



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

September, 2020

August's Cruise to Newport Beach!
Read the cruise report inside.....

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Photo of Lido Isle by Barb Price



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DAVE MONK

Ahoy WCYC members,

Well, we actually felt that we had returned to the “Old Norm” this month as we set off for a great WCYC Cruise in Newport Beach! The cruise report is in the Binnacle with all the stories to share but I did want to thank those who joined us making for a well needed fabulous weekend WCYC cruise!

I also wanted to provide an insight into the management of the club and the work that the flag officers and the members of the board have been addressing during this season. We have been meeting monthly reviewing the club business as well as discussing the management of cruise schedule and also looking into the future in 2021. Although overused, we are living in unprecedented times, and as such, we have had to take steps to ensure not only compliance, but also to ensure the continued safety of the members.

As we move forward as a cruising club we are working diligently supporting our remaining schedule while complying with both the authorities (Avalon and Long Beach Yacht club). We have sent out the invitations for the Avalon cruise after confirming the moorings and town are open, respecting social distancing and the wearing of masks while in town – the Fiorillos and the Stones have put together an exciting cruise event schedule – hopefully we will see many of you there!

We have also been working with LBYC and at this time they are unable to host a cruise event as they are still in a “lock-down’ mode. Good news is that Christie and Chip have found an alternate dock close to LBYC to host the event – more to come on that when we send out the invitations!

In closing, it has been great to see all of our members both enjoying the harbor but also arranging their own cruise events and sharing their love of boating.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Fair Winds and Following Seas
David Monk, Commodore



LETTER FROM FLEET/PORT CAPTAIN DAVE STANCIL

TRUST but VERIFY!

We have probably all heard the adage “*Trust but Verify*”. I just went through this exercise this week and I must tell you it felt incredibly good. As captains of our personal boats, we all are probably trusting of our skills as a skipper in safe use of our boats and safety of our family and friends aboard. However, completing and passing a Vessel Safety Check conducted by our WCYC’s Steve Fiorillo of the USCG Auxiliary verified that our boat, Juliet, is in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws and regulations.

To be honest, it had been at least 5 years since Juliet had a VSC and completing this VSC in the world of COVID is not as easy as the Examiner hopping on board and completing the inspection as in the past. Since under COVID rules USCG AUX Examiners are not allowed on your vessel, Steve had specific requests for pre-examination photos to speed up the process.

You are probably thinking right now that taking all these photos and sending them to Steve would be a royal pain. It turned out to be a great exercise. I went down the list Steve provided and inspected and photographed each item. Items photographed were: Life Jackets, Fire extinguishers, distress signals and battery covers, just to name a few. During this process, I realized that my engine room fire suppression system needs to be inspected in June of 2021. No doubt I would have missed this deadline.

On the day of the examination, Steve inspected just a few items such as my CF numbers are in the correct format, bilge blower, horn, and navigation lights all work. Steve went through a checklist of general safety items that many of us may take for granted.



Steve stayed on the dock and was on and off in less than 30 minutes. Juliet now has a new VSC sticker and we verified that she meets all the current State and Federal regulations. I am confident that in an emergency I will have all the necessary equipment to save a life or summon help.

I highly recommend that you contact Steve and schedule your VSC.

Dave Stancil, Fleet Captain



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP MINDY SICARD

Thank you to those who have helped with membership in recruiting and bringing in new prospective members to our wonderful yacht club.

If you have a friend or know of a dock neighbor who would be interested in joining our club, please let me know and I can send them an application.

By now you should have received your current 2020 WCYC Membership stickers. If you have not and feel like you should have, please contact me: Mindy Sicard 949-412-2276.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Mindy Sicard
WCYC Membership



LETTER FROM BINNACLE EDITOR STEVE FIORILLO

Hello All:

I'm always looking for content for the Binnacle, so anything you'd like to share with the membership that's boating related please send it my way.

