





LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Greetings from Dana Point,

We finished our cruise in Avalon and what a fun time we had, that's because we have the best members ever. Our attendance was crazy good. We had 17 boats signed up and a few had to back out at the last minute, but we still had a record 15 boats that came and 41 people that participated. Read all the details in our cruise report below.

Our last cruise of the season is in October, and we will be traveling to Long Beach. It's always so much fun and the Long Beach Yacht Club is so beautiful, and hospitable. The captains are the Hepners along with the Champlins and they already have an amazing trip planned. I won't give it away, but it is something we have never done before! I cannot wait. Evite coming soon and you don't want to miss it.

Shout out to Staff Commodore Mindy Sicard. She took a group of about 20 of us on an "Olympic" Pub Crawl throughout Dana Point and we had so much fun. Lots of people honking their horns, cheering us on and it was a blast. Please read her report below.

September 28th is our first ever WCYC Charity Fishing Tournament, which will be another great event for WCYC supporting kids and families that cannot afford to be on the water. It has been talked about for years and it has finally come to fruition. Fleet Captain John Kossa and his team of fisherman have come up with a really fun day of fishing. You should have already received an Evite by now. It is open to everyone, so invite your boat neighbors, family, and friends for a fun day on the water. It is going to be a one-day fishing tournament and there will be Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. 1st place will receive a grand prize of \$750.00 so don't miss out. There will also be a special prize for the first Pelagic Fish caught. We will also have side bets for individual anglers. One will be for the biggest Pelagic Fish caught along with the single most weight of a Pelagic Fish caught. The next day September 29th at 9:30 am breakfast will be served for all anglers participating in the tournament at the DWYC Patio here in Dana Point, which is included in your entry fee. If you would like to bring your family or friends to the trophy presentation, we are selling breakfast tickets for \$25 pp. We have a great raffle which will include a Fishing Rod, Electric Car Charge System, Gift Certificates from several businesses and much, much more. We are also selling a limited number of tickets for a separate raffle for "Dinner for 4 at the new Ocean 48 Restaurant in Newport Beach". Even if you are not in the Fishing Tournament and a WCYC member, you will be able to buy a raffle ticket for \$100.00 per ticket. We are only selling 20 of them in total so the odds are great. The value of the dinner is \$650.00 +. Mike and I have been to this restaurant and the food and service is outstanding. It is owned by the Mastro family so don't let the Ocean part of the name fool you. They have as many Steak choices as they do fresh Fish. First come first serve on the tickets and when we are out, we are out. All proceeds will go to the Charity. The drawing for the dinner will be at the Sunday breakfast, and you do not need to be present to win. Email me at dcgultevent@aol.com to buy your ticket.

Our first dinner planned by Rear Commodore Randall will be in November at the The Watering Hole at Nellie Gale Ranch. Always a great location to have an event, with WCYC reserving the entire restaurant. It will be a lot of fun with great food and music, so mark your calendar and get your dancing shoes ready.

If you are ever interested in running for the WCYC Board, please reach out to me or Vice-Commodore Rasulo. I have to say it was one of my best experiences. We truly have the best members, all with the same interest, **Boating!** I have loved every minute of it and can let you know what it entails to be on the Board if you are interested.

Hope to see you all on the water or on the docks. We have had such great weather I hope you are all enjoying it. Safe travels and don't forget to post your boat pictures and fun times on our <u>WCYC Facebook page!</u>

Donna Groves Commodore





LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

What a great Avalon Cruise! It was so well attended. West Coast Yacht Club burgees seemed to be everywhere you turned your head. Experienced Cruise Captains, Groves and Fiorillos, nailed this one. With the harbor so full, it was a real wonder how we were able to get as many boats in beautiful Avalon harbor as we did. Donna especially, knows how to pull a few strings and call in a few favors. Nice going!

The weekend had more stories than usual. We had an abundance of Sawhorse Awards given (including one for you Vice Commodore) which is always fun. I love it when people try to defend themselves! Ha, as if they had a chance.

Another high point was the Bottle Boat Race. I labored 30 minutes on mine and took 2nd Place behind marine architect Steve Fiorillo, who admitted to working on his entry with Mike Groves for two weeks! Glenn Rogers took third. A few empty water bottles, a few zip ties, a piece of a trash bag and some duct tape and you'll be on your way next time. What a kick!

