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Dedication

This history, "The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians", is dedicated to those wonderful magnificent ladies who always shared, supported and helped their partners in all the good and all the bad times in our organisation, and by their humour, enthusiasm, loyalty and example, set such high standards of friendship and fun in making this Fellowship the greatest of all in Rotary and who are affectionately loved and known to us all as **"1st Mates"**.

Andrew C Mitchell
Past International Commodore
1991–1993
Editor

PREFACE

As a world-wide organisation readers will, I am sure, realise what a difficult task it has been to compile and assemble a detailed worthy history of the past events of our Yachting Fellowship. However, following research and study of the records that have been available, and with much help from many Past International Commodores, the following it is felt is a worthy history of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

It must be remembered that our organisation came to fruition immediately following the 2nd World War when most European countries, and certainly their cities were little more than rubble (which included London), their rail and road communications almost totally shattered following the bombing that had taken place during the war.

Life certainly in Britain was extremely austere with food and petrol still rationed. It must therefore be recognised by all that our founder members were certainly men of great stature. Many were, of course, at that stage professional seamen with vast experience of the sea and had served in either the Royal Navy or merchant shipping. So it must have been no easy task in the early days of our Sailing Fellowship to get our organisation off the ground, so much must be said of the enthusiasm with which they set about the task to create our Fellowship.

It is amazing when one looks back in time at the problems these dedicated members had to face when forming such an international organisation. Communications must have been a tremendous task, with letters taking not days, but weeks to arrive at their destination, and what of the telephone, when there was no direct dialling, and certainly any fast message to be sent had to be put through a cable company.

I wonder what the reaction would be, if it were possible for our founder members to return for just a few moments to see just how our Fellowship had grown and progressed since its inauguration.

INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS



Founder Commodore John G Barrett and 1st Mate Mavis
Past President Rotary Club of Brixton (London, England)
(taken 8th March 1950)



Denis W Dalby
(Photograph taken at Alderney, Channel Islands, 1947)

Your editor has been very fortuitous on acquiring from Norman Hummerstone (now Honorary Life Vice-President - Little Ship Club, London) the following facts and details of our founder member Denis W Dalby. This is what he reported to me.

I knew Denis when I was quite young, as my mother was a friend of Mavis, his wife, in the 1920's. It therefore was quite natural that my first experience of sailing in a yacht was with him on the River Crouch in Essex. My job, looking back, was to see that the foresail and sheets cleared themselves round the mast. Sailing gear, as far as I was concerned, consisted of school blazer, short trousers and walking shoes. I cannot recall any pulpit, pulpit safety lines, safety harness, life jacket, life belt, echo sounder, etc., in spite of the fact that Denis participated in the Biscay Race in the late 1920's.

Denis had the great ability to rigidly concentrate on the matters in hand and his early appointment as a Crewing Secretary probably influenced to a great extent the formation of the Corinthians in New York, USA, in 1933. (As a point of interest the President of the Little Ship Club is always elected as an Honorary Member of the Corinthians).

Denis was present at the Dunkirk evacuation and in 1940 was involved with the City of London River Company, the "Home Guard" of the Little Ship Club, providing armed motor cruisers on the River Thames on duty at Cadogan.

His children were evacuated to the United States at the beginning of the war who remained to continue their lives on the far side of the Atlantic.

A serious illness in 1970 limited his movements and he remained in Jersey until his peaceful passing on 20th January 1980.



THE INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

In 1946 a Rotarian by the name of John Barrett, a member of the Rotary Club of Brixton (then District 113 now 1130), conceived the idea of flying from the masthead of his ship a burgee bearing the Rotary emblem.

In 1947 John mustered a meeting in London with a number of other yachting Rotarians. Very wisely he enlisted the aid of the then Chairman of District 113 Stanley Leverton who was by profession a very highly qualified London solicitor. He also enlisted the aid of the then RIBI Secretary Ron Wordley and the Rotary Sports Chairman Frank Larcombe. The services of these three officers proved to be most valuable in the formation and preparation of the name, the first articles and bye-laws of the proposed new Yachting Association within Rotary for the furtherance of the fourth section of the objects of Rotary.

