



# *West Coast Yacht Club*

**BINNACLE**

*May, 2025*

*WCYC Danalin  
Season Opener!*



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## LETTER FROM COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Greetings to all!

By the power vested in me as Commodore, I officially declared West Coast Yacht Club OPEN for the 2025 season at our Opening Day ceremony on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

The speeches were well-organized, the introductions of our club officers wearing Blue-Blazers were presented formally, and the raising of the officer banners on our mini flagpole and yard arm were a sight to see. All the boats in our Danalina / Opening Day Raft-up were festively decorated with flags, balloons and other delights. What fun to have some pomp and circumstance once in a while. If you missed it, be sure to see the photos. Caution: It may activate the FOMO in you. lol

Many heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers pitching in to make this a memorable day and weekend. As special shout out to our VC Brian Randall. Marji was down with the flu so he pulled DOUBLE duty! He HAS to be exhausted today. He never stopped moving. Thanks B!

**Next:** Four weeks from now, at the end of May, we will feature our first Catalina trip of the year on the 30<sup>th</sup> for the Catalina Wine mixer in Avalon. Don't miss this one!

Tom Rasulo  
Commodore





## LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings WCYC Family,

Well, what a weekend we had! The "Danalina" Raft up was a success! We had some great weather and not so great weather. The weekend started off with a bang, 7 boats joined in on the fun ( A big shout out to Genty Lee, Fluke, Jersey Girl, It's Abowt Time, Sandbar, Siren Song and Fortuity.) It was an impressive line up.

We certainly didn't starve at the event..... We had an amazing Potluck dinner on Friday night, and I have to say Sheri and Sondra blew it out of the water with the Scotch Eggs and the Gyros from Surfin Souvlaki. Delicious!!! Saturday morning, we all awoke to some great breakfast burritos from Dana West Yacht Club's Chef Angel and created Mimosas and Bloody Mary's off of Fluke. The morning then went on to a terrific Opening Day Ceremony with Commodore Rasulo delivering a great speech. Mark Babcock led us in the Pledge of Allegiance as well as Sondra Harrison doing a beautiful Invocation. Bryan Chalais was our official Flag raiser (using our new portable flagpole system) and Nick Papageorges literally blew us away with the firing of the cannon announcing the Commodore, Flag officers as well as signaling the official opening of the WCYC season! The group then hopped into their dinghies for a dinghy cruise around the harbor. A big congratulations to Sondra Harrison for retaining her title for best decorated dinghy! She did a great job with the traditional decor! Upon return it was music time, and we had our DJ blasting tunes off of the top of Fluke ( Thank you David and Monique).

We did have a little excitement in the anchorage when 2 Dana Point Yacht Club boats broke loose from their anchor, and it was Mike Sandler and Tom Rasulo to the rescue to unhook their anchors which were stuck together. The next morning the DPYC members brought over 2 cases of beer for the rescuers - well played DPYC!

Later in the evening we had yet more food with a Mexican dinner from Buena Vista Market. Soooo delicious (I forgot to tell everyone that the red sauce was really hot)! On Sunday it was time to unhook the raft up and all hands were on deck. Overall, a great weekend with sunshine, some rain, and most of all great friends. A big thank you to all who attended.

Brian Randall  
Vice Commodore  
West Coast Yacht Club

619-933-6209







## LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE MARJI WEBER

Hello WCYC Family,

As I write this, I am recovering from the flu. Unfortunately, I was down for several days and was unable to attend our Opening Day Ceremonies and Danalina Raft Up. From what I have heard and the photographs and social media posts I have seen it looks like I missed out on a great event and fun weekend!

I'm looking forward to our next cruise to Avalon for the Catalina Wine Mixer at the end of this month. Brian and I will be busy these next few weeks, working to put together a fun cruise itinerary. Attending the Wine Mixer isn't mandatory for this cruise however, it's a fun event! If you are planning to attend, please make sure you purchase your tickets through the Catalina Island Company. You can do this by visiting [www.visitcatalinaisland.com](http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com). I hope we have a great turn out to this cruise. What a fun way to kick off summer!

