



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

Season Opener Cruise to Newport Beach – Lighthouse Marina

See the cruise report & pictures inside.....

May, 2024

May Danalina Cruise & 1st Opening Day Ceremonies

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New By-Law Changes

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Photo from April Newport Cruise



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy fellow WCYC Members,

First, I would like to start with some sad news again this month. Our longtime member Danny Casteel has passed away at his home surrounded by his loved ones. Danny was a great friend, husband, father and always had a smile on his face. I had the privilege of knowing him and he will be dearly missed. Please send out your prayers to Jan and their children. We will keep you posted on the date for his Buriel at Sea.

Our first cruise of the season was in Newport Beach at the Lighthouse and was a huge success. The weather was a concern, however we all managed to get there safely, and it was so much fun. The captains did a great job from start to finish. The breakfast, dinner, the poker and LCR tournaments were so much fun. John Kossa won the LCR tournament AGAIN and rumor has it that the winners of the poker tournament was split between past Commodores Sandler & Monk. It was full of activities, dinghy rides and just really good conversations with fellow boaters. The weather cooperated throughout the weekend and a special thank you to Vice Commodore Rasulo for all his help making this first cruise a great success.

Our next cruise is our Opening Day May 3-5 in Danalina and again, we are SOLD OUT! We originally had a permit for 15 boats and with the great response, they allowed us to add 3 more boats. If you are not doing the raft up and you still want to be in the dinghy boat parade on Saturday, please come by at 10am and join in. We have a lot of things planned and it will be a lot of fun. Who will have their name placed on the new trophy, for the first ever winner of our first Opening Day? Someone will make History. Also, on Saturday at 1pm don't forget we will have a live band that will be on the Brinkis' boat. Come by for some good music.

June is our next cruise, and it will be in Newport Beach. It will be a Raft-Up in the turning basin. Our Captains and Co-Captains have a lot of fun things planned. Evite coming out soon. Sign up early, we have a limit again on the boats.

Our Poker Run was a huge success. Boaters came by dinghies, picked up their cards, had a Bloody Mary or Mimosa and off they went. They had 3 spots throughout the harbor where they visited and had a bite to eat along with a drink and get their next playing card. They also had key spots where they had to get selfies in order to get their last playing card. Then we followed with lunch on the docks. We had 2 winners. Best Hand went to Susan Hepner and the Worst Hand went to Sondra Harrison. Great time was had by all. We will be donating \$750.00 dollars to the DWYC Silver Stars which is an organization formed of past Commodore's that gives scholarships. Special thanks to both Steve & Cindy Fiorillo for helping me & Mike plan and execute the Poker Run & lunch.

Lots of fun things are happening this Summer. Look for your evites. It's going to be a great season and we may have a few more pop-up events coming soon.

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Wow! If the first cruise of the season is any indication of what our 2024 cruise year is going to be like, we are in for some FUN!

Our cruise to Marina Park in Newport Harbor on April 5th was a smash hit! We had 25 boats! A new record. We rented out the whole Marina! All 24 slips and 1 mooring were occupied by WCYC boats. Our cruise captains, the Ashworths and the Brinkis' really nailed this one. A big thank you to both couples. Nice Work!

Despite the wind and the rain and the rough seas our mariners prevailed. I'm so grateful and proud of you all. The catered BBQ dinner on Saturday night was fabulous and the afternoon Newport Harbor dingy event and a Casino Night Saturday evening kept us all entertained. How on EARTH John Kossa won the Left Right Center tournament AGAIN is amazing. Congrats John. (Don't spend the \$330 all in one place) Will we ever be able to dethrone him?

April had even more in store, as our first cruise was followed by our Poker run in Dana Harbor hosted by Commodore Donna Groves. Another record turnout allowed us to make an impressive donation to a worthwhile scholarship program while having another wonderful day with our friends.

RSVPs keep pouring in for our Danalina Raft-up & Opening Day on May 3-5. I've secured a permit for 18 boats to raft up and we're already sold out. Come out anyway by dingy or just drop an anchor. We're gonna have live music again this year, and another chance to dethrone Kossa, the two time and reigning Left Right Center Champion!!