The initial aims and objects of the first meeting were:

- (a) To agree on a title for the new Association
- (b) To design a burgee
- (c) To compile a register of members and ships.

These items had to be agreed by RIBI and then ratified by RI. From the records to hand it would appear that this was indeed no easy task, but after many meetings approval from both RIBI and RI were finally achieved. The title of the new Association was to be:

“The Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians”.

At this first meeting a Committee of Management was formed. The elected members were as follows:

J G Barrett	(RC Brixton)	D W Dalby	(RC Barking)
E Eastell	(RC Brixton)	J A Hope	(RC Goodmayes)
L Mower	(RC Stoke Newington)	L Horsnell	(RC Goodmayes)
S Smith	(RC Stoke Newington)	J J Maskell	(RC West Ham)

A few words should be expressed regarding these men. They were men of great foresight for following the acceptance by RI of our Fellowship they

immediately took steps to spread the word overseas. Denis Dalby visited the USA, Jack Hope toured South Africa and Leslie Horsnell visited Australia. Led by Denis Dalby the above founder members of our Fellowship were also responsible for the planning and starting of the now very prestigious "Little Ship Club" in London. They were in fact all founder members.

At the inaugural meeting it was agreed that Jack Hope of the Rotary Club of Goodmayes be elected as the Hon Secretary of our Fellowship.

Following ratification by both RIBI and RI, records of events, etc., appear to be very sparse. We do know however that rallies were organised in the Thames Estuary, the River Blackwater, and Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.



IYFR FOUNDER MEMBERS (Left to Right): Alfred Bellamy, Leonard Horsnell, Stanley Levertton, Arthur Thompson and Jack Hope (Secretary).

In 1949 Denis Dalby visited the Chicago No. 1 Club inviting American sailing types to come join us and although being given a very warm reception by his hosts nothing really came out of this visit, but at least the seeds of the conception of the Yachting Fellowship were sown. Denis followed this visit to Chicago both in 1950 and again in 1953.

It is interesting to read that at a meeting held in "The Coger's Arms", Fleet Street, London, on 6th February 1950 plans for a Ship of Friendship for the Festival of Britain 1951 were fermented. It was also agreed at this meeting that

Rotarians who were without boats would also be allowed to join and participate in the activities of our Fellowship.

A rally was planned to take place on 23rd April that year on the River Blackwater when some 50 Rotarians were expected in some 24 boats. A Dinner/Dance was also being planned in November. It was also agreed that the annual subscription for members would be one guinea (one pound one shilling) per head.

It was reported at that meeting that Commodore John Barrett had visited Calais where he had been given a very warm welcome by the local French Rotarians and a visit by the British contingent to Calais was planned to take place in June 1951. It is also interesting to read that the total finances of our Fellowship at 1st October 1950 stood at £11.13.0d.

1951 also saw a rally during the Whitsun weekend take place at the Isle of Sheppey at the estuary of the River Thames. Ships were to assemble at Ramsgate Harbour for their visit to Calais; at this rally members of the Little Ship Club also joined in. It was reported that some 15 ships flew the IYFR pennant on arrival in Calais. During the Festival of Britain overseas Rotarians were invited and given hospitality aboard some 30 ships moored off St Thomas's Hospital on the South Bank of the Thames which proved a resounding success. From records it would appear that a Festival of Britain Rotary brochure was produced but sadly no copies of this have been found.

On 19th November 1951 the second Dinner/Dance of our Fellowship was arranged to take place at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London (see over leaf for copy of Menu).

1953 saw the appointment of Leonard C Horsnell as Commodore and during his year of office rallies took place in Belgium and Holland and for the first time the flag of our Yachting Fellowship was flown at the RI Convention in Paris (France) when it was reported with great pride that our flag was flying over the River Seine. An International Cruise was arranged at "Le Pavillion d'Or". At Ostende A N Cooke in his yacht "Silver Dolphin" was given a Civic Reception by the Burgomaster, at which no less than seven different nationalities were on board.

