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# West Coast Wackt Club BINNACLE alon Cruise Report & November, 2022

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Photo of Avalon Cruise Float Party

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# LETTER FROM COMMODORE MIKE SANDLER

Greetings WCYC Members,

As many of you know, because you were there, our October cruise to Avalon was one of the largest attended cruises in WCYC history. Our cruise captains Rod Covarrubias & Tammy Huntley, and co-captains, John and Crezlun Kossa did an incredible job and kept the party going all weekend. So many people took great pictures and videos over the weekend. Our JAG, Richard Hepner, put together another video of the cruise which can be seen on our website. Please enjoy the cruise captain's report and pictures below as well.

By the time this binnacle is released, our Halloween cruise weekend to Long Beach will have already taken place. I was unable to join in the fun due to family visiting from the east coast, but I am sure Mindy and Ed Sicard put together and excellent Halloween party on Sadie Mae. It's scary how good they are!

The next WCYC event is our Commodores dinner on Saturday, November 12th, at the Watering Hole in Nelle Gail Ranch. Our rear Commodore, Donna Groves, has put together a fabulous event and I hope to see everyone there. Rumor has it there will be plenty of "Crack" for people to enjoy.

IT HAS BEGUN!! The new docks in Dana Point harbor are being built and starting to take shape. It's really cool to see the project come together as the build takes place. I look at the current docks, and the condition they are in as I walk to my boat and wonder how they are still floating and staying together. This has been a long time coming.

Finally, I would like to give a shout-out to our membership chairperson, Tom Rasulo, for doing an amazing job this year. We added four new members to WCYC just this month and he is in contact with several more prospective members. Thank you for your hard work and due diligence.

Well, that's all for now. I'll see everyone at the Commodores dinner.

Mike Sandler Commodore <u>Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com</u>





# LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Hello All:

WCYC cruising season has come to an end.

I would like to thank the many members who helped make this season a memorable one with their creative ideas and superb dedication by stepping up and being a cruise captain or co-captain: Dave and Monique Monk, Mike and Sheri Sandler, Mark and Suzanne Babcock, Richard and Susan Hepner, Tom and Karen Rasulo, Chip and Valerie Riddle, Steve and Sondra Harrison, Chip and Christie Threlkeld, Mike and Donna Groves, Rod Covarrubias and Tammy Huntley, John and Crezlun Kossa and especially my husband, Ed.

The October cruise to LBYC was great fun, so check out my cruise report below.

Mindy Sicard Vice Commodore Vice-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com



# LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

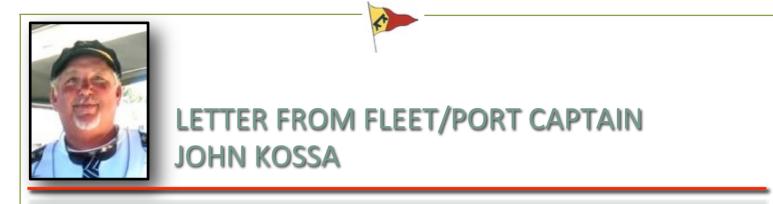
Hello Cruisers,

It has been a great start to October. The cruise to Avalon was so much fun. Hat's off to the Captains and Co-Captains. They did a wonderful job setting up good food, lots of fun, and they managed the largest crowd we have had on a cruise with ease. The raft up behind Rod and Tammy's boat was a wonderful day to relax and enjoy our fellow cruisers and so much fun. Food was an array of different items, so everyone had a choice. Even for the people on a crazy diet. LOL.

Our next event is celebrating our fearless leader and Commodore of WCYC, Mike Sandler. The venue has been recently renovated and perfect to celebrate with all of you. The maximum of guests is 40 and we are halfway there within 24 hours of sending out the evite. We did buy out the inside of the Watering Hole at Nelle Ranch, so it is just for our group. We are dressing it up a bit this year with passed Hors D'oeuvres at an 1 hour cocktail hour, a buffet of different foods for everyone, followed by dancing and an after party Cigar Lounge. So, bring your favorite Cigar and order your favorite whisky. The cut off to reserve a spot is November 7th so if you did not receive the evite, please let me know by emailing me at <u>Rear-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com</u>. I will forward another one to you.

