



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

October, 2020

*September's Cruise to Avalon!
Read the cruise report inside.....*



*Important news from the Board
Please be sure to read the update following the
Staff Letters*

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Photo of Sep Cruisers by Steve Fiorillo



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

I am proud of how our members have been so creative in managing the incorporation of the safety practices associated with this pandemic into our cruising lives.

The Avalon cruise was tremendous fun and I must give a great big shout-out for our hosts' Wanda & Milton and Steve & Cindy for the fabulous meals and entertainment. We had a funny Sawhorse occur late Saturday night witnessed by several members. This will have to wait now till probably the November dinner for us to discuss and award but we are definitely living up to our cruising legacy and enjoying the comradery of new members and continuing to build lasting memories and friendships with all of our members.

So we are at the end of probably one of the most bizarre cruising years with Long Beach just around the corner. Our hosts, the Threlkelds and the Latins have had to "pivot" and employ "countermeasures" as the LBYC is closed and have found us a new venue in Long Beach with a great theme to close out the cruising season. I truly hope we will have the largest turnout of the year for this event.

Please also make sure you have blocked out November the 14th for the Commodore's dinner where along with our normal revelry we are hoping to share with the membership with plans for the 2021 season.

I hope to see you all in the harbor enjoying your boats and dinghy's and practicing "Safe Socializing"!

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Fair Winds and Following Seas

David Monk, Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN DAVE STANCIL

As you know we rescheduled the Tiki Regatta harbor event to July of 2021.

We have been looking at some type of Harbor Event that could safely be held this Fall while respecting the current gathering and social distancing restrictions. With this in mind, we are scheduling a WCYC Poker Run for Saturday 10/24/20.

For those of you who have attended another Poker Run, we will forgo the normal group gatherings before and after and handle the event respecting social distancing. We need 5 Host Boats to provide the playing card, a drink, and a snack to the players.

We have 3 Host Boats already committed, so if you are interested in being one of the Host Boats, please let me know by e-mail at davestancil@cox.net. We encourage each Host Boat to decorate with a theme! The event is open to all WCYC members, guests, and prospective new members. Here are some of the details and watch for the Evite:

SAVE THE
DATE
Oct. 24, 2020



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Date: Saturday October 24, 2020

Time: 3:00-6:00PM

Cost: \$20.00 per player

Raffle tickets will also be available for a WCYC gift basket. 10 tickets for \$20.00

Prize: 50/50 cash to the best 5 card hand

Details: Dinghy, Paddle, or Walk to 5 host boats in the harbor and draw your card. Once all 5 cards are obtained, just text your photo to declare your best hand.

Needed: 2 Host Boats (we already have 3)

Dave Stancil, Fleet Captain



LETTER FROM WEB ADMIN STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

If you haven't noticed yet, our website, westcoastyachtclub.com, has a new look and feel.

We've had some issues recently with the previous publishing software, so we migrated to a more canned offering which is easier to manage, as well saves the club a few dollars in hosting fees.

This new solution makes the site a bit cleaner and a little easier to navigate. Please let me know if there's any issues so I can address them as soon as possible.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo



LETTER FROM WCYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To the WCYC Membership

This year has brought many changes and challenges for us all, and our club is no exception. Though we had to cancel several events, we were still able to have several cruises while keeping everyone safe, and plan to continue with the club's events following the recommended guidelines so to keep our club moving forward.

Unfortunately, we've been faced with some recent changes that should be brought to your attention. Firstly, Suzanne Gehret-Babcock has resigned her post as Treasurer. Secondly, Kevin Bertrand has also resigned his post as Vice Commodore. We would like to thank both Suzanne and Kevin for their efforts and participation in serving their positions in the WCYC tradition.

Due to the timing of these resignations, the board had to make some choices in order to maintain the continuity of the club infrastructure. Since the treasurer position is an active one and requires regular involvement, the board felt that this position had to be filled immediately. So in accordance to Article II, Section 8 of our bylaws, the board has appointed Christie Threlkeld as Treasurer for the remainder of Suzanne's term.

