





LETTER FROM COMMODORE MINDY SICARD

Dear Members,

Hope to see you all at the Newport Cruise. Always a fun time in Newport! If you aren't able to take your boat to the cruise, you can always venture by land. Please remember to RSVP.

Some of you have asked if West Coast Yacht Club is going to do something to help and support Lahaina Yacht Club and the answer is, YES! During the Newport Cruise, you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for a couple baskets that are going to be raffled. All the proceeds will go directly to Lahaina Yacht Club. Also, we will have a collection basket if you would like to make an additional contribution to Lahaina Yacht Club. On Saturday afternoon, we will take a group photo of us all with a special banner wishing Lahaina Yacht Club well. Hope you are able to make it.

Thank you to Donna Groves for putting together the 2nd Annual Commodore's Cruise. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Please RSVP through the Evite and contact Donna if you would like to attend.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with WCYC and would like to be on the Board of Directors, please contact Vice Commodore Donna Groves at vice-commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com

See you on the seas in 2023.

Mindy Sicard Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

AHOY,

Hope everyone survived Hurricane Hillary with no damage.

Our last Cruise to Cherry was a BLAST. Chip and Christie as always, were perfect captains. They definitely should get the Best Entertainment Award for their Murder Mystery Party. We had a talented group of boaters who could definitely be actors, who knew? Move over Brad Pitt, Mike Sandler is coming for you. Saturday morning Chip was making eggs to order, and Christie had bacon, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, Blood Mary's, Mimosas, and it was all great. Lunch was a pop-up surprise as Tammy and Rod hosted everyone on their boat for pork sandwiches and their special Mai Tai's. Then we all just relaxed on the front of their boat listening to music and catching up. On Saturday night, Chip and Christie did not stop. They served Jambalaya with Shrimp and Rice, and it was delicious. The Actors then went into motion to find out who the killer was. Some of us topped the night off by dancing at the bar with a night cap. Read more about the cruise in Christie's Cruise Report below.

Our next cruise to Newport looks like our largest group of boaters ever. We are sold out on the slips at the Marina Lighthouse and what a dock party we will have. The eVite with all the specifics has already been sent out so if you did not get it, please let me know. They still have 3 moorings right in front of the marina to rent, so any last-minute boaters that want to join in on the fun, contact me. The Captains, Rasulos and Hepners have a fun Sports Theme weekend planned for all of us. Do not forget to wear your favorite team shirt and decorate your boat accordingly. The weather looks like it is going to be beautiful so bring your floaties and chairs.

We sent out the eVite for the Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. It was a lot of fun last year and we all had a really good time. The boat, food and entertainment were great.

Final cruise for the season will be in Long Beach hosted by the Kossas. They always do such a great job, and their cruises are a lot of fun. I hear they will be planning a spooky good time so do not miss it!

Donna Groves
Rear Commodore





LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Ahoy fellow members,

As chairs of the upcoming Newport Cruise together with Rick and Susan Hepner we are so excited to see you all participating. I could be wrong, but I'll bet it turns out to be our best attended EVER! Karen and I have chaired this cruise for the past three years and, yeah, there is some work to it but it's so satisfying to give back to our club members and it's so much fun.

As I cast an eye to my responsibilities next year as your Vice Commodore, I'd like to encourage ALL our members to volunteer for at least one event in 2024. It really is fun, and it takes so much pressure off those who seem to do it every year. You'll have help and plenty of it I promise. Please pitch in and do your part.

SAVE THE DATES!

Plans are underway for our last few dinners of the 2023 year:

November 11th is our Commodores Dinner to honor Mindy for all her contributions over the past several years. Dinner will be held at the Whitestone Restaurant & Bar in Dana Point and will feature a live band. AND we get to dress up if we wish!

<u>December 9th</u> Is our Change of Watch Holiday Brunch to welcome our new Commodore and promote our flag officers to their new positions. This is always a favorite as it features our annual awards.

Till next we sail together,

Tom Rasulo Rear Commodore

"A woman knows the face of the man she loves as a sailor, as a sailor knows the open sea"





LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings from your Membership Chair!