If you're not aware, we also have a Facebook group that's been active for several years, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/448832008534519>. This is a private group for members only, so if go to this page and request membership I'll add you in ASAP. Or you can send me your Facebook account and I'll do it that way.

This group, as with the Binnacle, can be used to share your photos, trip journals, etc, but also any suggestions for contractors (upholsterers, boat cleaners, mechanics, etc), as we're all looking for "that guy".

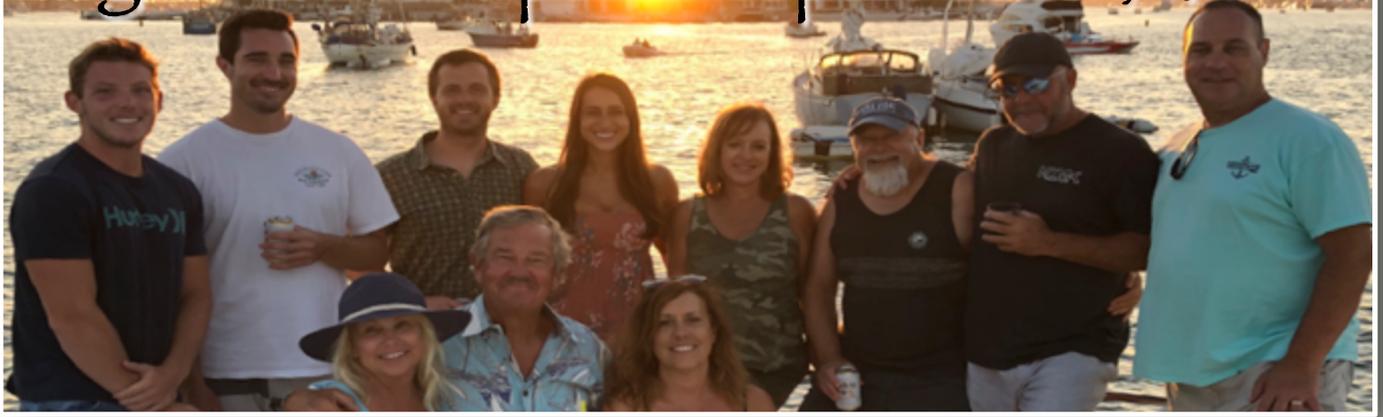
Any contribution to the membership that is more real-time should be posted to our FB group so we all see in a timely manner.

Please let me know if there's any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo



August Cruise Report: Newport Beach, 8/14-16



Attending boats and Members:

David and Monique on Reel Nauti Too; Christie and Chip Threlkeld on Panacea; Tom Rasulo and multiple guests on Genty Lee; Dell and Barb on Patina; Mike and Sherry on Sandbar along with Future Members Rod and Tammi on (a fabulous Cat) and Kevin and Linda on Hail Yeah!

Given the Covid restrictions our raft-up permit was revoked (very nicely). In further conversations with the Harbor Master, he said we could anchor up with two boats on one anchor ("its allowed but not encouraged"). As cruise captains, Genty Lee and Reel Nauti Too created the smallest raft-up in WCYC Newport Beach Raft-Up history – two boats!

Friday evening's "pot-luck" consisted of delicious appetizers served on Reel Nauti Too and accompanied by beverages of choice. The music was played at a very circumspect level (NOT) – it was a good time for everyone to get together and catch up without catching anything!





August Cruise Report: Continued

On Saturday morning we noshed on bagels with a range of cream cheese schmears, various muffins and freshly cut fruit – all serviced with champagne and mimosa's on the host boats. Chip made a great galley chef by managing the multiple toasters. Full relaxation commenced with all of the toys in the water (a Yoga Board - 4X6 floating dock – the floating Relaxation Station but the big hit of the cruise was the new [BOTE Aero Chairs](#). If I had brought 10 more with me, they would have all been sold – everyone wanted one! They fit on the swim deck or on the floating docks!



In the afternoon, the troops rallied for a very enjoyable dinghy cruise down the backwaters of Newport Island with only a few minor nautical infractions. (Kevin spinning out the Commodores dinghy into the bridge!).





