



# West Coast Yacht Club

**BINNACLE**

November, 2021

*October's Cruise Report & Photos  
inside.....*

*Please make sure to check the  
Cruise and Dinner Schedule as  
some events have changed!*

*Celebrating Our*



*1931 - 2021*

## **IN THIS ISSUE:**

WCYC Staff Letters  
Cruise Report & Photos  
Birthdays, News, & Events  
Cruise & Dinner Schedule  
USCG Aux Bulletin Board  
Officers & Board of Directors  
Reciprocity List  
Membership Application

*Photo of October's WCYC & DWYC Dana Point Harbor Dingy Party*



## LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

---

Ahoy WCYC members,

Well, we have finally come to the end of the 2021 cruising season for the WCYC and what a year it has been! I want to thank all of the cruise captains and their co-cruise captains for their hard work, diligence, imaginative themes and events. Spending time together on our boats, enjoying our fabulous coastline and locations with our fellow yachties is what it is all about! Sharing meals and drinks on our boats, sharing stories, making new friends and memories all adds to the history of our club in its 90th year - what a legacy we share all those that came before us!

Your flag officers and board members have been generous in their time ensuring we can all enjoy the benefits of belonging to such a great yacht club. I want to thank each and everyone of them for their contributions for without them we could not put together all the events that make us the cruising club we are today.

As we move into the last two events of the season, I hope you will all join us in celebrating another great WCYC year. The Commodore's Dinner is a chance for me to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the honor of being your Commodore for yet another season – it's truly been my pleasure to serve the WCYC.

The holiday brunch and change of watch is an opportunity for you all to participate in the selection and approval of the new flag officers, the succession of the current flag officers, and the election of your 2022 board members. If any of you wish to participate and volunteer your services please reach out to Mike Sandler.

As always, please be sure to review the Binnacle (now on the WCYC website <https://westcoastyachtclub.com>) for news and the upcoming November dinner and Holiday Brunch!

See you all soon,

"Stay Safe & Healthy and Fair Winds & Following Seas".

David Monk  
Commodore



## LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

---

Greetings WCYC Members,

Well, our 2021 WCYC cruising season has officially ended. Unfortunately, due to the crude oil spill off our coast, we were unable to enjoy the Long Beach harbors this year. However, with quick thinking and planning, our Long Beach cruise captains came through and put together an incredible Saturday dinghy cruise and party in Dana Point. A big thank you to Chip & Christie Threlkeld and Richard & Susan Hepner for putting the adjusted event together so quickly. Also, a big shout out to Ed & Mindy Sicard for allowing Sadie Mae to be the center of the event. Never a dull moment aboard the Sadie Mae.

Our last dinner event of the year is our Commodore's Dinner which will be held at Hendrix restaurant in Laguna Niguel on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone there to celebrate and show our appreciation for our commodore David Monk on an incredible job well done. The e-Vite for this event has already been sent out, so if you have not responded yet, please do ASAP so we can get an accurate head count. If you did not receive it, please contact Mindy Sicard as soon as possible.

Also, as I said in my last letter, thank you again to all of those who stepped up and volunteered, and made this "cruising" year so fun and successful.

Mike Sandler  
Vice Commodore



# LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN MINDY SICARD

---

Hello All:

You are invited to attend the West Coast Yacht Club Commodore's Dinner at Hendrix Restaurant and Bar in Laguna Niguel on Saturday, November 13th at 5:00 p.m. The restaurant is lovely and it even has an indoor fire pit. The following items will be on our menu:

*~ Shared Appetizers ~*

*Brussels Sprouts, Fried Calamari, and Chicken Pesto Pizza*

*~ Entrée ~ Select One: ~*

*Rigatoni Bolognese with Freshly Grated Smoked Gouda*

*Lemon Garlic 1/2 Chicken Served with Weiser Farms "drip" Potatoes Rosemary Lemon Confit*

*Leg of Lamb with Mint Garlic Lební Served with Weiser Farms "drip" Potatoes*

*Cedar Plank Icelandic Salmon with Warm Quinoa Salad | Lemon Basil Dressing | Feta*

*~ Dessert ~*

*Sticky Toffee Cake*

The price is \$50.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

There will be a raffle basket and the Ship Store will be open.  
Please remember to RSVP via the Evite

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for Brunch at San Juan Hills Golf Course  
We will be celebrating the year with the change of officers and  
presentation of the new board of directors

*Trophies and Award Ceremony*

Mindy Sicard  
Fleet/Port Captain



## LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

Helloooooo Thrill Seekers,

Wow! Oil spill be damned! We sure are popular! Our most recent event in Dana Point was very well attended and lots of fun.

There, I was able to check the attendance requirement boxes on THREE new prospective member couples. During our next board meeting we will vote on all three. WCYC prorates the annual membership fees by quarter so its an even better value to become a part of WCYC.

