



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

November, 2020

October's Cruise to Long Beach!

Read the cruise report inside.....

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Photo of Long Beach by Christie Threlkeld



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

Well the season for 2020 is nearly over and I can hear you all saying "good riddance to 2020!" It certainly has been a challenging year for a club that is built around socializing!

We absolutely enjoyed our last club cruise of the year with a very select group in Long Beach at the Los Alamitos Marina with our host's Christie and Chip on Panacea; Dell and Barb on Patina; Ron and Cindy on Liberty Bell and Monique and I on Reel Nauti Too! A very fun weekend with lots of Nautical stuff; a potential sawhorse (bridges and sailboats); boat repairs (thanks to Chip for coming to my aid fixing a fresh water leak which emptied 70 gallons into my engine compartment keeping my bilges busy); Dell's Dingy drive cable; and an issue with Liberty Bell (undisclosed at time of publication). Thank goodness West Marine is within 10 minutes' walk allowing the much needed multiple visits! I will let Christie do the honors of providing the cruise report including the Pirates dinner!

Monique and I cruised over to Cherry on the Monday where there were 5 other boats moored and we took Bravo 1 mooring (our favorite) right next to the shore with crystal clear warm water (70 degrees). We stayed till Thursday morning enjoying the beautiful hot weather; visiting the Blue caves, the peaceful solitude and watching shooting stars and satellites at night. While visiting Emerald we rescued two young divers whose engine had failed on their dinghy and they were attempting to row back the 2.5 miles to Isthmus against the current with dusk fast approaching and no lights and no radio. We ensured they were adequately hydrated (Modelo Cervaza's) and towed them back to their sail boat - they were most grateful (and cute)!

Thursday morning we headed to Avalon where we met up with several members of both WCYC and DWYC who were there on a cruise. Super busy but had fun hanging out on Big Wally with Natalie and Drew and the crowd, enjoyed dinner on the beach at Steve's with Barb and Dell and friends and then "M" for a fabulous Italian romantic dinner on Saturday night. Ten days and nine nights on the boat - making us so grateful to be able to enjoy the boat, our beautiful Californian coast and share good times with our boating buddies! I share these stories as it reflects how as a club and as boaters we all benefit from the comradery and support of our fellow members. I would say the vast majority of my own knowledge has been provided through you all and I am certainly appreciative and have enjoyed that support.

All is booked for the November Commodore's Dinner at El Adobe on November the 14th, great job Mike Sandler. The menu looks fantastic and the Evite is out with many who have RSVP'd "Yes" but we want to see you all there so make sure you respond as soon as you can (don't leave it till the last minute!). This really helps with letting the restaurant know numbers to expect!

Just wanted to also add what a great job Dave and Tami did for the Poker Run last weekend - super fun and a good time was had by all! I am sure Steve has some fun photo's to add to Dave's report on the event!

Time to sign off and say to all " Stay Safe & Healthy and Fair Winds and Following Seas"

David Monk, Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN DAVE STANCIL

Greetings from your Fleet Captain, Dave Stancil

Thanks to all that participated in the 2020 Poker Run held on Saturday 10/24/20. The event was co-hosted by the Stancils on *Juliet* and the Sicards on *Sadie Mae*. We had 18 players that enjoyed beverages, pirate snacks, and great appetizers such as pulled pork sliders, street tacos, and Jalapeño popper chicken sliders from the four Host Boats: Dave and Tami on *Juliet*, Ed and Mindy on *Sadie Mae*, Dave and Monique on *Real Naughty Too*, and Rod and Tammy on *Infinity*. Fun was had by all and we never left Dana Point Harbor!



Infinity



Sadie Mae



Real Naughty Too



Chad Hively, John Kossa's Son-In-Law, proudly displaying his \$180.00 cash winnings from a "two pair 10 high" hand



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP MINDY SICARD

West Coast Yacht Club 2020 season is coming to an end and we look forward to a much more adventurous 2021 yachting season. The New Year will hope to bring many cruises, monthly dinners, Tiki Regatta, Poker Run, and much more.

If you are interested in renewing your WCYC Membership, we will begin collecting at our November dinner at El Adobe. Dues will remain the same at \$150.00. You may pay cash, check, or PayPal. At that time, you will receive the 2021 membership stickers.

Alternatively, you may send your check for \$150.00 paid to WCYC to:

Mindy Sicard
33831 Camino Capistrano #25
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

We look forward to all the continued fun that WCYC has to offer and appreciate your continued support.

Regards,
Mindy Sicard
Membership



LETTER FROM WEB ADMIN 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



October Cruise Report: Long Beach, 10/9-11



With the no-reciprocal order from Long Beach Yacht Club we had to scurry to find a new place to meet. We got a lovely place behind the Ralphs shopping center but again had to move as half of the group could not make it under the 2nd street bridge - that nautical blunder cost Christie her very first sawhorse!

With a group text, we all maneuvered our way to Alamitos Bay marina where Del And Barbie had already made arrangements for.

We met for more of a potluck than the normal appetizers as we knew there were only 8 of us - delicious as usual, man our club knows how to cook!



We met on the co-captains boat - Ron and Cindy on Liberty Bell for the evening. This put us on the other side of the water from Naples Island so we decided to walk across the street to the new 2nd and PCH mall for what we all considered the best ice cream ever!