Another very prestigious and happy event took place on 15th May 1954 when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, returning home in the Royal Yacht Britannia from their round the world cruise, was first sighted off the Needles, Isle of Wight, and Flag Officer John Barrett in his MV "Musetta" dipped its ensign in salutation to the Royal yacht and then with numerous crafts (many of them flying the IYFR burgee) escorted them to the mouth of the River Thames off the Nore.

THE
"YACHTING FELLOWSHIP"
OF
ROTARIANS



SECOND
"Get Together"
DINNER & DANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th. 1951.

AT
THE PARK LANE HOTEL,
PICCADILLY,
LONDON,
W.1.

Music

LEN HENSHAW AND HIS BAND
WILL PLAY
*Selections During Dinner
AND
For Dancing*

A BUFFET
OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
Pastries,
Tea, Coffee,
Ices
Orange and Lemonade
Will Be Served During The Evening

YACHTING FELLOWSHIP

COMMITTEE :

JOHN G. BARRATT	
A. LESLIE MOWER	JACK A. HOPE
LEONARD C. HORSNELL	ERNEST PROUDLOCK
JACK J. MASKELL	
<i>(Chairman)</i>	

The 1955 convention was held in Chicago to celebrate Rotary's Golden Jubilee. By now Rotary members had been enrolled in France, Holland, Belgium, Australia and the USA. It was also acknowledged that many Rotarians were using a flag or burgee displaying the Rotary emblem. At this time a Robert Stuart from the Chicago Club, a very keen yachtsman, with others from the Columbia Club, fomented plans for a yacht rally at the forthcoming Convention. Bob Stuart also received news that Denis Dalby was to attend Chicago, so illustrated lists for the forthcoming rally were prepared for distribution. On his arrival Denis was also invited to meet up and "Sell them the Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians" in a big way. Bob, being a bachelor at that time, invited Denis to stay with him at his bachelor pad in Chicago, and so started a very close and warm friendship between two like minded men. Some

60 to 70 members of the Seattle Mariner Fleet (as they were and are known to this day) were also there and Bob immediately set about turning them into three Fleets.

Norman Cooke of the West Worthing Club was appointed Commodore in 1956 and during his term of office the rapid expansion of our Fellowship was recognised by Rotary International. In early 1957 at a committee meeting it was recommended that each Fleet should be self-contained electing its own Bridge Officers.

The name Chesney Perry should be familiar to all Rotarians as the founder Secretary of Rotary International and in addition he was also a very keen yachtsman. In 1957 he was elected an honorary member of IYFR and presented with a special Golden burgee, but instead of being blue with a gold wheel, it was gold with a blue Rotary wheel worked in silk and embroidered with "International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians" around the Rotary wheel and showing his Pennant No. 8. On his retirement from sailing he presented his cap to the Chicago Fleet. I have sadly been unable to trace the burgee.

At the RI Convention in Dallas (1958) Bob Stuart of the Rotary Club of Chicago was appointed Commodore, the first International Commodore of the Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, and in view of the very rapid growth of our Fellowship (by this time the USA had the largest number of members within our Fellowship) it was decided by RI that in future we should be known as "The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians". Under the leadership of Bob it was agreed at a committee meeting aboard the Club ship that the Fleet be known as the Chicago Fleet. Bob Stuart proved to be an ambassador of some stature and to this day is probably one of the most loyal and enthusiastic Rotarians within our Fellowship.

Denis Dalby (Great Britain) followed Bob in 1959 as International Commodore and took the chair at the AGM in Miami, Florida. During his term of office it is reported that on a visit to Bob in Chicago they managed at a recruitment meeting to enlist between 60 and 70 people from Philadelphia and Seattle which they very quickly formed into Fleets.

The Yachting Fellowship sustained a heavy blow in February 1960 when Jack Hope, the indefatigable Hon Secretary, fell seriously ill. In this crisis Denis Dalby and Norman Cooke met the Rev Peter Dale, a past officer of District 114 at a function in the Rotary House of Friendship in Portman Square, London. As a result he agreed to take on the Hon Secretaryship of the IYFR. What a happy meeting it turned out to be. Peter, apart from being an excellent administrator, possessed a puckish, cheerful tem-

perament which endeared him to all he met, whether from the UK or abroad.

