



West Coast Yacht Club

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May, 2022

Check out April's Cruise Report & Photos!

See inside for details....



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Signup for your 2022
Vessel Exam Today.
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Photo of Danalina Raft-Up by Cindy Fiorillo



LETTER FROM COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

Our first cruise for 2022 is in the books and it was a BLAST! The “Danalina Shakedown”, hosted by David Monk and yours truly, went off without a hitch. A big shout-out and thank you to our senior staff commodore Ed Sicard for coming down and helping with the setup and breakdown of all the boats in the raft up. Who knew he has such an extensive knowledge of Anchor Management. Please enjoy the Cruise Captains report written by David Monk below.

Our next adventure is a trip to the Island. Catalina, here we come, and rumor has it that the great Sadie Mae will be underway again. Our co-cruise captains Sicard’s and Babcock’s are planning this event so be sure to respond to the invitation that was sent out April 13th. If you did not receive it, please contact Mindy Sicard as soon as possible. I can’t wait to see everyone in Avalon again.

Our Tiki Regatta is coming up fast and our Port and Fleet captain, John Kossa, is now looking for sail boaters and volunteers to help with this traditional event. Please see the flyer below and reach out to John and let him know how you can help.

The updating of our WCYC Bylaws is almost complete and should be finalized by our next board meeting. Once the final draft is approved by the board, we will distribute the updates to all members. A HUGE thank you to our JAG, Richard Hepner, for the many hours spent on this project, as well as the entire board for all their input.

I am pleased to announce our membership is continuing to grow and our membership chairperson, Tom Rasulo, is doing a fantastic job following up with all the prospective members. We have added so many new members that we ran out of our metal West Coast Yacht Club membership cards. He has taken on the task of ordering a new batch of cards with a redesigned fresh new look. Keep an eye out for them, they look great.

For those of us whose boats are in Dana Point, it looks like the great harbor dock reconfiguration has begun. Some of our WCYC members have already been relocated to temporary slips. Hopefully this will be the start of an easy marina redevelopment that we all knew it was coming.

Well, that’s all for now, and I hope to see everyone at the Island.

Mike Sandler
Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear Members,

Hope everyone is able to join the WCYC cruise to Catalina Island....

On Friday, May 13th we will arrive and meet for lunch at Descanso Beach Club (the club closes at 3:00 p.m.). From there we will walk to the Island Plaza (bus stop) to catch the shuttle to the Cove Bar & Grill. We will then proceed to the following locations in order: Luau Larry's, El Galleon, Marlin Club, and end at the Chi Chi Club for those who are still thirsty.

There is not a set time at each of these establishments, so if you are planning other arrangements and want to join us mid-day/evening, please text or call Mindy @ (949) 412-2276 to see where we currently are.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. please board the Sadie Mae for Eye Openers and a light breakfast. At 11:30 a.m. we are planning a walk/hike to the Wrigley Botanical Gardens. Please meet at Eric's on the pier if you would like to join us. At 7:00 p.m. we will meet for dinner at the Bluewater Grill.

Sunday, May 15th departure at 9:00 a.m. back home.

Looking Ahead - Save-the-Date for the June Cruise to Two Harbors: June 10th – 12th.

So many of you are tentative on joining us whether or not your boat is working. Remember, it is still always fun to join us via hotel.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mindy Sicard
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy Cruise Members,

Hope your April is going good so far. Being a Live Aboard, we see lots of Boaters who are out and about traveling and enjoying the beginning of boating season.

I heard our last cruising event was a huge success and I am sorry we missed it. With the date change we could not make it due to a previous commitment.

I am looking forward to our next WCYC cruise so we can have fun, create new memories, and enjoy our fellow boaters.