October Cruise Report: Continued



Saturday morning started as normal with bloody marys and belinis, but Cindy made everyone breakfast sandwiches too.

We went for a lovely dingy ride around the island mid day with lovely weather and cocktails then came back and got our Pirate gear on for dinner at Jade. Winners of the costume contest (chosen by the waitress) was Ron and Cindy Latin.



Much to Del and Barbies chagrin we met for breakfast at 8:00 am at Schooner or Later, (the photo of Del with the sad face).

I think each of us had a boat issue, but we all helped each other out as a true yacht club member and friend! Great way to end the season with a small group gathering of like minded people!

Cruise Captains,
Chip and Christie Threlkeld





October Cruise Report: Continued



There is a difference between convenience and conviction. For mariners, it is the call of the sea and seafaring adventure. The element of the unknown. What lies out there in the blue deep when land is nowhere in sight? How vast is that ocean! When we embark on the adventure it's not the same as getting in the car and taking a road trip. While we may be in control behind the wheel of the car, there is likely to be a predictability to reaching our destination.

The risk is not present to the same degree as casting off the lines and immersing oneself in a container surrounded by a hostile and unforgiving sea. Even boarding an aircraft does not carry the same degree of concern for most because the assurance of reaching the destination safely is astronomically high. The lure of the sea and the challenge it presents rouses one from the complacency of home and causes the pulse to quicken as our craft escapes the safety of the harbor. It is understandable that many would prefer the quiet comfort of home in the harbor.

Not so with those intrepid cadre of West Coast Yacht Club mariners who set sail for the attractions of the Alamitos Bay marina. So what if there were but 4 boats! Who cared that the bridge under which we sailors would have to pass was a mere 35 feet high at its apex? When we realized that the concrete and steel buttress of the bridge would prevail over our aluminum or wood mast, we simply sought shelter in the city marina. And our motoring brethren, piloting those vessels with powerful engines, had the grace to alter their plan and join us in the crowded marina.

To their credit, our Commodore and Cruise Captain and their beloved spouses ensured that our little cruise community would be within hailing distance of each other. What we lacked in numbers was compensated by a hearty enthusiasm as we resolved to hoist the WCYC banner high and proud. Mind you that our enthusiasm was tempered as you will note that the local police gazette contained no mention of a rowdy group from Dana Point in their marina.

Let the annals of the WCYC history show that the annual cruise to Long Beach was successfully accomplished in 2020 and that we seafarers comported ourselves in such a way as to reflect great credit on our revered yacht club.

Cruise Co-Captains,
Ron & Cindy Latin




BIRTHDAYS



November Birthdays:

Drew Von Gremp	5 th
Mike Sandler	11 th
Tom Egan	16 th
Brian Randall	18 th
Mike Wagner	19 th
Janet Prideaux	23 rd
Steve Vandenberg	28 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



West Coast Yacht Club
2020 Commodore's Dinner

November 14, 2020
6:00pm
At
El Adobe Restaurant
31891 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano

Cost: \$50pp
RSVP by Nov 8th via your eVite Invitation

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- Reminder that new DP Marina parking regulations go in effect Monday Nov 2nd! If you haven't gotten your parking pass yet, please do so immediately!

JOKES OF THE MONTH.....



**WHY DO EGGS COME
IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM
CARTONS AND
BATTERIES COME IN A
PACKAGE ONLY A
CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?**



**WIFE: DID I GET FAT DURING
QUARANTINE?
HUSBAND: YOU WEREN'T
REALLY SKINNY TO BEGIN WITH!
TIME OF DEATH: 11:00PM
CAUSE: COVID**



Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory! I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine.

**There is a spike in Covid cases because there's a spike in testing.
If we had more IQ tests, there would be a spike in morons, too.**





USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks

Flotilla 68 – Dana Point

The following are the current guidelines effective August 1, 2020, 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:

- Each VSC must also have prior approval by the CG AUX approximately one week prior to the exam
- One examiner per vessel
- Exam to be completed in 30 minutes
- No boarding of the vessel
- Examiner and boat owner are to wear PPE and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- All vessel safety equipment (PFDs, flares, fire extinguishers, holding tank seacock, sounding devices, etc) must be available for either physical or virtual(FaceTime/Skype/Zoom/Pictures) inspection

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 Debbie Allen(danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) or Steve Fiorillo(sfiorill@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 have been postponed. However the USCG AUX is developing on-line classes. Please stay tuned 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 - CANCELLED <i>Cruise Captains: The Kosas</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Wagners</i>
May 15-17	Cruise to Avalon - CANCELLED <i>Cruise Captains: TBD</i> <i>Co-Captains: TBD</i>
June 26-28	Cruise to Moonstone Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Vandenberg</i> <i>Co-Captains: The McNamaras</i>
June 27 th	The Famous Tiki Regatta – Rescheduled for 2021
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 – Marina Pacifica <i>Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Latins</i>
November 14 th	Commodore's Dinner – El Adobe, San Juan Capistrano
December 12 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	<i>Kevin Bertrand (Resigned)</i>
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	Christie Threlkeld
Vice Membership Chairperson	Mindy Sicard
JAG / Parliamentarian	Ron Latin

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	<i>Vacant</i>
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 (4 th yr)
Active Member	Mindy Sicard (4 th yr)
Active Member	Christie Threlkeld
Active Member	Ron Latin
Active Member	<i>Vacant</i>



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.