At a meeting held on 31st August 1961 at the Kingsley Hotel, London, Commodore Courtney Beckett (South Africa) sadly reported the sudden death of Immediate Past Commodore (1960-61) Ed Dearnley who had over the years served IYFR with great distinction. At that meeting Norman Cooke gave a most interesting account of the RI Convention which that year had been held in Tokyo, Japan. He also reported that he expected a Japanese Fleet to be formed within the next two years. I wonder what his thoughts might have been had he been with us today for it was more than 30 years hence before such an event would take place.

International rendezvous were held in conjunction with the Rotary International Conventions in Los Angeles (USA) in 1962 and St Louis (USA) in 1963. Your editor sadly reports that there are no details or records to hand for those years when Sherman Bushnell (USA) was our Commodore.

It was in 1964 that the Fellowship held its first International meeting in conjunction with the Convention in Toronto (Canada). At that meeting it was decided that in future IYFR would hold its Annual General Meetings during the RI Conventions. There was no rendezvous at the RI Convention. However a very successful meeting was held when International Commodore Leo Keating (Australia) took the chair at the AGM. It was agreed at that meeting the incoming International Commodore would be Carl Miller (USA). The AGM under the command of International Commodore Leo Keating was held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. It was reported that a third Fleet in Australia had now been formed and that our Fellowship now totalled some 700 members. It was also agreed that Past International Commodore Bob Stuart would plan and give time to the organisation of our AGM in Atlantic City in 1965.

1965 began with the very sad news of the death of our founder Commodore John Barrett who passed away on 7th December 1964. Due to our Commodore Leo Keating being in hospital having a hip replacement attended to, Carl Miller took the chair at the AGM in Atlantic City. Some 60 Iforians attended in the Ozine Room at the Dennis Hotel for the "happy hour", following which some 130 people sat down to a splendid dinner. At the completion of the dinner it is reported that a film called "England and the America's Cup" was shown. Commodore Carl Miller during his term of office introduced the yearly RI Golf Tournament and supplied the winner with some £2,000 which to this day still takes place, but now has a prize value of some £20,000. It is also reported that an International cocktail party took place in Amsterdam in the October of that year.



*International Commodore Carl Miller, 1965-1967,
(with his 1st Mate Ruth)*

1966 also had very bad news for our Fellowship for it was with great sadness that the death of our Hon Secretary Jack Hope was reported. He had served our Fellowship with great distinction as Secretary since the date of the inception of IYFR in 1947. The AGM held during the RI Convention in Denver that year was ably led by International Commodore Carl Miller. It was also reported that once again Denis Dalby was now en-route to Australia and South Africa.

Our AGM in 1967 was held at the Club de la Voile de Villefranche-sur-Mer, Nice, France, chaired by International Commodore Carl Miller. At the end of the meeting he presented to the Commodore Robert Capelier of the Club de la Voile a framed IYFR burgee as a mark of true International fellowship. Charles Neale from London followed Carl Miller as our International Commodore. Regrettably no records could be found for the period 1967 to 1970 while Charles Neale (GB) was our International Commodore.

1971 saw our AGM moved to Sydney, Australia, under the command of Donald Lowness (Brazil). It was at this meeting that it was agreed that all past officers should be entitled to appropriate pennants (with a white line around them). It was also agreed that in future the annual dues would be equivalent to \$5 per year.

1972 saw our AGM move to the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, where

we were led by International Commodore Richard L. Willis (Australia). It was agreed at the meeting that *Newsletters* be distributed three times a year. It was also reported the GB Commodore Silva Carter had now produced a blazer badge and enquiries were in hand to find a maker for this badge



RI Convention Houston 1972 (Left to Right): PIC Bob Stuart (USA), Gladys and Dick Willis (Australia), Mavis Collins (Australia), Alan Clements (USA) and Bert Collins (Australia)

and, if approved, offer it to members. Following the Convention members of IYFR enjoyed fellowship at Galveston Bay, Houston, Texas.