I hope you can all join us for a night of Celebrating the Man, the Myth, the Legend of the 2022 Season at WCYC.

Donna Groves Rear Commodore <u>Rear-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com</u>



Hello WCYC Members,

We hope everyone had fun at the Avalon cruise. It was a great event to host with Rod & Tammy.

Just a quick letter about Tiki Regatta 2023. I am going to change things up with the awards dinner & make it a bit less stressful. More details to come next year. We have some new members coming into the club with sailboats, I will approach them to compete and hopefully we will have more than 3 boats in next year's race.

If I don't see you at the LBYC cruise, I hope to see you at the Commodores Dinner honoring the one & only, fun-tastic Mike Sander!

May you have fair winds & following seas.

John Kossa Fleet/Port Captain Fleet\_Port-Captain@westcoastyachtclub.com



# LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP TOM RASULO

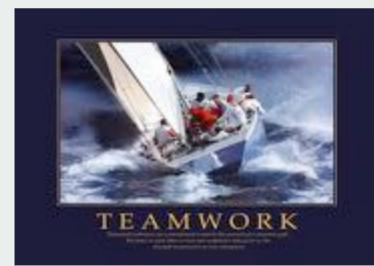
Helloooooo Cruisers,

Well well, how fast this cruise season has gone by. It was surely one of our best. So much activity and so many volunteers. It seems everyone was pitching in during our cruises in one way or another.

Our final cruise this years promises to be a great one with a Halloween theme. The Long Beach Yacht Club long dock is so convenient. There no need to dingy over to your neighbor... just step off your boat and walk! There's plenty of room and even shore power! We are likely to see many new members there too, so wear your name badge. It will help identify us to the staff at LBYC as well.

I am happy and proud to report that your Board of Directors has voted in FOUR new memberships this month! They are:

- 1. Darrin Blizzard 49' Powerboat
- 2. Bryan and Jean Chalis(Retired Motorcycle Officer) 38' Sailboat
- 3. Brian Donlin Sailboat in San Diego
- 4. Paul and Michelle Hamilton 41' Powerboat YANKEE BELLE



Every one of these folks were recommended by another member. Please keep those suggestions coming.

We need to re-stock our Prospective Member List as most everyone has JOINED! Nice going team.

Tom Rasulo Membership Chair <u>Membership@westcoastyachtclub.com</u>



# 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, <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519</u>. 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.

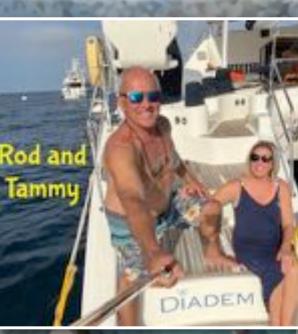
Regards, Steve Fiorillo <u>TheBinnacle@westcoastyachtclub.com</u>

Captains: Tammy Huntley & Rod Covarrubias and John & Crezlun Kossa Cruise Report by Tammy & Crezlun

### Tammy....

I'm not going to lie, as the number of RSVP'S ticked up well into the 50's, I was freaking out. However, I think the weekend was amazing. We made so many new friends and the weather was perfect as it always is on our little island oasis.

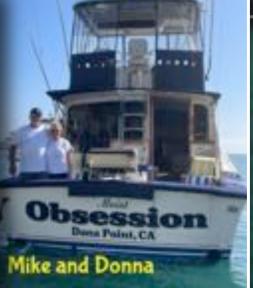
The weekend started with a lot of arrivals on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Smooth and safe crossings for everyone. This may have been our largest turn out ever with over 20 boats...

