August Cruise Report: Continued



Saturday night was “Movie Night” on Reel Nauti Too with excellent Pizza from “Gina’s, popcorn and retro-candy complete with a newly commission movie screen on the swim deck! It worked really well with standing room only for the “Pirates of the Caribbean”! Definitely an event for future cruises as everyone really enjoyed it!

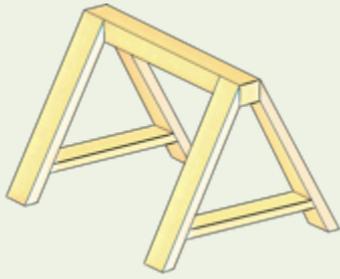
Sunday morning all (14) went over to the Lighthouse Café for Brunch. Despite being told there was a 2 to 3 hour wait, our guest Kevin pulled some magic and we were sat immediately (definitely improving Kevin’s chances of becoming a new member!).

I provided the Commodore’s cruise report for the breakfast group with call outs to our guest’s attending the cruise; Kevin and Linda (first event), Rod and Tammi (second event), Cami and Martin – Monique’s sister and boyfriend and Lauren, Zack and Joseph from the Sandler’s clan. We celebrated the August birthdays including George, Gina, Crezlun, Suzanne and Maggie. There were no past commodores in attendance this time.





August Cruise Report: Continued



We had a couple of Sawhorse nominations with one being awarded to Chip for being towed home on his dinghy because his electric motor battery was dead. However, it transpired in the morning that the reason for the power failure was the key to the motor was not engaged!!

We added two other categories for awards....

First, MOB – failure to negotiate swim decks and floating docks plus staying in dinghy's – we had multiple winners who ended up with unplanned swimming with wallets, keys and phones.

The second was Floating Dock Dancing – again an unintentional event caused by the unexpected lack of stability on the floating dock – Rod was a clear winner with multiple other “worthy mentions”! (Improving his chances of becoming a new member!)

We did have a major nautical event. A 100ft yacht Argonaut (Eggplant purple) in the anchorage decided on a cruise around the harbor. On re-entering the anchorage, they lost their bow thrusters and decided to kiss Sandbar's bow – frantic work on Argonaut's and Sandbar's crew using their huge fenders to avoid damaging both boats. We definitely witnessed questionable seamanship by their captain (a huge sawhorse contender) as he could not maneuver his yacht either to miss the collision but then disengage himself! Damage we believe was limited to the WCYC Flag Pennant Rail Mount which was bent! Mike Sandler left his handprints on the bow of Argonaut to remind them of their error!

A second event was with Kevin and Linda on Hail Yeah (which they have owned a matter of weeks). Their Fire suppression unit was deployed after their gas-powered generator caught fire in their engine compartment! The fire suppression system did its job however their steering and transmission had issues, so they were towed home!

Many of the cruisers stayed late enjoying the Sunday afternoon and all had a safe and enjoyable cruise home.

Thanks to all for the participation, great food and great company!

- Cruise Captain and Commodore, Dave Monk



Member Letters

Letter From Steve Fiorillo

Hello WCYC,

As you may recall, earlier this year we arranged for a club event to have the USCG AUX conduct Vessel Safety Checks for our vessels. However COVID got in the way and as you're well aware, all in person events were cancelled, and rightly so.

However, as with every other organization, the USCG and CG AUX have been working diligently on developing protocols and guidelines so we can get back out there and safely get the VSCs underway once again.

Effective as of August 1, 2020, new COVID guidelines have been published to conform with the current social distancing restrictions, keeping everyone as safe as possible while having the ability to perform VSCs in person as much as we can.