I love how we all participate. It speaks volumes about what we've become.

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC Members,

Spring has sprung and so have the fantastic events that are available to everyone for this boating season. I heard the Poker Run was a great success and I was sorry to miss it. Thank you everyone who helped out and all of you who participated. Where was I???? You missed seeing Aquaholic and her 2 stroke smoke visiting the poker stops???? Is he visiting another Yacht Club? Is he at an Opening Day ceremony? LOL..... Well..... Glad you asked....



I was racing on "Tomol" a Catalina 38 in the Newport to Ensenada race. It was an amazing time. We wound up finishing in 6th place in our division, which was disappointing as we finished 6 hours faster than last year. Last year we won the Catalina division. We completed the 125 mile course in just over 17 hours. The wind was blowing on average from 9 to 24 knots. We had a top speed of 12.4 knots coming off of the swells which were pretty steep at night averaging 8 -10 foot. All in all, a fantastic ride and a great time with fellow sailors. It was fun to meet up with fellow WCYC members Claire Kenney and Walter Folsom down at the after party events in Ensenada. Claire and Walter were down there for the winery tour activities of the race events. Fun was had by all.



I am currently working on our final locations for the "Change of Watch" ceremony as well as the "Commodore's Dinner." I am excited to say we have locked down a great band for the Commodore's dinner so keep that on your calendar as it is sure to be fun.

The Tiki Regatta is coming up in July. Please spread the word to any sailboat owners you run into. As you know the Regatta is open to all - not just WCYC members. It is a fun race and an even better after party!

This upcoming weekend is our Opening Day Cruise/Raft up in Dana Point Harbor and I hope that you all can attend. Whether you are rafting up or just coming out in your dinghy, we look forward to seeing you all! It should be an amazing time. The dinghy parade will be a sight to see. Remember you can decorate your dinghy with the traditional theme or with the Cinco De Mayo theme. Use your imagination!

See Everyone on Opening Day!

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP

SHERI MEEHLIES

Happy May everyone!

Are you ready for our big Danalina raft-up weekend? Mother Nature has kindly blessed us with a beautiful weather forecast for our first ever “Opening Day” celebration and our Flag Officers have put together an amazing itinerary that will surely prove to be an event long talked about.

I am pleased to announce the Board of Directors has approved full membership rights for two new members. A big welcome to Bill and Susan Blanchard and Nick Papageorges who are joining our great family of boaters!! When you see them next please introduce yourselves and get to know our newest members!

Our raft-up and “Opening Day” Dingy parade this Saturday as well as our incredible agenda for cruising events over the summer will certainly be noticed by many prospective members so please extend an invitation for them to check out our website at <https://westcoastyachtclub.com/membership> for more information on joining our Yacht Club.

There are a few of you who still haven't received your membership stickers for 2024 so please look for me at this weekend's raft-up. If you're unable to attend the raft-up you'll be receiving your stickers via US mail. I'll also have WCYC burgees for sale this weekend.

Sheri Meehlies
Membership Chair



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN JOHN KOSSA

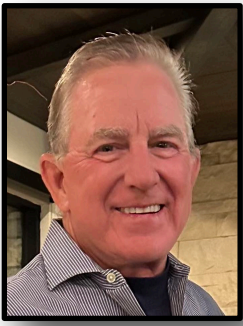
Ahoy WCYC,

Summer is on the way with so many fun cruises & events.

Tiki Regatta is scheduled for July 27th. Hope to see everyone there.

We want to take a poll about the after party. Paella or Taco Cart? Please email me at fleet_port-captain@westcoastyachtclub.com by May 31 so that we can plan accordingly
I can't wait to see the results of the poll.

John Kossa
Fleet/Port Captain



LETTER FROM JAG/PARLIAMENTARIAN MARK BABCOCK

Hello All,

With the growth of WCYC membership and participation in our events, the board has made a couple of amendments to the club bylaws I want to make you aware of:

1) ***"Active memberships are limited to 75 but but may be amended at the discretion of the Board of Directors"***

This leaves us room to grow - but with the understanding we have to recognize our events become more difficult to manage as our numbers grow.