Captains: Tammy Huntley & Rod Covarrubias and John & Crezlun Kossa Cruise Report by Tammy & Crezlun

The official start of the cruise was a happy hour on Diadem Friday night. Many tasty appetizers to share were brought by everyone. The crowd was tight so unfortunately the Ship Store had to be packed away. Don't worry, it will all make it to the next dinner. Bring your cash was a theme to be continued.





Captains: Tammy Huntley & Rod Covarrubias and John & Crezlun Kossa Cruise Report by Tammy & Crezlun

Next stop Saturday morning with "Dingy-Bye" eye openers on The Box Office. Your co-captains John and Crezlun Kossa outdid themselves. They not only made 50 breakfasts and apple themed craft cocktails, they were so helpful before, during and after this cruise. I could not have done it without them!

## Crezlun....

With such a large amount of people & boats attending the cruise, I knew we couldn't possibly fit 55 people on The Box Office. She's only 42 feet. So I came up with the idea of a drive-thru but to make it nautical, it was a "dinghy-bye". Get it? Dinghy & BYE!!

Friday night after the wonderful Happy Hours not hour, on Diadem. Michael & Christine Wagner (Kryptonite) made their night crossing from Dana Point to arrive in Avalon sometime between 8:00-8:30pm.

With the guidance of Harbor Patrol, dinghy support from us & their own great nautical skill they were safely on the mooring & heading to shore to eat dinner. After some shenanigans with the McNamara's, Wagners & Scuba aka: Steve VandenBerg we finally went to bed sometime after 11:00pm but before12:00am.

Up before the sun on Saturday morning (5:00am), I only had to make 50 to-go bags with homemade frittatas (made at home & re-heated on The Box Office), fresh fruit & utensils. Thank you to those that let me know that they wouldn't be eating, you save me some time. It's apple season so the eye opener cocktails were a drunken cider or an apple bellini.

John was the amazing mixoligist. With me in my silly oversized captains shirt that I stole from John, we were ready to serve by 9:00am. Tammy & Rod came over to help us work the "dinghy-bye", we couldn't have done it without them.

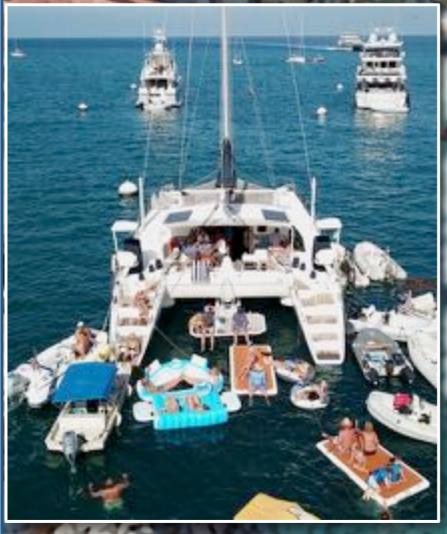


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By 10:30am we were closed & off to help prospective member Darrin Blizzard get hooked to the mooring. He was with his 11 year old son & it's a 54 foot boat. That's too large to do by himself, plus an 11 year old can't captain the boat or pull the wand & sandline.

Now it's time to go to Diadem for a delicious lunch & relaxing float with a custom WCYC playlist.

A huge Thank You to Tammy & Rod, they are the best Cruise Captains! If you get a chance, sign up to captain a cruise with them. Wait! Forget I said that, I'm not sharing them.



## Tammy...

Saturday afternoon picked back up on Diadem for a "Boat and Float"

Again I think the weather was the highlight here, add to that lunch, cocktails and singalongs to the custom WCYC playlist it turned out to be a beautiful day.

A big shout out to Captain Rod for dingy and float management. It was a sight to see.

