



West Coast Yacht Club

BINNACLE

October's LBYC Cruise

See the cruise report & pictures inside.....

November, 2024

Upcoming Club Events!

See details inside.....



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*Photo from the October Cruise
by Richard Hepner*



LETTER FROM COMMODORE DONNA GROVES

Ahoy everyone!

I can't believe it's already November. October was such a busy month for WCYC. Our last cruise for the season, which was in Long Beach, was a huge success. Special thanks to the Hepners and their partners the Rasulo's for planning an outstanding weekend. What a fun time we all had. The food was excellent, and the gondola ride was so much fun. Thanks to the Hepner's, who are members of the Navy Yacht Club and were able to pull some strings to get us their club Saturday night for our dinner at the last minute. It was in a great location in the harbor and the sunset was beautiful. The costumes were hysterical. The winning couple were Crezlun and John Kossa. They went all out and looked great to give us that "Soprano" Italian look. A special thank you to Susan Hepner for making a great raffle basket that raised over \$400.00. More to come in their Captain's report with lots of great pictures.

We then followed the cruise up with our fishing tournament on October 28th that raised a great deal of money, mostly because no one caught any fish, but we did have a great time spoofing each other by text during the tournament. The kids will benefit for sure. So far, we donated \$350 dollars to the DWYC Sailing Club to sponsor a child in their sailing program. Fleet/Port Captain Kossa will be looking into a few other fishing programs we can also donate to and we will keep you updated. We are still raising money for the Fishing for Life program in Dana Point benefiting special needs children by giving them the opportunity of going on a fishing boat and learning how to fish. I only have a few tickets left for the "Dinner for 4 at Ocean 48 Restaurant" in Newport Beach. It is valued at approximately \$650.00. We will sell only 20 tickets at \$100.00 each so contact me if you are interested. The drawing will be at the November dinner. If we have any tickets left and you are attending the Commodore's Dinner you can purchase a ticket that night as well. You do not need to be present to win.

December is our Change of Watch at the El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano. Rear Commodore Randall and Marji have planned a wonderful afternoon with a great menu complete with a Bloody Mary Bar. Hope you will all join us and welcome our new 2025 Board of Directors. We will also be saying a huge thank you to some of our Board members that are retiring. There will be our trophy presentation which will go to some of our members (maybe you), along with some fun trophy's I have created for a good laugh or two. It should be a great day. Please come join us for our final event in 2024.

Cheers!

Donna Groves
Commodore



LETTER FROM VICE COMMODORE TOM RASULO

Hello WCYC Members!

Congratulations to Cruise Captains Rick & Susan Hepner for an OUTSTANDING cruise to Long Beach Yacht Club October 4-6. Their long dock provided us shore power and water and made socializing so much easier.

What a treat the Navy Yacht Club was. Many thanks to them for allowing us to use their facility. The catered food from Domenico's was first rate. To top it off, Rick arranged a most unique Gondola ride for all of us to round out our Italian theme for the weekend. The Gondoliers even sang for us. What a nice touch.

It's been a great cruise year and, as your Vice Commodore, I've enjoyed helping to plan our cruises for 2024. A very special thanks to all those who volunteered to Chair or Co-Chair one of them this year.

Brian Randall will be your 2025 Vice Commodore. He and I are already planning next year's cruises. We have a few surprises in mind for some new destinations. We may be able to disclose some of them as early as our Change of Watch and Awards Luncheon on December 7th. Please plan to attend.

Finally, what makes our club tick is volunteers, pure and simple. I'm committed to getting some newer members involved to raise their hands to chair or co-chair a cruise in 2025. Please consider getting involved with at least one. I promise to provide plenty of help.

Tom Rasulo
Vice Commodore



LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP SHERI MEEHLIES

Greetings!

Happy Fall to everyone! It's been quite an exciting year for WCYC and I thank you for your participation in all of our exciting cruises, our first Opening Day Celebration, the Tiki Regatta, and Fishing Tournament. Our last two dinners and the Holiday Boat Parade will surely end the year on a high note.

Our membership numbers have grown this year as we welcomed new members who have enjoyed the exciting events our Flag Officers crafted. These new members were sponsored by you because you thought they had the right stuff....and you were so right!

I hope to see all of you as we celebrate the expert leadership of our Commodore, Donna Groves, on November 9th and at the "changing of the guard" ceremony in December.