The new guidelines are a bit restrictive as the CG AUX examiners are no longer permitted onboard, so a little more prep work is required by the owner. All required equipment must be displayed in the open for the examiner to inspect either visually or remotely via FaceTime/Zoom/Skype/etc, and/or pictures taken of those items that cannot be easily displayed like mounted fire extinguishers, placards, holding tank seacock, etc. The VSC examiner is also required to submit orders at least 1 week in advanced, so some lead is needed. That said, once you've contacted the CG AUX for a VSC, you'll be assigned an examiner, and they will work with you to schedule the VSC, walk you through the new process, and make it as painless as possible.

You can find the current VSC Process posted on our new CG AUX Bulletin Board Page, which also includes the Public Education offerings(*which hopefully will be back soon via on-line classes*), and any other pertinent USCG publications we should be aware of.

I have completed two VSC's last week for both the Groves and Stancils, and I think they'll tell you it was pretty painless and completed in under 15 minutes.

So as before, I encourage everyone who hasn't completed a VSC in last few years to please do so. We should all want to ensure that our boats are safe for all those we have onboard.

Regards,
Steve Fiorillo
USCG AUX



BIRTHDAYS



September Birthdays:

Christine Wagner	6 th
Steve Fiorillo	7 th
Karen Rasulo	16 th
Mike Groves	18 th
Cindy Latin	30 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

September Cruise:
Avalon, September 11-13
Cruise Captains/Co-Captains: The Fiorillos/ The Stones



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

Tiki Regatta:

Proposed to move to later in the season once dock parties are allowed to resume.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

WCYC

Around The World

Avalon Cruise

September 11-13

*Still stuck at home? Haven't traveled much lately?
Well get ready to set sail Around the World
from the comfort of your dinghy!*

*Come and experience food and drink from around the globe,
play "Get to Know Our Members" trivia for prizes,
and maybe see something in Avalon you haven't before!*

Friday Evening: 5:00-6:00

Welcome Cocktail Hour with South African Curry

Saturday Morning: 9:00-10:00

International Eye Openers & French Pastries

Saturday Afternoon: Noon-3:00

Italian Style Lunch

Around The Club Personal Trivia for Prizes

Snorkel Tour - Don't forget your gear

Saturday Evening: On Your Own

Sunday Morning Departure: 8:00-10:00

International Pastries

~~~ \$20 per Boat~~~

~~~~ Please RSVP by September 6th ~~~~

JOKES OF THE MONTH.....

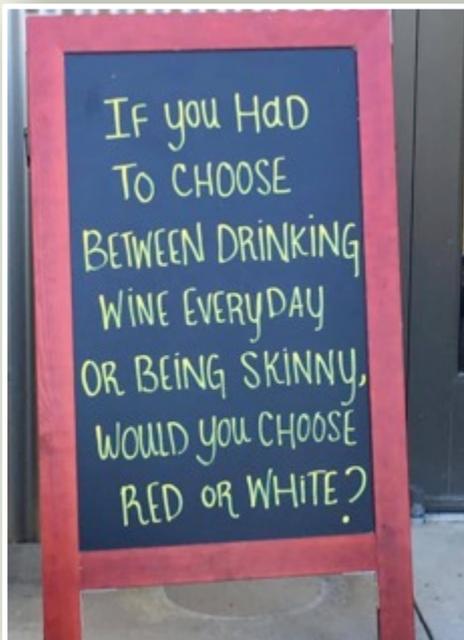
Wife: Did I get fat during Quarantine?

Husband: You were never really skinny!

Time of Death: 4/25/20
11:23 pm Cause of Death: Corona virus



Trikini 2020.



I might have a slight drinking problem...

My husband asked me to toast some bread for him.

I raised my wine glass and said, 'Here's to bread.'

I'm done with homeschooling. We are switching to trade school. All 3 of mine are going to be bartenders.



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 – Postponed/TBD
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 <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	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock
Vice Membership Chairperson	Mindy Sicard
JAG / Parliamentarian	

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	Kevin Bertrand
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 (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Mindy Sicard (3 rd yr)
Active Member	Suzanne Gehret-Babcock (3 rd yr)
Active Member	
Active Member	



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.