Rear Commodore
Donna Groves



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP

TOM RASULO

Heloooooo Thrill Seekers,

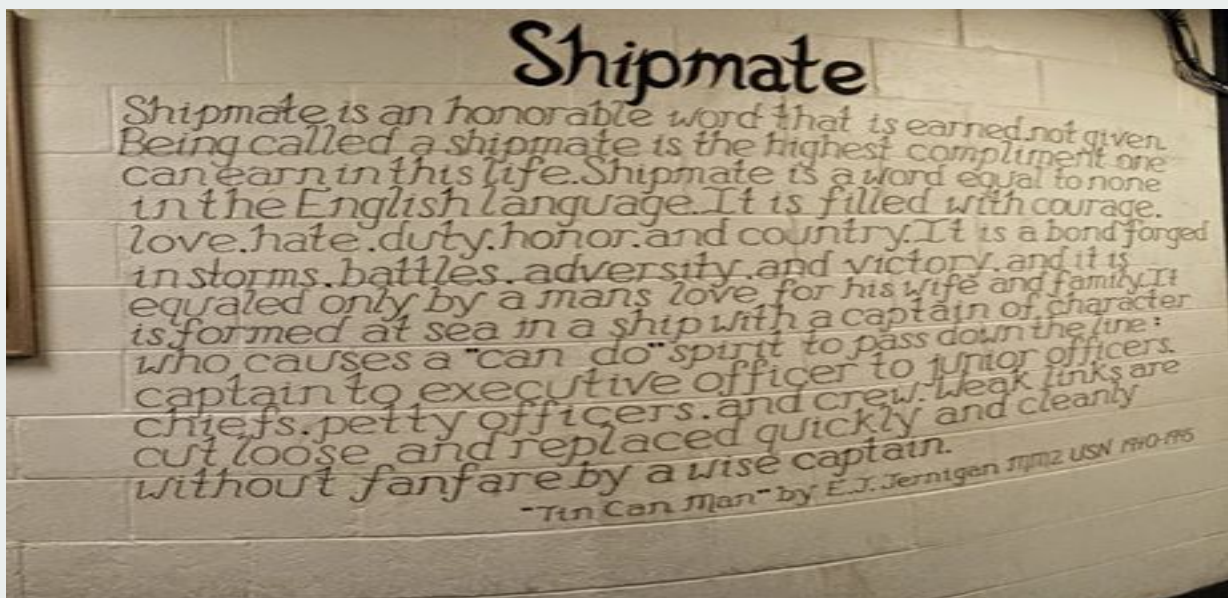
First, just a quick story about our how our members really do care:

I recently purchased a new tender and needed help figuring out the best way to tow it to Catalina. A casual phone call to Staff Commodore McNamara and boom... he dropped what he was doing, met me on his boat and took his time showing me how he made his tow kit. Amazing! Then there was another call to Staff Commodore Monk. Boom, before I knew it he drove to Newport Beach to meet me at Minney's then we went to West Marine to get all the lines and connections to create the bridle. He even ordered some things on line for me and spent a few hours putting it all together in his driveway with me! More Amazing. I've been boating for 50 years and there still lots to learn from these salty members so willing to give of themselves for other members. Thank you, guys! We really do have something special here. I'm proud to call you Shipmates

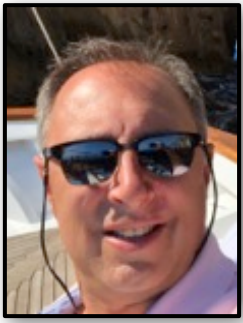
Lots of enthusiasm from potential members attending required events have resulted in two new memberships. Glen Rogers & Pam Fairbanks as well as Debbie Allan & Glenn Kendrick were voted in during our last board meeting.

We already have at least one more new membership ready to be voted on at our next meeting on May 5th ... and there may be more.

You guys are amazing. We only grow because you care.



Tom Rasulo
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



April's Cruise to Danalína Mobsters & Molls

Cruise Report by Dave Monk & Mike Sandler

Shake it out Shake it down Cruise!

What a fabulous way to start off the 2022 cruise season – Gangsters and Molls hanging out in Smugglers Cove (a quick and easy transport of the booze to the Speakeasy!)

Ok a little artistic license but it was certainly a Shake-Down cruise with lots of nautical stuff getting the boats “rafted up” under the supervision of our Senior Staff Commodore Ed the anchorman!

After deploying all the bow and stern anchors with a slightly different ship alignment we were set for the weekend and did not budge an inch – hurray for Ed!

Pretty much all the boats had some sort of issue predominantly batteries not charging Carbon Monoxide alarms going off accompanied by other stranger and less identifiable alarms (still yet to be established as to the root cause). Luckily no shortage of extremely knowledgeable members willing (even if not engaged) to provide their opinions as to the problem and the definitive solution to be employed!

A fun appetizer time on Friday night with many fabulous dishes – two of note were the “burn your face off – toilet roll in the fridge” dip made by Sheri and then the Thai Chicken lettuce wraps provided by chef Sondra which were really good (lost count on how many I had!).

We had only one casualty and "saw horse" winner earned on Friday evening when someone just stepped off the swim step and into the rather cold water – the cruise team all sprang into action with a fast search and recovery mission – no harm done but worthy of the sawhorse!

Bloody Mary's and delicious pastries for breakfast started the Saturday and it was a laid back quiet day with the weather a little dull and chilly but many drop-by members and guests as well as new prospective members joining the gang!

Now on to the night's celebrations.....



April's Cruise to Danalína

A cast of thousands participated in decorating the boats and transforming the Sand Bar Infinity and Reel Nauti into the "Speakeasy Bars" many thanks to the girls for creating the scene – Sheri, Monique, Tammy, and Christie.



Special thanks to Tammy and Rod for last minute setting up the Spaghetti and Meat Ball "Grab and Go" Buffet on their boat which worked really well. Also big shout out to my darling wife who was working on finalizing her Yoga training all day Saturday but still had time to order collect and deliver the dinner!