Regarding the vacancy of the Vice Commodore position, the board has asked David Monk to serve a second term as Commodore, to which he has graciously agreed. With David continuing as Commodore, this would advance Rear Commodore Mike Sandler to Vice, and Fleet/Port Captain Dave Stancil to Rear as per protocol. The action of a Commodore serving two terms has precedence, 1931-33, 1934-37, and 1954-55, and as per Article II, Section 5 of the current bylaws, an elected official may hold office until their successor is elected, but for no more than 2 years.

That said, the board has approved David's, Mike's, and Dave's nominations for the 2021 Flag Officer positions. These 2021 nominations will be voted upon and ratified as usual by the membership at the annual Holiday Brunch in December, along with the appointment of the new Fleet/Port Captain and any other vacant board seats. The Staff Commodores as of now will remain the same for 2021.

We'd like to thank both David and Christie for willingness to keep the WCYC leadership team in tact.

As always if there's any questions or concerns you have for the Board, please don't hesitate to contact us at wcy-bod@westcoastyachtclub.com

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon.

Regards,
WCYC Board of Directors

September Cruise Report: Avalon, 9/11-13



Ahoy All!

For September's Cruise we did a "Around the World" theme featuring food and music from several places around the world including South Africa, France, Italy, Ireland, and Mexico!

Attending our cruise were cruise captains Cindy, Steve & guest (Liquid Therapy); co-captains Milton & Wanda and guests; Mike & Donna Groves & guests (Moist Obsession), David & Monique (Reel Nauti Too); Chip & Christie (Panacea); Dell & Barb (Patina); Mike Sandler & guest (Sandbar); George, Sheri, & Staci (Three Sheets); Ron & Cindy (Liberty Bell); Drew, Natalie & guests (Big Wally); along with future members Rod and Tammi (50+' Cat); 10 boats in all!

Once again, given the Covid restrictions all our public gatherings were conducted via dinghy and social distancing was honored by all!

The cruise kicked off Friday evening with a traditional South African Beef Curry provided by Wanda & Milton, which was excellent with just the right amount of spice, served in traditional style with bananas and a sweet chutney. Awesome stuff!



September Cruise Report: Continued

The meal was then followed by a South African favorite, Springbokies, a sweet shot comprised of Crème de Menthe and Amarula (creamy South African Liqueur served by Wanda's niece Carman and friend Grace. Of course a cocktail from Milton wouldn't be complete without a traditional South African toast and the always familiar shout of "Cocktails!"



Saturday morning started with a visit to France & Ireland. Cindy & Steve, along with niece Lindsey, Carmen, & Grace served homemade Éclairs, Ham & Cheese Croissants and Chocolate Croissants accompanied by Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and the crowd favorite, Irish Pancakes (Jameson, Butterscotch Schnapps, Orange Juice and Bacon)





September Cruise Report: Continued

Saturday afternoon was lunch in Italy, where everyone enjoyed meatball subs, homemade pasta salad and cannolis. Just after breakfast Cindy sent out a "Get to know your membership" trivia game, so during lunch we all got to learn something about each other we didn't before. It was enlightening and little scary!



After lunch the group split up to enjoy some relaxation time.....





September Cruise Report: Continued

A few others however, Milton, Carmen, Grace, Christie, and Tammi, joined me on a little snorkeling safari in a area I scoped out a few days before, just off a diving buoy somewhere between Willow Cove and Gallagher Beach, I think just SE of Toyon Bay.

The water was 71° and visibility seemed endless as you could see about 80' in any direction and down to 60+'. The area next to the rocks was about 15'-20' which made it quite accessible to swim down and check out the critters. It was a stellar day, we encountered lobster, schools of bait fish, garibaldi, a green turtle, and even a harbor seal! If you're ever in that area I highly recommend it.



Check out the video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlCta62RUQM&t=17s>



September Cruise Report: Continued

Later Saturday afternoon after snorkeling, Chip & Christie kicked off happy hour by hosting an impromptu trip to Mexico with a Tequila tasting... good stuff!!!!