Speaking of membership fees, I will have 2022 stickers for your WCYC Membership cards available at the Commodores Dinner for anyone who wishes to pay their \$150 annual Membership fee early. Another opportunity to renew for 2022 will be at our "Change of Watch" luncheon at the San Juan Hills Hills Golf Club on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

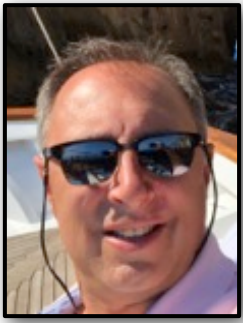


Remember, a good way to talk with potential members is to simply send them to <http://westcoastyachtclub.com>. If they click on membership and fill out an interest form, I'll get an email and take it from there. As your Membership Chairperson it' so heartwarming to hear how one of our members was so proud of WCYC and mentioned it in conversation. You make my job here easy. Membership will always be the single best source of new members to keep, our club growing and thriving.

***"I start from the premise that no object created by man is as satisfying to his body and soul as a proper sailing yacht."***

***– Arthur Beiser***

Tom Rasulo  
Membership Chair



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

---

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



# October's Cruise Report- Dana Point

By Richard Hepner

Evil forces conspired to cancel the WCYC October Long Beach Cruise. Restaurants were disorganized in the wake of the LA County Covid environment. Beaches and harbors were being closed in Orange County due to the oil spill off Huntington Beach. However, the cruise captains wished to salvage the weekend. We reasoned: "What is more fun than a day with friends in a group of dinghies?" A Dana Point Dinghy Day was born.

The weather gods smiled upon us, delivering a beautiful day for the mini-cruise.

The day began with lunch at Dana West Yacht Club. DWYC was forced to cancel their Avalon cruise, scheduled for the same weekend as the WCYC Long Beach Cruise, and a number of DWYC members joined WCYC in our day of celebration.

Lunch was followed by a large dinghy flotilla which cruised Dana Point Harbor before rafting up behind *Sadie Mae* for an afternoon of fun and games.





# October's Cruise Report- Dana Point

By Richard Hepner

At *Sadie Mae*, Junior Staff Commodore Ed Sicard addressed a mixed group of WCYC and DWYC participants, extolling the virtue and spirit of the boating community. Commodore Dave Monk shared some good words in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of West Coast Yacht Club.







# October's Cruise Report- Dana Point

By Richard Hepner



At *Sadie Mae*, Junior Staff Commodore Ed Sicard addressed a mixed group of WCYC and DWYC participants, extolling the virtue and spirit of the boating community. Commodore Dave Monk shared some good words in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of West Coast Yacht Club.

Special thanks to those who transformed the cancelled Long Beach cruise into a great day in Dana Point Harbor: Ed and Mindy Sicard for making *Sadie Mae* available as a home base for the dinghy fleet; Dana West Yacht Club for making their club house available for lunch; Christie and Chip Threlkeld for coordinating the alternate plan on the fly.

P.S. A great piece of news: The oil spill, which was termed "catastrophic" at the time it occurred, turned out to be not as large and destructive as first feared. So, while the spill disrupted our cruise plans, it appears that it was less disruptive of the environment than first anticipated. Thank Neptune!



---

## BIRTHDAYS

---



### November Birthdays:

Mike Sandler	11 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Egan	16 <sup>th</sup>
Brain Randall	18 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Wagner	19 <sup>th</sup>
Janet Prideaux	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Steve Vandenberg	28 <sup>th</sup>

---

## CLUB NEWS & INFO

---

- No new WCYC members this month, but we have several prospective members making their way through the initiation process.
- **DP Harbor Revitalization Project** (*Both links are now on our website under Helpful Links*)
  - OC Parks has most of the info you may be looking for on this project including: county contract & lease agreements with the Marina Partners, renderings, marina configurations, and most importantly the schedule. Please visit <https://www.ocparks.com/beaches/dana-point-harbor/dph-revitalization> to get the latest information.
  - **Dana Point Boaters Association:**  
With the latest development surrounding the harbor project, now's the perfect time to join the DPBA.  
  
Please visit [https://www.danapointboaters.org/cdp\\_landside.php](https://www.danapointboaters.org/cdp_landside.php) to see how this organization is supporting the DPH boaters.



---

## MEMBER LETTERS

---

### Letter from Ron Latin, WCYC JAG



Cindy and I have made the fateful and daunting decision to leave California and pursue fulfilling adventures on the historic Atlantic seaboard. The seeds of this decision were born of our year-long odyssey along the East coast of the US in 2019. We fell in love with the virtually limitless ports of destination along the Atlantic coast and their historic significance. Our recent visits to the nation's capital renewed our appreciation of the genesis of the American experiment in self- government. Walking about Washington's Mt Vernon on the magnificent, mile wide Potomac River, the sense of awe at viewing the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and the tours of Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields, profoundly enhanced our understanding of the struggle to win and preserve our freedoms.