The food was hot as was the temperature and plenty of us were side-tied for time with friends, old and new.

Upcoming is our last cruise of the year to Long Beach October 4-6. Their long dock provides shore power and water and makes socializing so much easier. Cruise Captains Hepner/ Champlin have a few surprises in store for us. Don't miss this one, it's gonna be a while till we cruise together after that.

As always, keep looking for fellow boaters to join WCYC if you think they'd be a good fit. You are what keeps us growing.

Tom Rasulo Vice Commodore





LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone!



Marji and I managed to head up to the Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club over the last weekend.

While we were there, we were able to do a burgee exchange with the club. They were wonderful hosts and the service was fantastic. Lots of folks stopped by and chatted with us.

The club has a long history and like us they were founded in 1932. The club is open for the summer only and they store their sailing fleet in the building for the winter months. Racing is a major activity at the club and weekends are filled with race events for both juniors and adults.

The interior of the club is amazing with lots of history surrounding you. A great place to visit!

With regards to the dinner event schedule... a reminder that November 9th is our Commodore's Dinner at the Watering Hole at the Nellie Gail Ranch. Mark the date down on your calendar! More information to come!

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore





LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Happy September!

Wow....has this summer gone by fast...but West Coast Yacht Club members sure have had some really fun cruises and made some super memories!

There's still lots of fun to be had on the final two events on our cruising calendar! I know the Fishing Tournament will be quite a contest and can't wait to see the final results and the Long Beach Cruise will be the amazing grand finale of our cruising year.

John and Jean Silverwood, two of our prospective members and dear friends of mine, attended the WCYC Avalon cruise and report they thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many new cruising friends! They are a very special couple who have logged thousands of cruising miles around the world and have captured the events of their harrowing shipwreck in French Polynesia in their book titled "Black Wave". I hope you all will have a chance to meet them at our either our Commodore Dinner or our Holiday "Change of Watch" Luncheon later this year.

You all have done an awesome job this year courting new members and I'm happy to report we have three new prospective members couples but, of course, we're always looking for more!

Cheers!!!

Sheri Meehlies 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

Cruise Captains: The Groves & The Fiorillos Cruise Report by Donna Groves

What a great Cruise! We had a record 15 boats with a total of 41 members and guests that came over to party in Avalon for the weekend. Most people came in on Wednesday and Thursday, which helped. It was so busy and almost everyone in the harbor had to side-tie but in the end it all worked out.

Wednesday the side-ties began, and it did not stop. By Thursday, Vice-Commodore Rasulo ended up getting everyone side-tied with the exception of 1 boat who went to Hamilton. By Friday we had 2 more boats end up in Descanso, but Saturday they got moved into the harbor. WCYC Members really stepped up and side-tied with boaters they have never met before. New friends were made. It was such a great feeling to know our members are that great and so welcoming.

Of course all new arrivals were met with welcome Jello shots!

Special Thanks to our Co-Captain's the Fiorillo's, they always step up and do such a great job.



Friday night, we started our party and the Olympic Games at the FLX Beer Garden on the Island. What a great place. Members and guests nibbled on large pretzels and pickled eggs as everyone enjoyed reuniting with each other while competing in Beer Pong and Cornhole....













Beer Pong Champ Tammy Huntley's brother Jim He was celebrating his 60th Birthday on the island with all of us



Saturday was a fun day on the water. Boaters came behind the Captain's Boats and ate Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, floated on rafts and paddle boards, did Jello Shots, drank Margarita's and just relaxed with fellow members. It was a beautiful day for it, and the Sun was out and shining down on us all.



A huge thank you to Staff Commodore Dave Monk and Monique for all the support and letting everyone dinghy up to Fluke which was side tied to the Captain's boats. You guys are the ROCK!



Tammy and Rod along with their family came in style and won for the most creative Olympic decorations. Their dinghy and crew were decked out in red, white, and blue.



We had 3 members that did the Olympic Bottle Boat Race... Steve Fiorillo, Glenn Rogers, and our Vice Commodore Tom Rasulo.



Boy was that fun, and we should definitely do that again in the future.

The boats traveled by us, well sort of, maybe a right turn before the end but started again and went by the side of us. But it didn't

matter, all you could do was laugh and cheer them on. They were very creative, and I believe someone (not mentioning any names) used a doggy poop bag for the sail. How crazy is that? It truly was fun to watch and a great day.