In closing, I'd like to wish all the ladies a Happy Mother's Day! Wishing you all a lovely day spent with family and/or friends.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water!

Marji Weber  
Rear Commodore  
West Coast Yacht Club  
(714)272-7021





## LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Greetings!

Well, it's May.....and its gray! Even though Southern California is living up to the marine layer phenomenon that produces our cloudy, rainy days, I'm proud to report West Coast Yacht Club was shining brightly this past weekend with our Opening Day festivities. A big thank you to our Flag Officers for organizing such a great event. Up next is our Cruise to Catalina at the end of this month which will undoubtedly be awesome!

The West Coast Yacht Club Board of Directors voted to grant Bob and Terreca Endresen full membership into our great club. They are the proud owners of a Beneteau 41 named Bel et Moi. Please give them a big shout out the next time you see them. CONGRATULATIONS and welcome!

We are always looking to recruit new members so I'm hoping you all help us campaign for prospects during our upcoming cruising season. Our Officers have organized quite an exciting itinerary for our raft ups this year so we're bound to impress even the most casual boaters.

Hope to see you in Avalon!

Sheri Meehlies  
Membership Chair





## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BRYAN CHALAIS

Greetings to all!

After finishing up the Danalina season opener last weekend, all I can say is "what a blast"! Friday was my first occasion on helping with the anchorage of our boats for a safe weekend afloat together. In setting anchors, my take away is my dinghy needs more horsepower!! A 5hp Honda just doesn't cut it when hauling out heavy anchor rode (I could see Brian Randall aboard Jersey Girl laughing at my full throttle attempts). Overall, it was a nice weather day, and the wind was cooperative while we went to work securing our anchorage.

The wind and weather kicked up Saturday, but spirits were high while Commodore Tom Rasulo and Vice Commodore Brian Randall did a great job with their presentations of declaring the 2025 WCYC season open! And with each important announcement came the roaring blast from Nick Papageorges' cannon fire, that awakened all who were near in the harbor! Finally with Sondra Harrison's touching invocation prayer, let there be no doubt, divine guidance and support is with WCYC on our 2025 journeys.

I have to fairly document a WCYC vessel rescue in the harbor on Saturday. It seems a couple boats from Dana Point Yacht Club were at anchor nearby when it became apparent their anchors had fouled and the boats were tied together and adrift. To make matters worse, their stern anchor line was tangled in the harbor buoy. While they frantically made their attempts, hope was beginning to be lost last they drifted towards the rocks in front of their yacht club building. Sensing danger, a distress call was made to the local authorities by our brave Commodore Tom Rasulo, who received a radio reply of "let us know if they get close". Dissatisfied with that response, the order was given to provide rescue assistance. Mike Sandler and Tom Rasulo made way to the boats in distress, and with Sandler's muscle power, the anchors were hauled up and untangled and the day was saved. The DPYC boats were able to re-set their anchorage and all was well. Later, the authorities arrived, full throttle, Code 3 lights and siren, other than disturbing the harbor with their wake, their assistance was unnecessary as tragedy had been averted by the quick thinking and brawn of those involved.

DPYC the next day showed up with cases of beer in appreciation for the help from WCYC. A great gesture indeed but we all know in this boating world, anyone of us could have been in similar hardship, and camaraderie amongst yacht clubs is a strong one and turnabout assistance would have of course, been generously given.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Catalina Wine Mixer at the end of the month!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,  
Bryan Chalais





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## BIRTHDAYS

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### May Birthdays:

Dave Monk	May 3
Lori Ash	May 3
John Kossa	May 18
Wanda Stone	May 21
Chip Riddle	May 24
Ken Harth	May 28

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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Please join us for a fun-filled weekend in Avalon for the most unique fun you will ever experience on the Island! This is a yearly event based on the movie "Step Brothers" with Will Farrell. The weekend activities start on Friday night with a live band outside the Casino, followed by the viewing of the Movie "Step Brothers" ( It has the feel of going to a Rocky Horror Picture Show, cheering, singing, drinking, costumes, etc.) in the Historical Casino Movie Theater. Afterwards the group heads into town to visit the various bars and restaurants such as Luau Larry's, The Marlin Club, Chi Chi Club, etc.