I hope you all are doing well, and for those of you who attended the Cherry Cove Cruise I hope you all had a great time and had smooth seas coming home. It was great to see some members both old and new in attendance. In fact Robin Levinson, a brand new member made the journey and it was her first cruise ever!!!! A big shout out to Chip and Christie Threlkeld, they did an amazing job as host and hostess, and the murder mystery dinner was a huge success.

As for new members and potential members, we have some new applications in for membership and we are looking forward to the potential members to participate in upcoming events!

Potential member - Victor Olechno owner of a Maxum 30' and is kept in Bermuda Dunes..... You may recognize Victor as he owns the Marina Handy Man company and may recognize his PT cruiser on Golden Lantern heading down to the harbor. We look forward to seeing him at upcoming events!

Summer is moving along and I cannot believe it is already September! Our next cruise is to Newport and is sure to be one for the history books. I will have plenty of membership applications with me at the Newport cruise. If you are going, and you know of someone that may be a good candidate for the club, bring them along and let them see what we are all about! We constantly get more and more interested parties considering our club during these events. It's always a fantastic sight to see when new boaters reach out to us during an event, either on shore or on the water, to say... "What are you guys all about?.... How can I get involved with this?". This is where our current membership comes in. Please keep an ear and eye out for people who have a boat (power or sail) and would love to participate in cruising. Maybe its someone new to boating, or maybe it's someone who would like to cruise more but feels more comfortable going with others. If you do run into someone who may be a potential member, please give them our information.

Again, If you are going on the Newport cruise, the activities that are planned are sure to draw some attention, so get ready to socialize and promote the club when people stop and say "Man you guys are having a fantastic time..... What is West Coast Yacht CLUB???" - YES THAT'S YOUR CUE TO TALK THE CLUB UP!! LOL.......

As a reminder, next year both the application fee and annual dues ae increasing to \$200. The time is now to take advantage of some lower rates, so if you know someone looking to join, let's get them signed up this year!

Stay safe.... wishing you calm seas and may the wind be at your back.

Brian Randal Membership Chair





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, 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





TUGUST'S CRUISE TO CHERRY COVE

Friday night, everyone arrived in their costumes with their "script" in hand and ready to start the murder mystery. The cast was the Captain and his wife, joined by several guests, and the crew onboard a yacht "setting sail for disaster".

Everyone brought appetizers and played their characters so well, there was so much going on.





The "doctor" was even performing some enhancements to the female guests....



TUGUST'S CRUISE TO CHERRY COVE

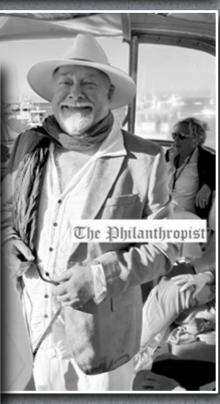












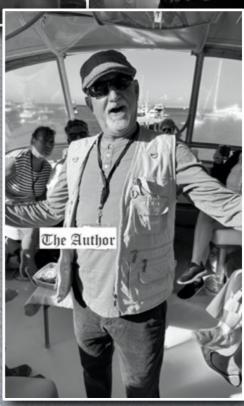
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The Plot....

The yacht was heading into a storm, so the ships engineer called everyone up top to the muster station to prepare then suddenly the lights went out – we lost all power!

The storm got worse and there was thunder and lightning. Luckily, there were candles for everyone. Then a shriek! The captain had been murdered in the salon by a candle stick.

Everyone gathered around – we had to find out who did this! The yacht struck something and was sinking, leaving everyone to find a way to land. CUT – Act 1 over





MUGUST'S CRUISE TO CHERRY COVE

Saturday evening we met at the Isthmus at the west end beach to start Act 2. After everyone washing up onto a deserted island after the last night's disaster, they were handed that night's script to finish the murder mystery. The captain's ghost had a few survival tricks for water and fire while the "doctor" was bandaging up anyone that



The final clues were discussed, it was time to vote on WHO DUNNIT, as well as the prizes before having our Jambalaya and Cajun coleslaw.



It was a lovely weekend. Special thanks to the club – everyone was so ready to pitch in and help, you guys are so awesome!