2) ***"Active members must attend a minimum of one club event annually to maintain membership"***

This one is self explanatory. We want our members to participate.

See you all on opening day!

Mark Babcock
JAG/Parliamentarian



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 Newport Harbor Marina Park

**Cruise Captains: That Ashworths & The Brinkis'
Cruise Report by Glenn Ashworth**



The first cruise of the year, held from April 5th to 7th at Marina Park on Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach, was an unforgettable Western themed event where the spirit of the old West met the beauty of the Pacific. Led by cruise captains The Ashworth's & The Brinkis, this weekend getaway brought an incredible experience filled with fun, food, and friendship.

Many members kicked off the weekend early, some leaving as early as Wednesday to make the most of their time together and get ahead of a small Southern California rainstorm. This small craft advisor Friday was no big deal for our fair-weather sailors, as we filled just about all 23 slips located at Marina Park. At least 60 members joined us for the festivities throughout the weekend.





April's Cruise to Newport Harbor Marina Park

The festivities began upon arrival, as members were greeted by Donna & Cindy with Fireball Jello Shots....



Lynette & Linus Brinkis

Astrid & Glenn Ashworth





April's Cruise to Newport Harbor Marina Park

The festivities continued Friday evening with a spectacular showcase of homemade appetizers, each member contributing their culinary creations to start the event with a bang. The group remained undeterred despite Friday's cooler weather and moderate winds, enjoying lively conversations and catching up with old friends. For those with extra energy, the night continued with dancing and listening to live music at the American Legion Yacht Club next door.





April's Cruise to Newport Harbor Marina Park

Saturday morning began with an endless supply of bloody marys and mimosas, followed by a gourmet breakfast featuring homemade egg frittatas, croissants, and fresh fruit. In the afternoon, everyone jumped onto the Dingy cruise, exploring the picturesque canals and scenery under blue skies and great weather.





April's Cruise to Newport Harbor Marina Park



As evening fell, everyone embraced the cowboy theme for a catered BBQ Ho-Down, complete with cowboy outfits and hearty fare



After dinner, the fun continued with Texas Hold'em and Left Right Center games.



Yes, it's true, John Kossa won the LRC tournament once again, taking home all the CASH for the second year in a row!



The top four Texas Hold'em contenders, Mike Sandler, Dave Monk, Paul Hamilton, and Steve Fiorillo, fiercely battled it out, with either Mike or Dave emerging as the victor.





April's Cruise to Newport Harbor Marina Park

Sunday morning brought more visiting and heartfelt goodbyes over coffee as members bid farewell until the next event. The cruise fostered a sense of family among participants, with new friendships forged, a shared love for boating, and great company.



This weekend was indeed one for the books, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the next opportunity to come together and create more unforgettable memories.



POKER RUN

Western Poker Run & Picnic



High Hand
Winner
Susan Hepner

Low Hand
Winner
Sondra Harrison



BIRTHDAYS



May Birthdays:

Lori Ash	3 rd
Dave Monk	3 rd
Chip Threlkeld	5 th
John Kosa	18 th
Wanda Van Der Watt	21 st
Chop Riddle	24 th
Ken Harth	28 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

May Cruise to Danalina May 3 - 5

Featuring The 1st Annual *West Coast Yacht Club* Opening Day Ceremony & Dingy Parade Saturday May 4th

Schedule of Events:

Friday

10a-3p: Arrival - Contact Cruise Captains on CH72 for anchoring instructions
5:00pm - Happy Hour - Bring appetizer to share

Saturday - OPENING DAY

9:00a - Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar
10:45a - Opening Day Ceremony
11:00a - Dingy Parade
1:00p-4:00p - Music with Live Band
6:30p - Cinco de Mayo Dinner
8:00p - LCR Tournament

Sunday

Departure - Contact Cruise Captains on CH71 for departure instructions



CLUB NEWS & INFO

• Welcome New Members:

- Bill & Susan Blanchard: 40' Powerboat, "La Mira Sirena"
- Nick Papageorges: 27' Sailboat, "Mermaid Trap"

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June Raft-Up in Newport Harbor

June 7 - 9

Join Us As We Pay Tribute To The ...