Sheri Meehlies
Membership Chair



LETTER FROM REAR COMMODORE BRIAN RANDALL

Greetings Everyone,

Well how about that cruise to Long Beach????!!!! A fantastic job by Richard Hepner... It was truly amazing. The food, the activities, and the gondola ride really put the event over the top. What a fantastic experience. And of course, it was all wrapped up with the "Sea Dog" production of the trip's video. It doesn't get much better! Thank you, Richard, for all of your hard work.

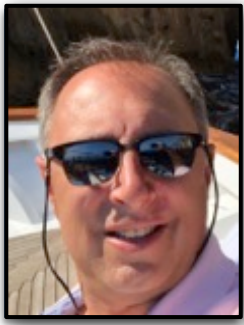
We are right around the corner to the Commodore's Dinner being held on November 9th at the Nellie Gail Ranch. It should be a fantastic time with great food, drink, and dancing with the DJ. Marji, Karen, and Cindy are hard at work making the final plans to the night's events and decorations. I cannot wait to see it all come together.... It truly takes a village. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

Quickly approaching is the "Change of Watch" luncheon - December 7th. This year we will be at El Adobe in San Juan Capistrano. The luncheon starts at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$60.00. There will be a no host bar available as always, and a Bloody Mary/ Mimosa - "fixen" bar set up for everyone to access. The luncheon really is a great time to see some nautical traditions come to life. During this time, we will be having the ceremony to change the flag positions as well as announce the recipients of the perpetual trophies that are given each year and date back to as far as 1936. The new Board will be introduced, and we will have a recap of our cruising year. We would love to see as many members as possible show up to this wonderful event. The Evite has gone out and please RSVP by November 22nd.

On a personal note, there is a new boat in the Randall/Weber fleet. Marji and I flew to Washington and went to Gig Harbor and purchased "Jersey Girl" a 22' Shamrock, which will be kept in Dana Point. She is under a bit of a renovation right now but should be splashing within the next week. If you want updates just follow my Facebook page. Keep an eye out for her...

Be safe on the water everyone.... See you soon.

Brian Randall
Rear Commodore



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



OCTOBER'S LONG BEACH “RELEASE YOUR INNER ITALIAN” CRUISE


CRUISE CAPTAINS: THE HEPNERS & THE RASULOS
CRUISE REPORT & PHOTOS BY RICHARD HEPNER

West Coast Yacht Club conducted a ‘Release Your Inner Italian’ Cruise to Alamitos Bay, Naples Island, Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC) and Navy Yacht Club Long Beach (NYCLB) on October 4–6, 2024.

Richard and Susan Hepner served as the Cruise Captains for this one. Special thanks to Tom and Karen Rasulo for stepping up to serve as the replacement Co-Cruise Captains!

The fleet arrived at the LBYC dock on a foggy morning with glassy seas. Everyone managed to steer clear of the flotilla gathered off Huntington Beach for the Air Show.





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A welcome potluck was held on Friday evening. The culinary offerings were fantastic, as is WCYC custom. Staging the potluck was a challenge due to LBYC's new prohibition against staging food or drinks on their dock, but we worked around it in true cruiser style.




On Saturday morning, Eye-openers were served aboard Sadie Mae, and a European-style buffet was served aboard Siren Song. What a beautiful spread, Karen!



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CRUISE REPORT & PHOTOS BY RICHARD HEPNER





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Later Saturday morning, a brave fleet of dinghies set off on a voyage to circumnavigate Naples Island. Forces drove the fleet in multiple directions. Some were drawn by the siren song of Tantalum. Others explored Spinnaker Bay (seeking a passage to India?).






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Whilst pursuing the circumnavigation, an impromptu dinghy race broke out in Marine Stadium. Good fun to take advantage of the smooth waters in the Marine Stadium that was built to host the 1932 Summer Olympics rowing events. The Marine Stadium will, again, host the Olympic Rowing regatta for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games.





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Navy Yacht Club LB was gracious in allowing WCYC to use their facilities for Saturday night. NYCLB offers a comfortable venue with the best view of the Bay. WCYC crossed the channel from the LBYC dock to the city dock in front of NYCLB, which Brian Randall had reserved for the day.

Domenico's, the oldest restaurant in Long Beach, laid out a seven-course Italian dinner. The Italian cuisine exceeded expectations. Cruise attendees dressed up in Italian-themed costumes. What a handsome group of goombahs and goomars!