BIRTHDAYS



September Birthdays:

Christine Wagner	6 th
Steve Fiorillo	7 th
Tony Forcier	9 th
Trish Hannegan	10 th
Steve Ash	12 th
Pam Fairbanks	14 th
Karen Rasulo	16 th
Mike Groves	18 th
Brian Dolin	28 th

CLUB NEWS & INFO

- No New Members This Month
- Upcoming Coast Guard Auxiliary Classes:

If anyone needs their CA Boaters Card(Everyone needs it by Jan 1, 2025) or just want to brush up on some skills, here' are the remaining classes for this year....

Boating Skills & Seamanship Class - \$70/pp, Book Included Every Wednesday From Sep 6 - Oct 25, 7:00pm - 9:00pm Location: Dana Point Yacht Club, 24399 Dana Dr, Dana Point

A comprehensive class designed for both experienced as well as those new to boating. Topics include: boating safety, knots, boat handling, radio, as well as other valuable subjects. Successful completion will earn you your CA boater card.

How to Read a Nautical Chart On Your Chartplotter - \$25/pp Wed, November 8 & 15, 7-9pm Dana Point Yacht Club

People are moving away from using paper charts and relying on electronic chart plotters to navigate. As chart plotters are simply electronic versions of paper charts, it is essential that you understand the information on paper charts and what all of the symbols mean. In this class we provide students with the knowledge to interpret chart contents to help them safely navigate to their destination.

You can register on-line at https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=boating-courses



SEPTEMBER'S CRUISE

MARINA PARK, NEWPORT BEACH

SEPTEMBER 8 - 10

CRUISE CAPTAINS: THE RASULOS & THE HEPNERS

Break out your favorite team Jersey! We are going to have some fun.

\$35.00 /PP includes: Saturday's breakfast, lunch, & taco dinner

~ FRIDAY ~

- Arrival: Check-in begins at 1 pm.
- 5 pm Bring your favorite Sports Bar appetizer and drink of choice to the Dock Party. Wear your favorite team Jersey!
 - Left-Right-Center Tournament after dinner. Bring 3 single dollar bills!

~ SATURDAY ~

- 9 am Breakfast and Eye-Openers on the dock
 - 11 am Cornhole Tournament
- 1 pm Lunch on the dock featuring hot dogs/chili and Italian sausages paired with peppers and onions.
 - Afternoon Live Band!!!
 - 4 pm Basketball Tournament Contestants must shoot from a floatie!
 - 7 pm Dinner Taco dinner on the dock.
 - After dinner, Commodore's Address.

~ SUNDAY ~

• Departure: Check-out is 11 am

~ NOTES ~

- PRIZE for the best sports-themed boat decoration!
- Wear your favorite team gear to the Friday dock party
- Three game tournaments with prizes for the victors!

Last day to RSVP is Monday, September 4, 2023 per your eVite



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

2nd Annual Commodore's Cruise To ENSENADA On The Carnival Radiance ~ October 6th - 9th

Cruise - October 6 - 9, 2023 - Board before 3 pm

Day 1: Set sail from Long Beach at 5pm.

Day 2: Fun Day at Sea.

Day 3: Arrive in Ensenada, Mexico 8-5pm.

Day 4: Arrives Long Beach 7 am

Pricing as follows and subject to change. Does not include tax.

Interior Room \$334.00 pp Ocean View \$459.00 pp Balcony \$629.00 pp Suite \$1436.00 pp

\$250.00 Total Credit on board boat to be used only on the boat. Could be used for Drink Packages, Specialty Restaurants. etc. To get the Credit, you need to sign up with Carnival Cruise and become a Club Member. They will give you a VIFP number. Again, it is Free.

Rates do not include gratuity but can be purchased ahead of time when you book your cruise. Includes all meals with the exception of the specialty restaurants. Includes all music and specialty shows. Casino on boat and available while at Sea. Spa on boat.

Alcohol & Soft Drink packages are available at an additional cost. You may bring two unopened bottles of wine or champagne with you at no additional charge. No hard liquor allowed to be brought onto the ship.

Passports are necessary. No Covid information needed.

Parking is at the Port in Long Beach. There is a charge so I suggest going with another couple. Bring a friend or family member to join in on the fun.