Captains: Tammy Huntley & Rod Covarrubias and John & Crezlun Kossa Cruise Report by Tammy & Crezlun

Dinner at "M" was also fantastic. The food was only outdone by the private outdoor courtyard setting. Mike, our commodore had a quick 5 minutes to address the crowd in between sets of the nearby entertainment down the alleyway.

Congratulations to the McNamara's on winning the raffle basket. Another shout out to Mindy who was also very helpful. Thank you!



Captains: Tammy Huntley & Rod Covarrubias and John & Crezlun Kossa Cruise Report by Tammy & Crezlun

According to the itinerary the party should have continued back on Diadem for desserts and a dance party, but it did not.

A heavy surge unlike any I have ever seen, scared some people off or that may have just been the excuse for a pub crawl.







Thank you to everyone for making this such a great cruise!

Don't to forget to check out Richard's Cruise Video on YouTube at https://youtu.be/YkRew9-VeNQ

# October's Halloween LBYC Cruise

Captains: The Sicards Cruise Report by Mindy Sicard



Last weekend was our last cruise of the season. Halloween weekend did not disappoint. Eight boats from WCYC med-tied at Long Beach Yacht Club.

It was nice to be greeted by their friendly staff who were very professional in helping all of us boaters getting settled.

Once all the boats arrived, we had a hotdog lunch and spent time socializing and enjoying the beautiful weather. We also welcomed our new members Paul and Michelle Hamilton with their burgee and book.







# October's Halloween LBYC Cruise Gaptains: The Sicards

**Cruise Report by Mindy Sicard** 



In the evening, we had a delicious dinner at LBYC, followed by the ever so popular game of RC.

Saturday morning, we had eye-openers and a continental breakfast. We had a 50/50 raffle and John Kossa won the 50/50 and everyone else won a prize of candy and a little bottle of booze. At noon, we all went on a dinghy cruise through Naples enjoying the decorated sights and had an Asian fusion yummy lunch at Tantalum's restaurant.



# October's Halloween LBYC Cruise Gaptains: The Sicards

**Cruise Report by Mindy Sicard** 

In the evening, we all put on our Halloween costumes and had many laughs at the silly and creative costumes. We were lucky enough to have a couple staff members from LBYC to judge our costume contest.





# October's Halloween LBYC Cruise

Captains: The Sicards Cruise Report by Mindy Sicard

Our first-place winners were Richard and Susan Hepner dressed as super cute sailors, second place went to Chip and Christie Threlkeld dressed as Chips and Salsa....haha, third place winners went to Mike and Christine Wagner dressed as 80's fitness gurus.

The following people received Honorable Mention: Ed Sicard as Elvis, John Kossa as KISS, Crezlun aka Connie as 80's workout lady, Tom and Karen Rasulo as Sharks, Brian Randall as the night watch sailor, Marji Weber as a cute black cat, Kimberly Levern as a Wench, and Scott as a 50's guy.

Thank you to everyone who participated with their very fun costumes.



Can't forget the Rasulo's cute doggies, Tessa and Olivia who wore the cutest Halloween costumes with tutus and bows.

Sunday morning, we all visited the LBYC for their delightful brunch and said our final goodbyes.

As always you can see more photos & videos of all our cruises on FaceBook(<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/westcoastyachtclub</u>) or our website Photo Galleries ( <u>https://westcoastyachtclub.com/2022-photo-galleries-1</u>)

Until next time!



## BIRTHDAYS



### November Birthdays:

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

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



Bar will be open throughout the night with Specialty Martini's, Mix Drinks, Beer and Wine.

\$75.00 pp inclusive of tax, gratuity and entertainment Beverages and Alcohol Are Extra

We are taking over the entire Watering Hole at Nelle Ranch for this special private event. Limited space available, so sign up quickly. Cocktail attire preferred.