April's Cruise to Danalína

Now the costumes as can be seen in the photos were amazing – the girls were dazzling in their Molls outfits and “Bonnie” was also there but no sign of Clyde!





April's Cruise to Danalína

The boys all looked great in their Chicago Mobsters outfits and "Forget About It" Commodore Mike the Bartender provided an array of Mob era bourbon drinks.





April's Cruise to Danalína

One mobster Chip figured out how to keep track of how many Old Fashioned cocktails he drank by keeping his cherries in his glass as a record which so he could keep track of the number he'd drunk Chip kept his cherries in his glass as a record – pretty smart huh!

Truly a very fun night with great "30's" music and lively action.....





April's Cruise to Danalína



Again Sunday Bloody Mary's and pastries for breakfast help nurse a few hangovers!

De-rafting (yes that's a word for you nautical types) went really smoothly with only one boat coming close to another (at least 1/8" clearly visible) – Tammy was leaning as far over as she could to help steer the potentially offending boat (honestly no issues never doubted we would clear it for a minute!)

Phew!!! Big thanks to everyone who participated and as always to our darling wives who have to put up with us ancient mariners!



BIRTHDAYS



May Birthdays:

Dave Monk	3 rd
Chip Threlkeld	5 th
John Kossa	18 th
Wanda Stone	21 st

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

May Cruise Avalon May 13-15

Cruise Captains: The Sicards
Co-Captains: The Babcocks



Arrival - Friday May 13th – Noon

Bar and Restaurant Hopping

Meet at Descanso Beach Club, The Cove Bar & Grill (Closes at 3:00 p.m.)

Free Shuttle – Catalina Avenue by the Island Plaza (bus stop)

Then off to Luau Larry's, El Galleon, Marlin Club, & The Chi Chi Club

Saturday May 14th

9:30 a.m. - Openers and Light Breakfast on the Sadie Mae

11:30 a.m. - Hike to the Wrigley Botanical Gardens (Meet at Eric's on the Pier)

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at Bluewater Grill

Sunday May 15th

Departure by 9:00 a.m.

Cruise Fee - \$10.00 per person



June Cruise Two Harbors June 10-12

Cruise Captains: The Hepners
Co-Captains: The Rasulos



Register Today!

Scan the QR Code or click the link below, OR complete the Registration Form on the following page and submit it to fleet_port-captain@westcoastyachtclub.com

West Coast Yacht Club invites you to join us in our **Tiki Regatta**

*This race is for anyone who loves boating
Power boaters will race on a sailboat*

Saturday, June 25th

9:30 Pre-Race Meeting - Captains meet on the grassy knoll across from DWYC

13:00 Race Begins

16:00 Awards and Paella Dinner On the grassy knoll

\$20.00 Paella Dinner & Tiki Punch

\$10.00 Hat

Entry Forms due by June 18th please send to:

John Kossa - johnkossa@yahoo.com or
Crezlun Kossa - ckossa@gmail.com

Wear your Hawaiian Apparel!

<https://westcoastyachtclub.com/2022-tiki-regatta>



Entry Form
West Coast Yacht Club
Tiki Regatta
June 25, 2022
9:30 Captain's Meeting
13:00 Race Begins
16:00 Awards and Dinner
(Grassy Knoll across from DWYC)

Sail #: _____

Boat Name: _____

Skipper's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Make/Model: _____

Boat Size: _____

Last SCYA Race Rating Given:
_____ Non-Spin Rating _____ Base Rating _____

Crew Members:

Owner _____

Helmsman/Power Boater _____

Tactician _____

Grinder _____

Grinder _____

Foredeck _____

Please return by June 18th to John Kossa – johnkossa@yahoo.com or
Crezlun Kossa – ckossa@gmail.com
Payment due the day of: Cash or Check (No Race Fee)
\$10.00 Hat and \$20.00 Paella Dinner and Tiki Punch



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



*Saturday May 7th
and
Sunday May 8th
Dan Point Harbor*



City of Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon

 Running: Half Marathon, Kids Run/Fun Run, 10K, 5K

 Laguna Hills, California

 May 30th, 2022

<https://www.racethread.com/race/running-california-laguna-hills-city-of-laguna-hills-memorial-day-half-marathon-reviews>