We even had the surrounding boats cheering them on, as well as having to save one of the boats. I may have even gotten a member from Long Beach out of it. They said we were such a fun group they wanted to join!



Race Results:

Gold Medal: Steve Fiorillo

Silver Medal: Vice Commodore Rasulo

Bronze Medal: Glenn Rogers

Overall, it was a great cruise with fun people enjoying what we do best.... BOATING!



2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL HOSTED BY MINDY SICARD

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR THE WCYC SUMMER OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL. WE ARE A FUN GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO LIKES TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!







2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC PUB CRAWL

A BIG THANK YOU TO JIMMY'S FAMOUS TAVERN AND HARPOON HENRY'S FOR ALLOWING US TO VENTURE IN THEIR RESTAURANT FOR OUR PUB CRAWL AND FOR DANA WEST YACHT CLUB FOR LETTING US END OUR CRAWL AND THEIR CLUB. WE ALL GATHERED AT JIMMY'S FOR LUNCH AND DRINKS AND THEN FOLLOWED THE TORCH TO HARPOON HENRY'S FOR DRINKS AND MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE AWARDED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING OLYMPIC OUTFITS....

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
DELL AND BARB DEFABRY

SILVER MEDAL WINNER
ED SICARD

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS
BRYAN AND JEAN CHALAIS

PARIS

2024



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



\$400/BOAT ENTRY FEE
REGISTRATION/PAYMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9/24/24

AWARDS BREAKFAST(INCLUDED) - 9/29
SPOUSES AND NON-ANGLERS ARE WELCOMED - \$25PP

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, RULES, AND MORE PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBPAGE AT

https://westcoastyachtclus.com/2024-wcyc-fishing-tourny



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



OCTOBER'S ITALIAN HERITAGE CRUISE LONG BEACH YC

 $\overline{\text{OCT } 4^{\text{TH}}} - 6^{\text{TH}}$

CRUISE CAPTAINS: THE HEPNERS
CO-CAPTAINS: GARY CHAMPLIN & ESTELLA LEON

BADA BING!!! WCYC INVITES YOU TO RELEASE YOUR INNER

A celebration of Italian Heritage. Christopher Columbus and the great Italian explorers. Scintillating cinema - The Sopranos, The Godfather, Good Fellas. Classic music. The Roman

Empire. Exceptional cuisine!

~ Friday Arrival ~

Arrive at your appointed time. LBYC will assign each boat an arrival time to allow an orderly Med tie.

~ 5:30 pm ~

Bring a deck chair, an appetizer and your preferred beverage and join a Welcome Potluck on the dock.

~ Saturday ~

~ 9:30 am ~

Light breakfast and eye-openers (Mimosas, Bloody Marys) will be served on the dock.

~ 11 am ~

Join a dinghy voyage of exploration of Alamitos Bay. Italian Trivia challenge to be completed by each dinghy. Lunch on your own. Enjoy your day with friends.

~ 5:30 pm ~

An Italian Dinner will be served on the dock, catered by the world-famous Domenico's - Long Beach's oldest restaurant in Belmont Shore. -Bruschetta and Crostini -Classic Italian salad -Meatballs with marinara -Sausage tomato cream rigatoni -Fettuccine alfredo -Italian tossed veggies -Focaccia bread

Wear your Italian-themed costume to be eligible for a prize! Emperor? Wise guy? Explorer? Disco king/queen? Fisherman? Pasta chef? Goombahs and Goomahs? Or???

~ 7:00 pm ~

A fleet of gondolas will pick us up at the LBYC dock for a gondola tour through the canals of Naples Island. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Commodore's Address and Raffle Ticket Drawing on the dock after the gondola tour.

~ Sunday 10 am ~

The Cruise Captain will make a reservation for those interested in Sunday Brunch in the LBYC dining room. This brunch is optional, not included in the cruise fee.

~ Sunday Departure ~

LBYC policy is that guest boats must leave the dock by 11 am. HOWEVER, WCYC has negotiated a 2 pm departure time to accommodate people who wish to have Sunday Brunch in the LBYC dining room.

PRICE: \$79.00 per person

Includes the gondola tour and noted meals and activities. LBYC dock fee not included. Cruise Captain to distribute instructions for Float Plan and Dock Fee to all members who sign up.

RSVP ASAP, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 13 in order to submit the Float Plan required by LBYC.