Zelle your payment to: treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com



## **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS**

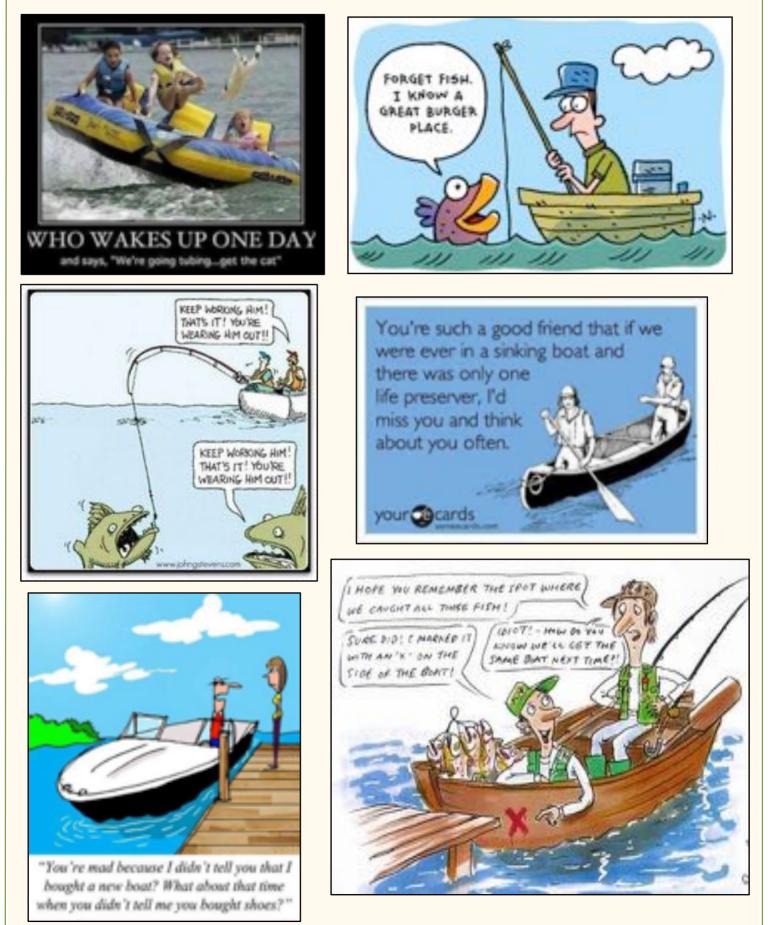


## **CLUB NEWS & INFO**

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# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.....



## 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	Shake Down Cruise to Danalina Cruise Captains: The Monks Co-Captains: The Sandlers
	May 13-15	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: The Sicards Co-Captains: The Babcocks
**	June 10-12	Cruise to Two Harbors Cruise Captains: The Hepners Co-Captains: The Rasulos
	June 25	The Famous Tiki Regatta
	July 8-10	Cruise to Cherry Cove Wine Festival Tickets for Sunday July 10 go on sale May 1! Cruise Captains: The Riddles Co-Captains: The Harrisons
	August 12-14	Cruise to Newport Beach Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captains: The Threlkelds
**	September 9-11	Commodore's Cruise of Ensenada Carr Sold use Ship Radiance
	October 7-9	Cruise to Avalon Cruise Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely Co-Captains: The Kossas
**	October 28-30	Bonus Cruise to LBYC Cruise Captains: The Sicards Co-Captains:
	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Dinner
	December 10 <sup>th</sup>	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 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=130-07-12&category=virtual-vsc

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (<u>danapointuscgaux@gmail.com</u>) 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 and to register for a class.

http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boating-courses

**Upcoming Classes:** 

### **Basics of Marine Radio**

Wednesday Aug 3 7:00pm - 9:00pm Location: Dana Point Yacht Club

Learn how to operate one of the most important safety devices on your boat. Learn what DCS calling is and how to use it.