CLUB NEWS & INFO

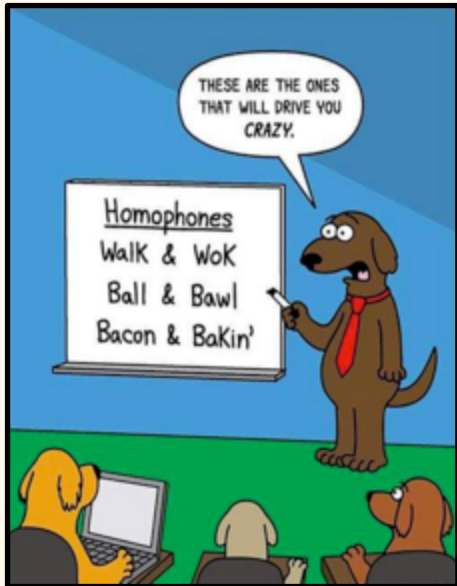
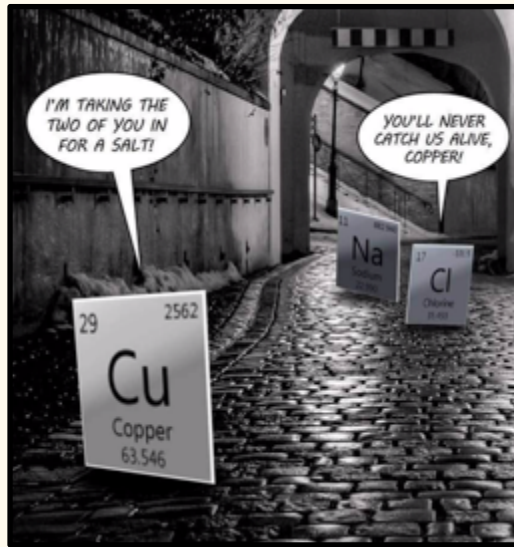
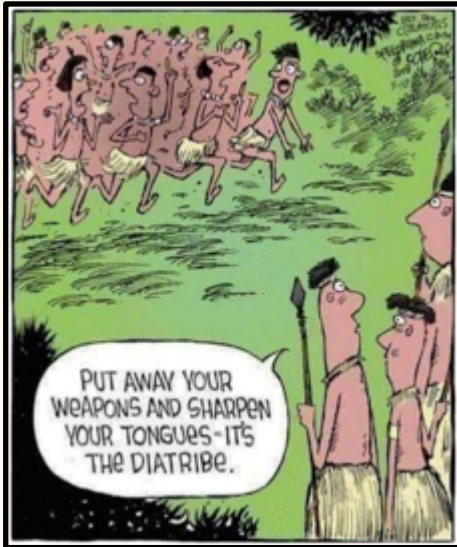
- **WCYC Event Protocol**

As a reminder, please remember to wear your WCYC Name Tag when attending any WCYC dinner or cruise.

- **New Members This Month:**

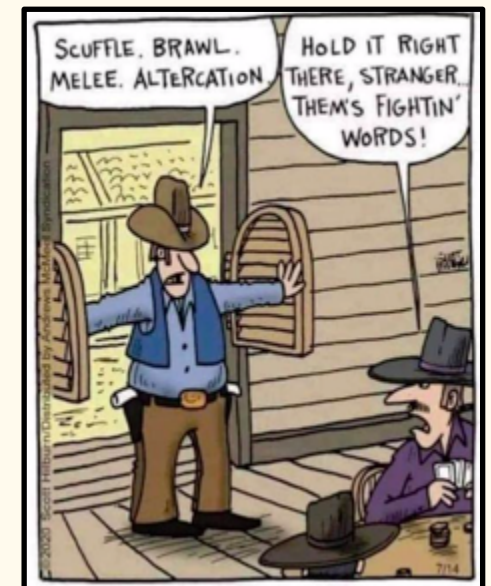
- Glenn Rogers & Pam Fairbanks
- Debbie Allen & Richard Kendrick

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...



10 REASONS WHY ENGLISH IS WEIRD

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.





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	<i>Shake Down Cruise to Danalina</i> <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	<i>Cruise to Two Harbors</i> <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>Wine Festival Tickets for Sunday July 10 go on sale May 1!</i> <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	<i>TBD</i> <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	<i>Bonus Cruise to LBYC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Sicards</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
November 12 th	Commodore's Dinner
December 10 th	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) 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 st yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (3 rd yr)
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo (2 nd yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (2 nd yr)
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (1 st yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (1 st yr)
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (6 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.



So HOW MANY DID YOU KNOW?



E – Echo

“I am altering my course to starboard”



I – India

“I am altering my course to port”



A – Alpha

“I have a diver down keep well clear at slow speed”



C – Charlie

“Affirmative”



N – November

“Negative”



D – Delta

“Keep clear of me; I’m maneuvering with difficulty”



F – Foxtrot

“I am disabled; communicate with me”



K – Kilo

“I wish to communicate with you”



R – Romeo

Has no meaning as a signal flag since 1969



T – Tango

“Keep clear of me; I’m engage in trawling”



U – Uniform

“You are running into danger”



Y – Yankee

“I am dragging my anchor”



Z – Zulu

“I require a tug”