Given the restrictions of LA county we found it very difficult to make reservations for a large group, so we thought it would be best if we gave everyone an opportunity to do their own thing for Saturday dinner. If you haven't been lately, most all the beach front restaurants have gone native and are now serving dinner on the beach, which honestly they should have done before, it's very "islandy".

Sunday morning rolled around early, as it always seems to do. Everyone made their rounds saying their goodbyes and most headed home safely, though we stayed till Monday and the Latins headed west up the coast to the Isthmus.



We awarded one Sawhorse this cruise, and it went to Del. As Del will tell the story, he got into his dinghy and started to drift away until he realized he forgot Barbie, and more importantly, his cocktail. What he probably won't tell you is that he got back to Patina by paddling with his flip flop! Hmmm??? Did he just want a little exercise or did someone forget the dinghy keys? The group decided it was the latter and awarded him with him his very own Sawhorse.

Special thanks to Milton & Wanda for helping us plan the cruise and providing a great dinner. An additional shout out to the Threlkelds for their Tequila Tasting as well! And last but not least, a big thank you to Lindsey, Carmen, & Grace for all their help and providing service with a smile!

All in all it was a great turn out and we had a lot fun. Thanks to everyone for participating and making it such a great cruise!

- Cruise Hosts Steve & Cindy Fiorillo and Milton & Wanda Stone



Member Letters

Letter From Roger Anthony (WCYC Commodore, 2010)

ROSS LUPO LONG TIME CLUB TREASURER PASSES

Ross Lupo, 64, long time club treasurer passed over the bar this past August 21st. Ross had been with the club for many years before becoming club treasurer in 2010 and was followed years later by Cindy Gill.

Funeral services were held at Forest Lawn Covina hills in the Meditation garden on September 22nd.

Ross and Renee had the vessel "Arr & Arr" in Dana Point harbor. Ross had been battling Cancer for over a year at the time of passing.

Regards,
Rodger Anthony

Letter From Jim McNamara

WCYC heads to the Colorado River!

WCYC members Kossa's (Box Office), Gill's (Rainmaker) joined the McNamara's (Whole Life) at their home in Parker Arizona. Temperatures ranged from 100 to 107, and the water temp was near 80. a beautiful weekend of fresh water boating...but not without adventure!



Jim's boat needed 2 fuel pumps and a fuel filter to get moving, and with the determination of Jay Gill and insight of John Kossa, the job got done with only a half day of boating lost. Jay Gill was relentless in finding the proper filter, as there was only one place that had it: Sun Country Marine (yes, the same as in our harbor) in Lake Havasu City. The crew ran to pick up the filter and pumps, and the boat was back in action.



BIRTHDAYS



October Birthdays:

Jan Casteel	17 th
Rich Hepner	19 th
Tom Rasulo	28 th
Shari Sandler	29 th
Blake Campbell	30 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

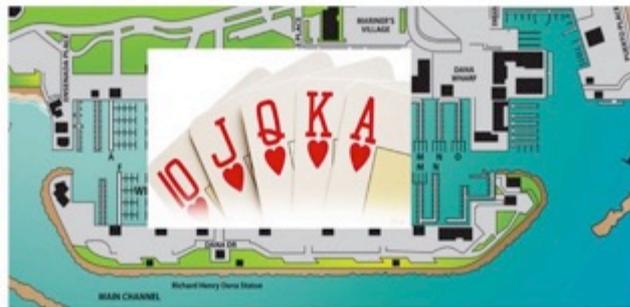
Unfortunately due to the current CORVID-19 restrictions the following events have been rescheduled/cancelled:

Tiki Regatta:

Rescheduled to the 2021 Season

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

WCYC October Cruise – Long Beach Pirate Party

October 9th – 11th

Cruise/Co Captains: The Threlkelds & The Latins
Marina Pacífica Mall – Public Dock

It is Columbus day weekend, but it is close to Halloween so we thought...
Let's have a Pirate Costume party!

***** Important, there is no power or water here and this requires you to go under the
Davies bridge which only have 32' clearance at 0.0 tide *****

We can be accessed by car/land behind the Ralphs on PCH if you want to
come just for the day Saturday!