After selling our home of 36 years and divesting ourselves of decades of accumulated possessions, we forged across the fruited plain aboard our SUV bound for South Carolina, our chosen home for the next chapter of our lives. As our plan was to acquire a sailing vessel before buying a residence, we drove to Annapolis, Maryland on the mighty Chesapeake Bay, where there are more sailboats in all of North America. For six weeks we searched and scoured the Bay but found nothing that met our requirements. How could this be, we queried knowledgeable mariners, that there was such a dearth of eligible vessels? A supply chain issue?

Nonetheless we thoroughly enjoyed our time on this lovely port. One day, we were alerted to an available Jeanneau 44' Deck Salon in, not the Chesapeake, but Belize where her owners had secluded her for a month before returning to her Ft Lauderdale home port. An offer was made, countered, and accepted, and suddenly we made plans to head south to inspect, survey, and sea trial this magnificent vessel. To be continued.....

### Letter from Jim & Maggie McNamara

Spending time at the Southwestern YC, San Diego....





## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Celebrating Our



Commodore's Dinner

November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Hendrix Restaurant  
and Bar  
Laguna Niguel

WCYC 2021  
Holiday Brunch

Saturday, Dec 11 2021

San Juan Hills  
Golf Club



## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



Huntington Beach  
Wine Festival

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Get Tickets at

<https://allevents.in/huntington%20beach/2021-california-wine-festival-huntington-beach/10000163218311363>

44<sup>TH</sup>  
Dana Point  
**TURKEY  
TROT**  
2021

November 25<sup>th</sup>  
Register At

<https://www.active.com/dana-point-ca/running/distance-running-races/dana-point-turkey-trot-2021>

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



it's WEIRD BEING THE SAME AGE AS OLD PEOPLE.

GoodLivingGuide.com

Me: "I am surprised at how winded I am by this exercise"

Personal Trainer: "This was the tour of the gym"

I am swift as a gazelle. An old one. With arthritis. Run over by a Land Rover. 8 days ago.

Brain cells, hair cells and skin cells - they all die constantly, but freaking fat cells seem to have eternal life...

Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place

I made a huge to do list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.

Cool Story Quotes

I don't understand why people have to "get ready" for bed. I'm always ready for bed.

People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

So a burglar broke into the house...I put the red dot on his chest and the cat did the rest...

Submitted by Jim McNamara

MAKING WAVES // 5 THINGS

## FIVE BOATING SITUATIONS SCARIER THAN HALLOWEEN



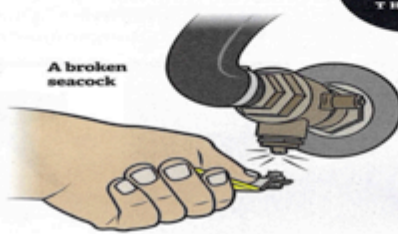
The fuel gauge on E



A flat trailer tire



A fishing hook through the thumb



A broken seacock

5 THINGS



Sharks circling your boat

MORE THAN 5

See more humorous things at [boatingmag.com/five-things](http://boatingmag.com/five-things).

ILLUSTRATIONS: COLIN HINES



# 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
<b>** Postponed</b>	<b>WCYC Dana Point Harbor Cleanup</b>
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>
<b>** October 16</b>	<b>Dana Point Dingy Cruise &amp; Swim Step Party</b> <i>Cruise Captains: Chip &amp; Christie Threlkeld</i> <i>Co-Captains: Richard &amp; Susan Hepner</i>
<b>** November 13</b>	<b>Commodore's Dinner – Hendrix in Laguna Niguel</b>
<b>** December 11</b>	<b>Christmas Brunch at San Juan Golf Club</b>
<b>** Please note this indicates date/venue change from original schedule</b>	



## 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 state'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)) 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 2021 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil

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	Ed Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN

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

Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld
Membership Chairperson	Tom Rasulo
JAG / Parliamentarian	Ron Latin

The Board of Directors shall consist of the aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (*Consecutive Years of BOD Service*)

Commodore	David Monk
Vice Commodore	Mike Sandler
Rear Commodore	Dave Stancil
Jr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	OPEN
Active Member – Ship Store	Donna Groves ( <i>3<sup>rd</sup> yr</i> )
Active Member - Secretary	OPEN
Active Member - Membership	Tom Rasulo ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> yr</i> )
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> yr</i> )
Active Member - JAG	Ron Latin ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> yr</i> )
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	Mindy Sicard ( <i>8<sup>th</sup> yr</i> )
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo ( <i>5<sup>th</sup> yr</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 \$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.