Although our RI Convention was held in Lausanne, Switzerland (1973), our AGM was held in Monaco, France, and chaired by International Commodore Richard Willis (Australia). He reported there were some difficulties between Britain and IYFR but it was hoped that agreement could be reached without causing a split within our Fellowship. It was also reported that we now had a membership of some 659 Iforians. The make up was as follows:

British Fleets	270
America	94
Canada	9
New Zealand	6
Australia	105
South Africa	34
Europe	80
Hong Kong	16
Brazil	33
Others	12

Sadly under the leadership of Earl Brannock (USA) at the RI Convention at Minneapolis in 1974 the split between Great Britain and the rest of the world was discussed but sadly it is reported that no agreement was at that stage reached.

1975 saw the RI Convention held in Montreal, Canada, under the leadership of International Commodore Earl Brannock (USA). In November 1975 Commodore Earl attended a meeting in the Little Ship Club (24th November 1975) and presented tie pins to all members of the co-ordinating committee members. It was reported that a stand was being produced by the Chicago Fleet which would cost some £500. The Chicago club was willing to pay one-third of the cost with IYFR supplying the rest of the finance for this project. It was proposed that the stand could be shipped around the world, although the British members were very concerned at the size of the stand, but at this stage the size could not be given.

At a further meeting at the Little Ship Club, London, attended by International Commodore Earl Brannock on 14th April 1976, he announced that there would be no increase in the cost of the stand and that IYFR should pay one-third of the cost and that this stand would be available for the Boat Show at Earls Court, London. The display stand for some unknown reason never arrived and sadly following this event a split then occurred between Great Britain and the rest of the world.



RI Convention Montreal (Canada) 1975 (Left to Right): Carl Riener (USA), Bert Collins (Australia), and Lois and Bill Lucke (USA)

At the New Orleans Convention (1976) Carl Beck (USA) was elected International Commodore. It was at this meeting a proposal was made to request to the housing committee of Rotary International that in future a hotel be set aside for us, so that all Iforians could share their time at future Conventions together under one roof. It is also reported that a very successful gathering of Iforians took place on a paddle steamer on the Mississippi River.

Also put in hand, were the initial plans of our activities to take place at the RI Convention in San Francisco, 1977, when it was hoped a boat trip could be arranged to take our members around San Francisco Bay.

At the Convention in San Francisco Al Natkin assumed command of our Fellowship. Following the AGM Iforians gathered together and enjoyed fellowship cruising San Francisco Bay. Looking back in hindsight this was really the commencement of what is now a regular event following the yearly Conventions.

Following the 1977 Convention in San Francisco no records are to hand for the 1978 Tokyo (Japan) convention.

At the 1979 RI Convention in Rome (Italy) following a very successful AGM and Dinner, chaired by International Commodore Al Natkin, Iforians and their 1st Mates made their way to the docks to board a steamer to take them on a cruise to the beautiful Isle of Ischa, which had been arranged by Beppe Fantacci.



*RI Convention Rome (Italy) 1979 (Left to Right): PIC Bob Stuart (USA),
IVC Bert Collins (Australia), Bill Thomas (USA), Beppe Fantacci (Italy),
Skipper of steamer and IPIC Al Natkin*

Sadly no records can be found for 1980 Chicago (USA), 1981 São Paulo (Brazil), or 1982 Dallas, Texas (USA) Conventions.



RI Convention São Paulo (Brazil) 1981 (Left to Right): IRRC Lindsey Scott (West Indies), Dr Negel (Nigeria), IC Bert Collins (Australia), Bill Thomas and IRRC Marty Lockney (USA)

At the 1983 Convention in Toronto (Canada) in the presence of some 150 fellow Iforians and following the AGM and Annual Dinner International Commodore Bert Collins (Australia) handed over the reins of our Fellowship to Ken Warr, Cape Town (South Africa) (see picture on page 18).