### \$25/pp

## WCYC 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The <u>Elective Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore		
Commodore	Mike Sandler	Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com
Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard	Vice-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves	Rear-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com

The <u>Flag Officers</u> 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	Jr-Staff-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard	Sr-Staff-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com

The <u>Appointive Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian		
Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa	Fleet_Port-Captain@westcoastyachtclub.com
Secretary	Monique Monk	Secretary@westcoastyachtclub.com
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld	Treasuer@westcoastyachtclub.com

Membership Chairperson	Tom Rasulo	Membership@westcoastyachtclub.com
JAG / Parliamentarian	Richard Hepner	JAG@westcoastyachtclub.com

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

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Vice Commodore	Mindy Sicard	Vice-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Rear Commodore	Donna Groves	Rear-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Jr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk	Jr-Staff-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Sr Staff Commodore	Ed Sicard	Sr-Staff-Commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley <i>(1<sup>st</sup>yr)</i>	Ship-Store@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr)	Secretary@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member - MembershipTom Rasulo (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)		Membership@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Treasuer@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner(1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	JAG@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa <i>(1<sup>st</sup>yr)</i>	Fleet Port-Captain@westcoastyachtclub.com	
Active Member – Website/ Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo <i>(6<sup>th</sup>yr)</i>	TheBinnacle@westcoastyachtclub.com	

## WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

Alamitos Bay YC 7201 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. 90803-4551

Bahia Corinthian YC 1601 Bayside Drive Corona del Mar, CA. 92625-1832

Cabrillo Beach YC 211 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA. 90731-7207

Chula Vista YC 642 Marina Parkway #83 Chula Vista, CA. 91910-4058

> Dana West YC 24601 Dana Drive Dana Point, CA. 92629

Lido Isle YC 701 Via Lido Soud Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Marina Venice YC 4333 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Morro Bay YC 541 Embarcadero Drive Morro Bay, CA 93442

Oceanside YC 1950 N. Harbor Dr. Oceanside, CA 92054

**Port Royal YC** 555 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Shoreline Yacht Club 386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

South Shore YC 1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 American Legion YC 215 15th Street Newport Beach, CA. 92663

Balboa Basin YC 829 Harbor Island Drive #38 Newport Beach, CA. 92660

**Cerritos Bahia YC** 6291 E. Pacific Coast Highway Long Beach, CA 90803

Convair Sailing Club P.O. Box 22981 San Diego, CA. 92192-2981

> Hollywood YC Holiday Harbor Marina Berth 201 Wilmington, CA 90744

Little Ships Fleet YC 233 Marina Dr. Long Beach, CA. 90803

Marina YC of Long Beach 233 Corsair Way Seal Beach, CA. 90740

Navy YC Long Beach 223 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

Pacific Corinthian YC 2600 Harbor Blvd Oxnard, CA 93035

Redondo Beach YC 210 Yacht Club Way Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Silver Gate YC 2091 Shelter Island Drive San Diego, CA. 92106

Ventura YC 1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396 Anacapa YC 2810 S. Harbor Blvd. B-6 Oxnard, CA 93035

Buccaneer YC P.O. Box 76 San Pedro, CA. 90733

**Channel Islands YC** 4100 S Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, CA. 93035-4310

**Coronado Cays YC** 30 Caribe Cay Blvd. Coronado, CA. 92118

Huntington Harbour YC 3821 Warner Avenue Huntington Beach, CA. 92649

Long Beach YC 602 Appian Way Long Beach, CA. 90803

Mission Bay YC 1215 El Carmel CT. San Diego, CA 92109

Navy YC San Diego Fiddlers Cove Marina POB 182111 San Diego, CA. 92187

Pacific Mariners YC 13915 Panay Way Marina del Rey, CA. 90292

Seal Beach YC 255 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

South Coast Corinthian YC 13445 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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				
			e Zip	
Vessel Type	Length	۱		
Vessel Name				
Home Port		Basin (if	in DP harbor)	
Slip	Slip Size	Beam		
Reason for Joinin	g 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.