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS







BIRTHDAYS



September Birthdays:

Christine Wagner	6 th
Steve Fiorillo	7 th
Steve Ash	12 ^h
Pam Fairbanks	14 rd
Karen Rasulo	16 th
Mike Groves	18 th
Brian Dolin	28 th

CLUB NEWS & INFO

No New Members

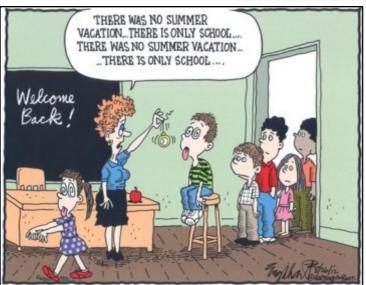


To Labor Day & The Unfortunate End Of Summer.....









Labor Day signifies that it's time to stop complaining about how hot it is and start complaining about how cold it is.









2024 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2024 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water! Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

January 6 New Year's Brunch Dock Party – East Cove Gate 6-74

February 10 Valentine's Dinner – Jack's, Dana Point

March 9 St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Paddy's Station, San Juan Cap

April 5-7 Opening Cruise to Newport Lighthouse Marina

Cruise Captains: The Ashworths

Co-Captains: The Brinkis

April 20 Poker Run & BBQ

May 3-5 Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade

Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership

June 7-9 Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup

Cruise Captains: Huntley / Covarrubias

Co-Captains: Monks / Sandlers

July 12-14 Cruise to Cherry Cove

Cruise Captains: The Riddles Co-Captains: The Threlkelds

July 27 The Famous Tiki Regatta

** Aug 3 Olympic Pub Crawl

August 9-11 Cruise to Avalon

Cruise Captains: The Groves Co-Captains: The Fiorillos

August 11-15 Optional Extended Cruise From Avalon:

8/11-12: Long Beach > 8/13 San Pedro > 8/14 Newport

September 28 Fishing Tournament

** October 18-20 4-6 Cruise to Long Beach YC

Cruise Captains: The Hepners Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon

** November 2 9 Commodore's Dinner – The Watering Hole, Nelle Gale Clubhouse

December 7 Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD

December 6,7,8 Dana Point Parade of Lights

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



USCG AUX Bulletin Board

- Vessel Safety Checks -



2024 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



The following are the current 2024 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.....

• https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=virtual-vsc

If you're interested in a VSC or have any questions about the process, please contact scan our QR code or go to the Dana Point CG Auxiliary VSC page to request a VSC,

https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-06-08&category=1336085599



- Education -

Our Boating Education 2024 Courses Are Back!



In-person training is now back.

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 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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	Mindy Sicard	
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler	

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	Marji Weber		
Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld		
Membership Chairperson	Sheri Meehleis		
JAG / Parliamentarian	Mark Babcock		

The Board of Directors shall consist of the aforementioned Flag Officers, PLUS six additional Active Members (Consecutive Years of BOD Service)			
Commodore	Donna Groves		
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo		
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall		
Jr Staff Commodore	Mindy Sicard		
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler		
Active Member – Ship Store	Maureen Hensley (1st yr)		
Active Member - Secretary	Marji Weber (1 st yr)		
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1st yr)		
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4 th yr)		
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (1st yr)		
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (3 rd yr)		
Active Member – Website/Binnacle	Steve Fiorillo (7 th yr)		



WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS -

PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCLE PRIVILEGES AT ANY OF THE BELOW CLUBS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT THE CLUB TO CONFIRM OUR RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES BEFORE ARRIVAL.

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 Harbor 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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Vessel Type Length			
Vessel Name			
Home Port	Basin (if in D	P harbor)	
Slip Slip Size	Beam		
Prospective members are required to	attend two events a	nd be introduced at that time by the	ir sponsors or a Club Officer.
The Membership Chairperson's recor	nmendation, the sign	atures of two sponsoring	
Club Members and all dues will be pr	esented to the Board	of Directors at their next scheduled	meeting. Current dues are
\$200 annually, plus a one time initiat	ion fee of \$200.		
The undersigned hereby agrees to ab	ide by the Club's By-l	aw's, Policies and Protocols:	
Applicant #1		Date	
Applicant #2			
Sponsoring Member #1		Date	
Sponsoring Member #2		Date	
Please return your Membership Appl	ication together with	your check (made navable to West (Coast Yacht Club) to the
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