This Canadian Convention was to be a turning point for one Fred Bartlett and his 1st Mate, Hazel, as he agreed to take over the administration of our Fellowship. George and Gwen Kent were also present who just prior had formed the first Canadian Fleet in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada, which incidentally at that time had 113 members and was in fact the largest fleet in IYFR. Following the Convention Iforians joined together to spend time sailing on Lake Ontario.

The next Convention was in Birmingham, England (1984), and International Commodore Ken Warr, South Africa, was extremely concerned as to what action should be taken regarding our stand and the AGM and Annual Dinner. The English Fleets had sadly broken away from the International Fleets. Now what was their standing at an International Convention? Fortunately, thanks to the wonderful co-operation we received from the then GB Commodore Silva Carter, we all came to the conclusion that we should share the booth.



*RI Convention Toronto (Canada) 1983: PIC
Bert Collins presenting to RI President Bill
Skelton his Honorary Commodores Pennant*

The excellent display and wonderful friendship between the two groups was ample proof of the wisdom of this move. Following the Convention the Solent Fleet organised a three-day cruise for some 50 International members and their 1st Mates. This great time further cemented the two groups. At the Convention International Commodore Ken Warr was graciously made an Honorary Commodore of Great Britain and since then has always flown two pennants on his boat yard-arm (see picture on page 19).

Silva Carter in turn was also honoured by the International IYFR as they appointed him an Honorary International Commodore.

Those Rotarians who attended the Birmingham Convention have always considered it to be one of the finest ever held and certainly from the fellowship point of view the friendships made there have been well and truly maintained right up to this day.

Now on to the great Kansas City (USA) 1985. Here we had a dilemma, for this city has no Iforians and very little sailing water. We were that year blessed by two very active Past International Commodores, the first being Earl Brannock and his 1st Mate, Shirley, who sailed a pontoon boat down the Missouri River some 250 miles. We understand that the boat cruised at 9 knots and the river flowed at some 6 knots, so, on their way to Kansas

City they sped along like a speedboat (somewhat different when they had to stagger home at a maximum of 3 knots). The boat was moored near the Convention Centre and your editor can truthfully report the fellowship aboard that boat was fantastic. In fact many of us spent the whole of the Convention enjoying our Yachting Fellowship together.



RI Convention Birmingham (England) 1984: Left to Right: IC Bert Collins (Australia), Mrs Enzo and IRC Enzo Favelli (Italy) and IRC (Admin) Fred Bartlett (Canada)

The second of our Past International Commodores who did so much in making our meeting such an eventful one was of course Bob Stuart of Chicago. He stepped into the breach and discovered a yachting and boating lake some 17 miles out of Kansas City (Lake Lottavana). Some 100 Iforians and their ladies were taken out in coaches to enjoy a very pleasant trip around the lake in special power boats. The AGM and Dinner that followed was wonderful. Following the dinner Marty Lockney, Newport Beach (USA), was appointed as our new International Commodore (see picture on page 20).

Amongst the gambling joints of Las Vegas, Nevada (USA), in 1986 Rotarians from all parts of the world gathered to enjoy the lights and sights of this famous desert town. It was described as the biggest and busiest ever; this certainly describes the activities in our Yachting Fellowship Stand. International Commodore Marty lead our gathering in great style and in the presence of some 100 Iforians and their 1st Mates enjoyed a succulent meal prior to the AGM (see picture on page 20).



RI Convention Kansas (USA) 1985, IYFR Stand (Left to Right): IVC Bert Collins (Australia), IC Ken Warr (South Africa), Iforian George Kent (Canada), IRC Marty Lockney (USA), Amelia Lockney (USA), Gwen Kent (Canada) and Patricia Mitchell (GB)



*RI Convention Las Vegas 1986:
"The Booth"*

The Yachting Fellowship outing to Lake Meade was the real FUN and GAMES part. Buses took some 250 people from the Convention Centre to the Lake Meade Marina where a number of boats were ready for us to cruise the lake and see the Hoover Dam, which was quite impressive to view from behind and contemplate the tremendous body of water it holds back. Next came the swimming and refreshments and at the end a return home.