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After dinner, Commodore Groves addressed the assemblage. The prize for the best Italian costumes was awarded to John and Crezlun Kossa. The prize for the most correct answers on the Italian Trivia dinghy cruise went to Team Dockfathers, consisting of Ed and Mindy Sicard, Tom Rasulo, Robin Levinson and her guest Jim.





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Robin Levinson received a well-earned Sawhorse. She successfully navigated into harbor, but after an unsuccessful search for the West Coast Yacht Club she discovered that she had entered Huntington Harbor, NOT Alamitos Bay. Robin became acquainted with the mud flats of Huntington Harbor when her vessel ran softly aground in the mud. Yes, a well-earned Sawhorse!



The big winner of the Italian-themed raffle basket was Tom Rasulo. Congratulations, Tom!





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Afterwards, we all enjoyed a fantastic gondola ride around the harbor and through Naples, just like being in Venice.....



Sunday saw the fleet return to home ports. Many elected to take advantage of breakfast in the Long Beach Yacht Club prior to shoving off. It was a foggy trip home for many, again navigating around the vessels anchored off Huntington Beach for the Air Show.

To all who participated to make it a fun event, GRAZIE!

For more fun, check out Richard's video at

<https://www.facebook.com/richard.hepner.10/videos/1246178996508907?idorvanity=448832008534519>



BIRTHDAYS



November Birthdays:

Drew Von Grempe	1 st
Mike Sandler	10 th
Gary Olson	10 th
Clare Kenney	12 th
Lynette Brinkis	17 th
Brian Randall	18 th
Mike Wagner	19 th
Gary Champlin	22 nd
Janet Prideaux	23 rd
Steve VandenBerg	28 th

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



West Coast Yacht Club

2024

Commodore's Dinner

*Celebrating our Commodore
Donna Groves*

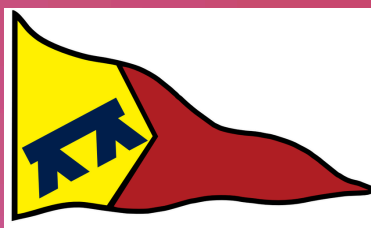
Saturday, November 9th
The Watering Hole at Nelle Gail Ranch

RSVP CLOSED



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

WEST COAST



YACHT CLUB

CHANGE OF WATCH LUNCHEON

El Adobe Restuarant
31891 Camino Capistrano, San Juan
Capistrano, Ca

CILANTRO PEPITA SALAD
CHOICE OF :

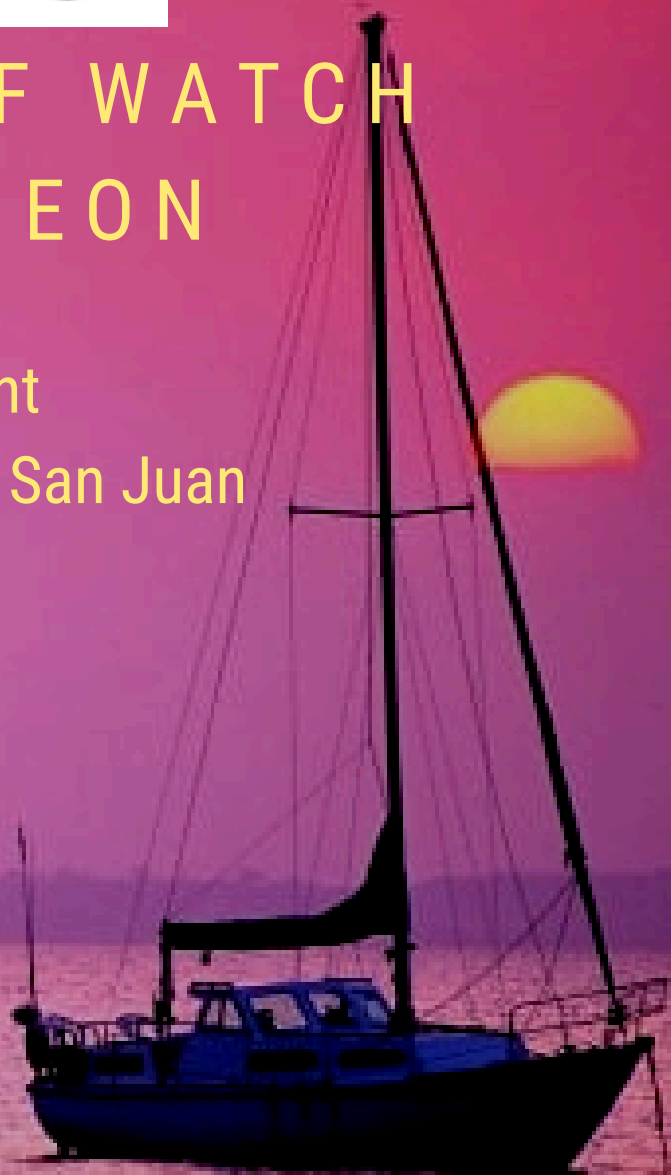
- CARNE ASADA WITH CHEESE ENCHILADA, SWEET CORN TAMALE, SPANISH RICE, REFRIED BEANS AND GUACAMOLE
- CARNITAS MICHOACAN SLOW COOKED AND SHREDDED PORK WITH CORN AND FLOUR TORTILLAS GUACAMOLE AND SALSA
- ENCHILADAS SUIZAS - 2 ENCHILADAS FILLED WITH SHREDDED CHICKEN, TOPPED WITH TOMATILLO SAUCE, BLENDED CHEESE SHREDDED LETTUCE AND SOUR CREAM

