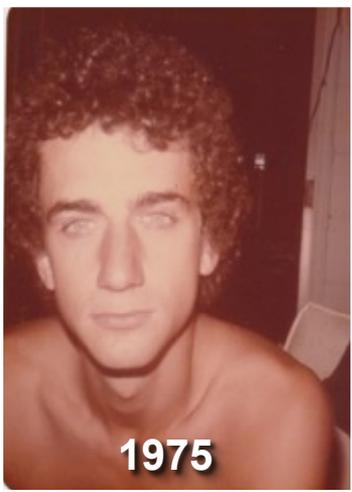
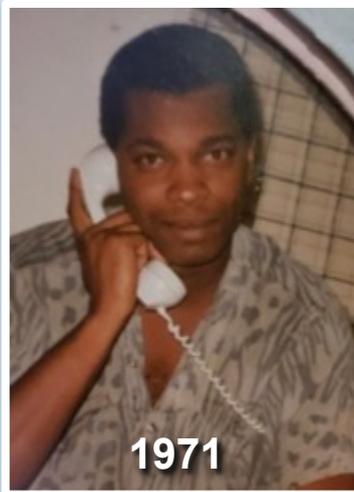
Cruise Captains Ed & Mindy Sicard



# WCYC 70's Who's Who?

To align with the 70's theme from the Danalina Cruise, we asked members to submit there best(or worse) from the 70's.

Can you tell who's who?



Check the last page to see how good you guessed!

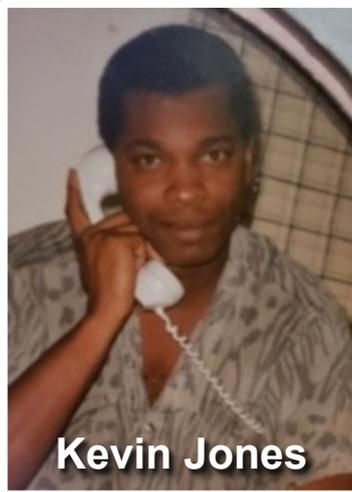


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*How close were you?*



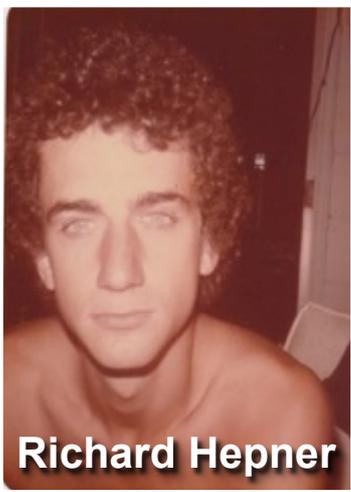
**Cindy Fiorillo**



**Kevin Jones**



**Susan Hepner**



**Richard Hepner**



**Drew Von Grep**



**Tom Rasulo**



**Susan Gehret**



**Mindy Sicard**



**Steve Fiorillo**



**Mark Babcock**



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## BIRTHDAYS

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### April Birthdays:

Dave Monk	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Chip Threlkeld	5 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Priola	8 <sup>th</sup>
John Kossa	18 <sup>th</sup>
Wanda Stone	21 <sup>st</sup>

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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*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.*



May's Cruise  
To  
Avalon!

May 21<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>th</sup>

Cruise Captains:  
TBD – Need Cruise Captains!

Info & Invite Coming Soon!



June Cruise  
To

Oceanside!

June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Cruise Captains:  
The Monks and Drew & Natalie

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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

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Tustin Santa Ana Rotary

# Lobsterfest

Visit <https://www.tustinlobsterfest.com/buy-tickets/> for tickets



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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

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*DCYW Commodore Hydee Riggs has cordially invited WCYC members to the DWYC Opening Day.*

*Please dress in your best yacht wear and don your name tag as you representing our WCYC!*



### **DANA WEST YACHT CLUB**

Commodore Hydee Riggs  
and the officers and directors of  
Dana West Yacht Club  
cordially invite you to attend our

# 42nd Annual Opening Day Ceremony

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Boat Parade: 10:00 a.m.