1987 saw us assemble in Munich (Germany); IRRC Adolph Kracht (Fleet Bayern) was responsible for the setting up of our booth and planning our get-together. He arranged a wonderful cruise (some 22 miles) for us on Lake Starnberg when 400 Iforians enjoyed friendship and fellowship together. The AGM was truly a memorable evening at the Lake Starnberg Yacht Club. Here another change of watch took place when Dr Les Vasconcellos, Honolulu (USA), became our International Commodore; George Kent, Victoria, Vancouver Island (Canada), was appointed Vice Commodore and Andrew Mitchell (Great Britain) was appointed Rear Commodore.



*RI Convention Munich (Germany) 1987, Change of Watch,
(Left to Right): IPIC Marty Lockney (USA), IC Les Vasconcellos
(USA), IVC George Kent (Canada), IRC Andrew Mitchell (England)
and IRC (Admin) Jack McCarley (USA)*

Later that year International Commodore Les together with his 1st Mate, Madelin, travelled to Europe to attend the Chartering of the Sussex Fleet in England and then on to Vollandam (Holland) to Charter the first Netherlands Fleet. They went on to Spain and France to spread the word of our wonderful Fellowship.



RI Convention Munich (Germany) 1987: IRRC Adolph Kracht hosting the IYFR lunch



*Vollendam (Netherlands) 19th March 1988, Chartering of the first Dutch Fleet,
(Left to Right): IC Les Vasconcellos, Ft Commodore Geraed de Zwart, Ft V Commodore
Arnold Verkade, Ft R Commodore Rokus de Groot and PDG Gezinus Meijer*

At the Convention in Philadelphia (1988) the planning of our booth and arrangements for our AGM was in the capable hands of Hal Reeves, Chesapeake Bay. A very successful AGM was held when it was reported that our Fellowship stood at some 2,000 members. Following our meeting a very entertaining and enjoyable dinner and cruise took place aboard the "Spirit of Philadelphia". Also at this meeting a Certificate of Merit was presented to Commodore (GB) Silva Carter for the many, many years of loyal service he had given to our Fellowship.

1989 saw our Convention move to the east when we all joined together in Seoul, Korea. The usual evening at home was something we shall always remember for we were taken to the new art centre by members of the Rotary Club of Sudo where we were royally fed and wined, at the end of which a very fine medallion and banner were presented to each Iforian. The AGM was held in the Tower Hotel when some 65 Iforians together with their 1st Mates enjoyed a happy hour followed by dinner. The election of the new Bridge was presided over by Past International Commodore Marty Lockney, at which George Kent, Victoria (Canada), was appointed as International Commodore. At this meeting International Vice Commodore Andrew Mitchell, London (England), donated to the Fellowship crafted Jewels of Office.



RI Convention Seoul (South Korea) 1989: IFOR being hosted by the Rotary Club of Sudo

The Convention was the largest ever with some 38,000 people attending. It was also at this Convention that great efforts were made by both Great Britain and the rest of the world in an attempt to heal the split between them. The then British Commodore Geoffrey Pearce together with International Commodore George Kent signed an Agreement of Affiliation.

Thanks to the great efforts of Past International Commodore Earl Brannock members of the International Bridge were invited to visit the US Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, to take part in the commissioning of the US carrier "Abraham Lincoln" which was to take place on 11th November 1989. We were given excellent seats to witness the commissioning following which an excellent lunch was served. After lunch we were invited to tour the ship. During this visit we also travelled to the home of Earl and Shirley Brannock who kindly arranged a trip to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis.



Norfolk, Virginia, 11th November 1989, Commissioning of the US Carrier Abraham Lincoln (L to R): PIC Bob Stuart, Rtn Jack Keyzer, IRC (PR) Don Lovo, IRC (Admin) Gordy Nickels, IC George Kent, IVC Andrew Mitchell, IRC Hal Reeves and PIC Eric Brannon

The Convention in 1990 was in Portland (USA), the theme that year was "Enjoy Rotary", so Commodore George came up with the bright idea that not only should we enjoy fellowship and friendship in Portland but that all Iforians be invited to assemble afterwards in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada, where a cruise had been organised.