RSVP BY
NOVEMBER 26th

DECEMBER 7, 2024
1:00P.M.-4:00P.M
\$60.00 PER PERSON
RSVP VIA EVITE

QUESTIONS? CALL V.C. BRIAN 619-933-6209

****Bloody Mary and Mimosa Mixer creation station will be provided**





UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Be a part of the solution
**Stand Up
To Trash**



DANA POINT HARBOR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 13, 2024
THRU
JANUARY 12, 2025

47TH ANNUAL DANA POINT TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 28
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM





CLUB NEWS & INFO

- No New Members
- Member Letter from Brian Randall:

WCYC at the SCYA Commodore's Cruise



Marji and I had a great opportunity to represent WCYC at the annual SCYA Commodores Cruise. This yearly cruise is attended by flag officers of all of the yacht clubs in SCYA. This year it was held in Avalon and events were held at the Catalina Island Yacht Club. What a treat it was to get to visit a rarely accessible and historical yacht club. The weekend events offered a great opportunity to meet folks from all over Southern California and develop some new relationships, network and learn from other clubs. The first night started with a meet and greet and by the second night we were dressed up like pirates and walking the plank. A great time had by all! It was an honor for Marji and I as your Rear Commodore and Club Secretary/Director to represent the club and spread the good word of West Coast Yacht Club!





ON THE LIGHTER SIDE IN HONOR OF ELECTION DAY & THANKSGIVING...





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 <i>Cruise Captains: The Ashworths</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Brinkis</i>
April 20	Poker Run & BBQ
May 3-5	Danalina Raftup & First Annual Opening Day Boat Parade <i>Cruise Captains: Staff Officers & Membership</i>
June 7-9	Cruise to Newport Beach - Raftup <i>Cruise Captains: Huntley / Covarrubias</i> <i>Co-Captains: Monks / Slanders</i>
July 12-14	Cruise to Cherry Cove <i>Cruise Captains: The Riddles</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Threlkelds</i>
July 27	The Famous Tiki Regatta
** Aug 3	Olympic Pub Crawl
August 9-11	Cruise to Avalon <i>Cruise Captains: The Groves</i> <i>Co-Captains: The Fiorillos</i>
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	<i>Cruise to Long Beach YC</i> <i>Cruise Captains: The Hepners</i> <i>Co-Captains: Champlin/Leon</i>
** November 2 9	<i>Commodore's Dinner – The Watering Hole, Nelle Gale Clubhouse</i>
December 7	Holiday Brunch & Change of Watch – El Adobe, San Juan Cap
December 13-15	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 Elective Officers of the Club shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore

Commodore	Donna Groves
Vice Commodore	Tom Rasulo
Rear Commodore	Brian Randall

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	Mindy Sicard
Sr Staff Commodore	Mike Sandler

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	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 (1 st yr)
Active Member - Secretary	Marji Weber (1 st yr)
Active Member - Membership	Sheri Meehleis (1 st yr)
Active Member - Treasurer	Christie Threlkeld (4 th yr)
Active Member - JAG	Mark Babcock (1 st 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 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.