Registration: 2:30 p.m.

Ceremony: 3:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following ceremony

DANA WEST YACHT CLUB  
24601 DANA DRIVE  
DANA POINT, CA 92629  
(949) 661-1185



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## MEMBER LETTERS

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### Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Ahoy All!

I just wanted to give you all an update on the Auxiliary's current protocols to perform Vessel Safety Checks.

As of April 12, our policies have changed and restrictions relaxed to better align with the current Risk Level.

So what does this mean to you, the vessel owner? Well there's no longer a requirement to perform certain parts of the exam virtually, and with the owner's permission, we're now allowed to board the vessel to view those items that are below decks.

However, we will still perform as much of the exam as possible from topside in the open air. All parties are still required to wear PPE, maintain social distancing, and complete the exam within 30 minutes. So having everything that's portable like flairs, PFDs, documentation, etc, be ready & available before the exam starts will help us meet these goals.

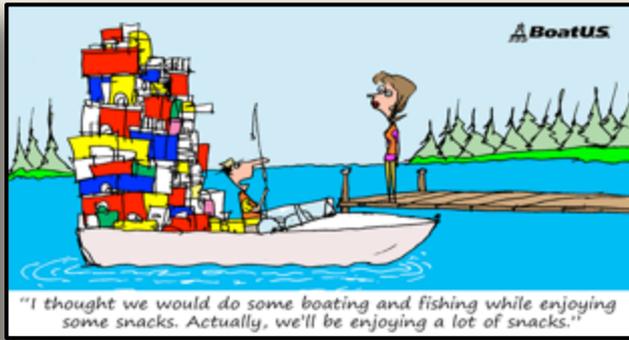
As always I encourage everyone to have their vessel examined. It not only ensures your boat is safe for you and you passengers, but it could reduce some hassles if you're ever stopped by the Coast Guard.

If there's any questions or to schedule your VSC, please contact me directly, or visit us on our web site at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599>, and we'll get you on the calendar.

Regards,  
Steve Fiorillo, USCG AUX  
303-947-8175  
sfiorill@gmail.com

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# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE .....



Just had my 1st shot,  
gonna get my second  
one as soon as the  
waitress comes back.



The older you get  
the more you  
appreciate  
cancelled plans,  
early nights,  
thunderstorms  
and alcohol that  
is on sale.

I MIGHT WAKE UP EARLY  
AND GO RUNNING. I ALSO MIGHT  
WAKE UP AND WIN THE LOTTERY.  
THE ODDS ARE ABOUT THE SAME.

Finally I understand why cars have these  
things...



Accidentally went  
grocery shopping on an  
empty stomach and now  
I'm the proud owner of  
aisle 4.





# 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 ( <a href="https://westcoastyachtclub.com/2021-march-dinner">https://westcoastyachtclub.com/2021-march-dinner</a> )
April 16-18	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina <i>Cruise Captains: Ed &amp; Mindy Sicard</i> <i>Co-Captains: OPEN</i>
May 21-23	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 11-13	Cruise to Oceanside <i>Cruise Captains: David &amp; Monique Monk</i> <i>Co-Captains: Drew Von Grempe &amp; Natalie Brown</i>
July 10	The Famous Tiki Regatta
July 16-18	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: Ron &amp; 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 &amp; Karen Rasulo</i> <i>Co-Captains: RJ Trevizo &amp; Kevin Jones</i>
September 17-19	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: John &amp; Creslun Kossa</i> <i>Co-Captains: Rod Covarrubias &amp; Tammy Huntley</i>
October 8-10	Cruise to Long Beach - LBYC <i>Cruise Captains: Chip &amp; Christie Threlkeld</i> <i>Co-Captains: Richard &amp; Susan Hepner</i>
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Dinner
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	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



*As April 12, 2021, the CG Auxiliary has moved into a new phase to align with the states's current risk level.*

*The following are the current 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
- Exam to be completed in 30 minutes
- 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)). 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

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

<b>The Flag officers of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore</b>	
<b>Jr Staff Commodore</b>	Ed Sicard
<b>Sr Staff Commodore</b>	OPEN

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

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