Friday Evening: 5:00-???

Please bring your own cocktail and an "easily shareable" appetizer

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Saturday Morning: 9:00-11:00

Bloody Mary and Mimosa bar  
Breakfast sandwiches

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Saturday Afternoon: 2:00

Come dressed up as a pirate!
Games and costume contest for Prizes
Pirate dinghy cruise around the island

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Saturday Evening:

Dinner at Jade on the Water

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Sunday Morning Departure: 8:00-10:00

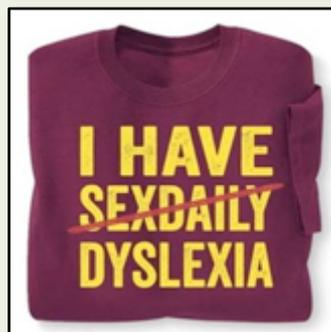
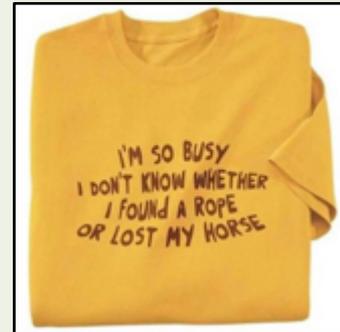
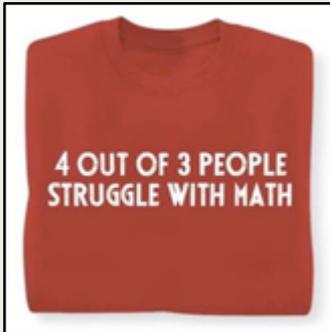
Safe travels home!! Arrrgggghhh

Please RSVP by Oct 5th via [eVite](#)



JOKES OF THE MONTH.....

Perhaps some new club shirts....





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.



USCG AUX Bulletin Board - 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 Class Schedule USCG Auxiliary Public Education Classes Flotilla 68 – Dana Point All classes are held at Dana Point Yacht Club

- Sailing Skills & Seamanship (7 Weeks)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$65**
WHEN Every Wed from Mar 25th thru May 6th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book
Our Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice sailor. Topics include safety, knots, radio, and aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects. In addition, completion of the class will get you the California Boater Operator Card which is now required to operate a motorized vessel in the state.
- How to Read a Nautical Chart (2 Nights)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$45**
WHEN: Wed June 3rd, June 10th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book, chart
How to Read a Nautical Chart are seminars that will help the student unravel the mystery of charts by providing the navigator with the knowledge to interpret a chart's contents to navigate safely to his or her destination and return to port. Suggested as intro to Basic Coastal Navigation.
- Basic Coastal Navigation (6 weeks)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$65**
WHEN: Every Wed from June 17th thru July 22nd 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book, chart
An introduction to the basics of coastal navigation designed to acquaint you with the tools and skills required to be a successful navigator – essential for novices or a great refresher course for experienced (rusty) sailors. Covers navigation theory, plotting and course determination, dead reckoning, (time/speed/distance), compass use, bearings and fixes, and tides.
- Basics of Marine Radio (1 night)** *Cancelled until further notice* **Cost \$25**
WHEN: Wed August 5th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Learn how to operate one of the most important safety devices on your boat. Learn what DSC calling is and how to use it.
- GPS for Mariners Class (3 weeks)** *Postponed until further notice* **Cost \$45**
WHEN: Wed August 12th thru Aug 26th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - includes book
This is a class that will enable you to get the most from your nautical navigation GPS. Learn how to use the menus and functions to determine position, set waypoints, plot a course, determine speed and heading, correlate to a chart, and more.
- Boating Skills & Seamanship (7 classes)** *Postponed until further notice* **Cost \$65**
WHEN: Every Wed from Sep 16th thru Oct 28th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – includes book
Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include safety, knots, radio, aids to navigation, boat handling, rules of the road and many other valuable subjects.

TO REGISTER: Contact Eric Gritzmacher at ericgritzmacher@cox.net or call . You can also visit our website at <http://danapointcgaux.org> 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 – TBD
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	Kevin Bertrand
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.