Saturday morning, we wake up and have some breakfast refreshments on the back of Safari, ( Brian and Marji's new California Trawler). The day then moves on to attending the Wine Mixer over in Descanso Beach. There are over 40 vendors, a live band, wine to taste and fun to be had. Saturday evening the group will head into town and have dinner at one of the restaurants ( to be determined), followed by more fun at the local establishments. Sunday we will unhook and head back to our home ports.

Tickets for the movie and the wine mixer are available on the Catalina website:[<https://www.visitcatalinaisland.com/.../catalina-wine-mixer>] ( <https://www.visitcatalinaisland.com/.../catalina-wine-mixer>)

You would want to get Movie tickets and admission to the mixer.

Please note that according to Leslie (the Harbor Mooring Manager) they have never been sold out on moorings for this event due to the fact that the majority of attendees come on the Catalina Flyer.

If you are not looking at bringing your boat over you can always get a hotel and take the flyer over as well and join the group.

You can review pictures of the event online and see the various dress attire and outfits folks wear to the event. It is a lot of fun and a ton of laughs.

Please RSVP to the EVITE by May 15th so we can plan accordingly.



ANNUAL POKER RUN  
AND BBQ







# OPENING CRUISE NEWPORT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA







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# DANALINA 2025 SEASON OPENER EVENT





You are invited to

**West Coast Yacht Club**

**Opening Day &**

**Danalina Raft Up**

May 2-4  
2025

Dana Point Harbor







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## CLUB NEWS & INFO

### • NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome Bob and Terreca Endresen as the newest members of WCYC! Bob and Terreca are aboard 'Bel et Moi', a 41' Benneteau Oceanis sailboat hailing from Alimitos Bay. Bob said they will be attending the Catalina Wine Mixer on the end of the month, so lets all give them a friendly "welcome aboard"!

## FLAG OFFICERS PARTICIPATION OUTSIDE YACHT CLUB EVENTS

### Harbour Island Yacht Club Opening Day May 5<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance:  
Vice Commodore: Brian Randall  
Rear Commodore: Marji Weber



WCYC Vice Commodore Brian Randall and Rear Commodore Marji Weber with HIYC Commodore Jaime Rodriguez and Vice Commodore Laura Fukuoka



### Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day May 6<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance:  
Commodore: Tom Rasulo



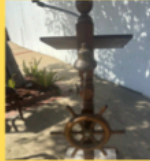




## FLAG OFFICERS PARTICIPATION OUTSIDE YACHT CLUB EVENTS

### Anacapa Yacht Club Opening Day April 7<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance:  
Vice Commodore: Brian Randall  
Rear Commodore: Marji Weber



WCYC Vice Commodore Brian Randall and Rear Commodore Marji Weber with ACYC Commodore Pablo Crandall Plasencia & Junior Staff Commodore Matt Speicher



### Ventura Yacht Club Opening Day May 5<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance:  
Vice Commodore: Brian Randall  
Rear Commodore: Marji Weber



WCYC Vice Commodore Brian Randall and Rear Commodore Marji Weber with PCYC Commodore Don Clark



### Pier Pont Bay Yacht Club Opening Day May 5<sup>th</sup>

In Attendance:  
Vice Commodore: Brian Randall  
Rear Commodore: Marji Weber



WCYC Vice Commodore Brian Randall and Rear Commodore Marji Weber with Pierpont Bay YC Commodore Alex Verharen





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Proposals &  
Future Members!