Please advise Donna Groves if you are attending prior to booking your cruise. We may be able to get a group discount if we have enough people. Instructions will go out once we have a better idea of how many people will be attending. We will inform you when to book your cruise and any price changes. Contact Donna Groves with any questions at vice-commodore@westcoastyachtclub.com

See your eVite for more information.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

LBYC Cruise Oct 27-29

Cruise Captains: The Kossas Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely

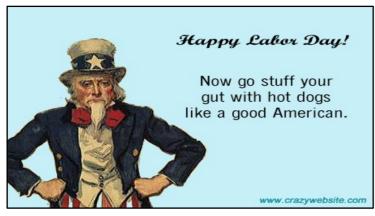


UPCOMING AREA EVENTS



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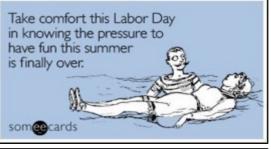








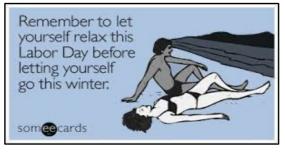




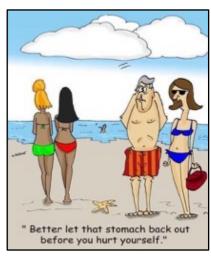














2023 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2023 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water! Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

February 11 Valentine's Dinner – Tannins, San Juan

** March 12 44 St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Dublin 4 Gastro Pub,

Mission Viejo

** March 31- April 2 Opening Cruise to Cherry Cove - CANCELLED

Cruise Captains: Brian Randall Co-Captains: The Sicards

** April 22 Poker Run & Bonfire

** May 5-7 12-14 Cruise to Avalon Cabrillo YC - CANCELLED Due To Weather

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

June 9-11 Cruise to Danalina

Cruise Captains: The Monks Co-Captains: The Sandlers

July 15 The Famous Tiki Regatta

** July 21-23 24-28 Cruise to Avalon Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada

Cruise Captains: The Sicards

** August 11-13 Cruise to Cherry Cove Avalon LBYC

Cruise Captains: The Threlkelds

September 8-10 Cruise to Newport Beach at Marina Park

Cruise Captains: The Rasulos Co-Captains: The Hepners

** Sep 29-Oct 1 Oct 6-9 Commodore's Cruise to Ensenada

** October 27-29 6-8 Cruise to Long Beach Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Kossas Co-Captains: Covarrubias/Huntely

November 11 Commodore's Dinner – Whitestone Restaurant & Bar in Dana

December 9 Holiday Brunch - TBD

** Please note this indicates date/venue change from original schedule.



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2023 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2023 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
- Upon request, the examiner can wear PPE

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
- Download sample VSC form...
 http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads wowll/114-06-08/2023 vsc form hglt sample.pdf



If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact Steve Fiorillo at (danapointuscgaux@gmail.com) or scan our QR code

- Education -

Our Boating Education 2023 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 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The <u>Elective Officers</u> of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore			
Commodore	Mindy Sicard		
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves		
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo		

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	Mike Sandler	
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk	

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		
Secretary	Monique Monk		
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld		
Membership Chairperson	Brian Randall		
JAG / Parliamentarian	Richard Hepner		

The Board of Directors shall consist of the aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (Consecutive Years of BOD Service)				
Commodore	Mindy Sicard			
Vice Commodore	Donna Groves			
Rear Commodore	Tom Rasulo			
Jr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler			
Sr Staff Commodore	Dave Monk			
Active Member – Ship Store	Tammy Huntley (2 nd yr)			
Active Member - Secretary	Monique Monk (4 th yr)			
Active Member - Membership	Brian Randall (1st yr)			
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (3 rd yr)			
Active Member - JAG	Richard Hepner (2 nd yr)			
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (2 nd yr)			
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 th yr)			



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

Silver Gate YC

2091 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA. 92106

Seal Beach YC

255 Marina Drive Long Beach, CA. 90803

Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA. 90802

Ventura YC 1755 Spinnaker Drive Ventura, CA. 93001-4396 South Coast Corinthian YC

13445 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Westlake YC

32123 Lindero Rd Westlake Village, CA 91361

South Shore YC

1099 Bayside Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660



WCYC Membership Application Please Print Clearly

Name		Occupation _		Birthdate
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Reason for Joining WCYC:				
Prospective members are required to	attend two events a	nd be introduc	ced at that time by the	eir sponsors or a Club Officer.
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Club Members and all dues will be pr	esented to the Board	of Directors a	t their next scheduled	l meeting. Current dues are
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