Cruise Captains: Huntley/Covarrubias & Monks/Sandlers
eVites Coming Soon!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



THE ENDLESS SUMMER + DANA POINT FILM FESTIVAL

Dana Point Film Festival is an Oceans Film Festival, focused on marine life and the human relationship with the magnificent wonder will take place May 2-5, 2024.

For more information & tickets: <http://danapointfilm.org/>



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MAY'S EVENTS.....



**MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
BECAUSE TOMORROW IS
REVENGE OF THE FIFTH**



**MORNING AFTER
CINCO DE MAYO**



REVENGE OF THE FIFTH



**FIRST FIESTA
THEN SIESTA**



**CINCO DE MAYO...
IS JUST ST. PATRICK'S DAY
WITH TACOS AND TEQUILLA...**

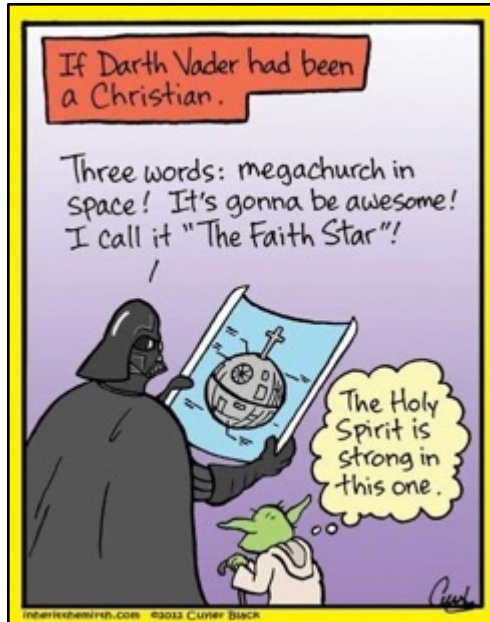


Happy Cinco de Mayo to everyone who will be calling in sick on Seis de Mayo.

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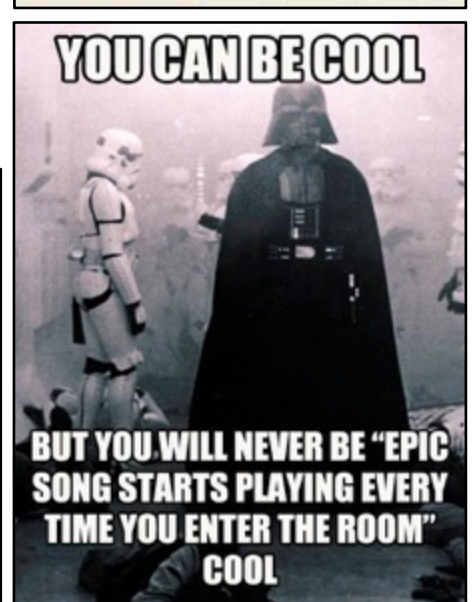


If Darth Vader had been a Christian.

Three words: megachurch in space! It's gonna be awesome! I call it "The Faith Star!"

The Holy Spirit is strong in this one.

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**YOU CAN BE COOL
BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE "EPIC
SONG STARTS PLAYING EVERY
TIME YOU ENTER THE ROOM"
COOL**



Happy Cinco de Mayo to someone who only knows those Spanish words.

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happy Cinco de Meow



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: Monks / Sandlers</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 11-15	Optional Extended Cruise From Avalon: 8/11-12: Long Beach > 8/13 San Pedro > 8/14 Newport
September	Fishing Tournament(Tentatively 21 st or 28 th)
** October 18-20 4-6	<i>Cruise to Long Beach YC</i> <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.**



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 scan our QR code or go to the Dana Point CG Auxiliary VSC page to request a VSC,

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599>



- Education -

Our Boating Education 2024 Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back.

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.