# 2025 West Coast Yacht Club Cruise and Dinner Schedule

Plan your year! Please join us at our 2025 Cruises and Dinners. See you on the water!

Please note that dates may change, and changes will be communicated ASAP.

*Please make sure your email accepts messages from Evite.com Members register for all events via "Evite.com".*

*All payments made via Zelle: Treasurer@westcoastyachtclub.com*

January 4	New Year's Brunch Dock Party Slip 52 Breakfast Party
February 8	Valentine's Dinner – Legends Seafood and Steak House
March 8	St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Pub 32
April 5	Poker Run & BBQ HOST: Papageorges On the dock, Dana Point Harbor
April 11-13	Opening Cruise to <a href="#">Newport Lighthouse Marina</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Hamilton</i> <i>Co-Captains: Blanchard</i>
May 2-4	Danalina Raftup & Opening Day Ceremony <i>Cruise Captains: Randall/Rasulo</i>
May 30 – June 1	Cruise to <a href="#">Catalina Wine Mixer</a> - Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: Randall</i> <i>Co-Captains: Weber</i>
July 18-20	Cruise to <a href="#">Two Harbors</a> <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
July 26	The Famous Tiki Regatta Kossa-Dinner, Randall Race Race starts 12:00, Dinner 5:00 Grassy Knoll, DP Harbor
August 1-3	Cruise to <a href="#">Avalon</a> <i>Cruise Captains:</i> <i>Co-Captains:</i>
August 22-24	Cruise to <a href="#">Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Sicard</i> <i>Co-Captains: Covarrubius</i>
September 19-21	Cruise to Newport Beach Raft-Up <i>Cruise Captains: Brinkis</i> <i>Co-Captains: Babcock</i>
October 10-12	Cruise to Long Beach – <a href="#">Navy Yacht Club</a> <i>Cruise Captains: Kossa</i> <i>Co-Captains: Hepner</i>
November 8	Commodore's Dinner – TBD
December 13	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – TBD

Possible Pop-Up Cruises/Events: Mission Bay, San Diego, Fishing Tournament

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





## USCG AUX Bulletin Board

### - Vessel Safety Checks -



## 2025 USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks Flotilla 06-08 – Dana Point



Boating safety is an important part of being a vessel owner. As an owner it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of yourself, family, and friends that you have as guests on your vessel.

The best way to do this is to have your vessel examined by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on an annual basis, ensuring that your vessel and safety equipment meets the current Coast Guard, State, and Federal requirements.

The Auxiliary has 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>
- Download a copy of the Current Exam Form to review at [https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wow/114-06-08/2023\\_vsc\\_form\\_hglt\\_sample.pdf](https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wow/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 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 2025 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 2025 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **Elective Officers** of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore	Brian Randall
Rear Commodore	Marji Weber

The **Flag Officers** of the Club shall consist of the three positions listed above PLUS the Senior Staff Commodore and Junior Staff Commodore

Jr Staff Commodore	Donna Groves
Sr Staff Commodore	Mindy Sicard

The **Appointive Officers** of the Club shall consist of Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, Membership Chairperson and JAG/Parliamentarian

Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa
Secretary	Julie Zimmerer
Treasurer	Chip Riddle
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	Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore	Brian Randall
Rear Commodore	Marji Weber
Jr Staff Commodore	Donna Groves
Sr Staff Commodore	Mindy Sicard
Active Member – Ship Store	Maureen Hensley (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Julie Zimmerer (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Chip Riddle (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)
Active Member - Fleet / Port Captain	John Kossa (4 <sup>th</sup> yr)
Active Member – Binnacle	Bryan Chalais (1 <sup>st</sup> yr)





## WCYC RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RECIPROCAL 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

**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

\$200 annually, plus a one time initiation fee of \$200.

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.