*RI Convention Portland (USA) 1990:
International Commodore George Kent inspects his watch*

As usual the Yachting Fellowship found a spot by water some 250 Iforians enjoyed a mouthwatering buffet of steak and fresh salmon before the start of the AGM. The following morning we all departed for Victoria.

The following day (Friday) we assembled at Government House to meet His Honour David Lam, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Mrs Lam, to enjoy refreshments, tour of their marvellous house and the gardens. Leaving Government House we all assembled at Pail Chow's Golden City Restaurant to enjoy a feast of fresh salmon and fellowship together.

Early Saturday Iforians joined their hosts aboard boats to sail to Maple Bay so that we could all assemble together to stay overnight and enjoy suckling pig, cajun catfish, plus at least six other dishes. It was a well and truly fed Fleet who finally retired that night. (Sunday) Started with a short non-denominational service, then with ships dressed overall the Fleet sailed in line to Todd Inlet reaching Patricia Bay. With the International Bridge aboard a Canadian naval vessel Commodore George took the salute as each ship dipped pennants as they sailed past, a really inspiring sight to see. After the

sail-past the Fleet continuing on to Todd Inlet where we rafted up and visited the famous Butchart Gardens before enjoying aboard ship a wonderful dinner of freshly cooked salmon. Sadly the Fleet broke up the following morning in order to make preparations to return back to their respective homes.



RI Convention Portland (USA) 1990: Memories of those wonderful parties we had at the Mallery Motor Hotel (Left to Right): Margaret Cameron, John Halls, Patricia Mitchell, George Kent, John Cameron, Margaret Cooke, Gwen Kent, Betty Halls, Andrew Mitchell, David Cooke, Bud Smith, Harry Braun, Sadie Braun and Kate Smith

Mexico was our next Convention (1991), a Convention full of surprises. The entertainment given by the National Folklorico Ballet of Mexico was indeed truly breath-taking and the wonderful village built by the Mexicans was a world of magic and charm to wander through. 100 Iforians together with their 1st Mates enjoyed a "happy hour" followed by an excellent dinner, during which time background music was provided by a local Mexican band. Following the dinner Past International Commodore Bob Stuart gave an excellent address on our Fellowship, followed by Past International Commodore Bert Collins who then took over the evening and inaugurated

Frank McDonald (Australia) as Rear Commodore, Jack Keyzer (Canada) Vice Commodore. Commodore George then appointed Andrew Mitchell (London, England) as International Commodore. He was the first Briton to become International Commodore for almost 25 years. Sadly this was one year that members of IYFR could not enjoy a function together following the Convention.



RI Convention Mexico 1991 (Left to Right): PIC Bert Collins (Australia), PDG Frank McDonald, PIC Bob Stuart (USA), IC George Kent (Canada) and Patricia Mitchell (England)

Thursday, 26th September 1991 was a red letter day in our annals for some 70 Rotarians together with their ladies witnessed the presentation of a Charter to the Central Australian Fleet, Alice Springs. The Charter was presented by International Vice Commodore Frank McDonald who was at first very reluctant to Charter this Fleet, but after some persuasion by International Commodore Andrew, he did the Chartering. Vice Commodore Frank admitted that it was indeed a correct decision and reported that it truly was a fun night. This "Fleet" is unique in the world in that all the vessels are mounted on motor-vehicle chassis. For the past 29 years the Regatta has been organised and conducted by the three Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs and have raised over the years more than \$40,000 for local charities. A Battle Royal takes place each year during the annual "Henley-on-Todd Regatta" when the ships fire coloured flour balls and use power water hoses on each other. The Commodore of the Fleet is "Scruffy" Henry and is master of the pirate ship "Naughty Us". His lovely 1st Mate Leonie is part of his crew. When asked why she was

part of the crew she replied, that if she was not she would never see Henry: "HE IS THAT DEDICATED".



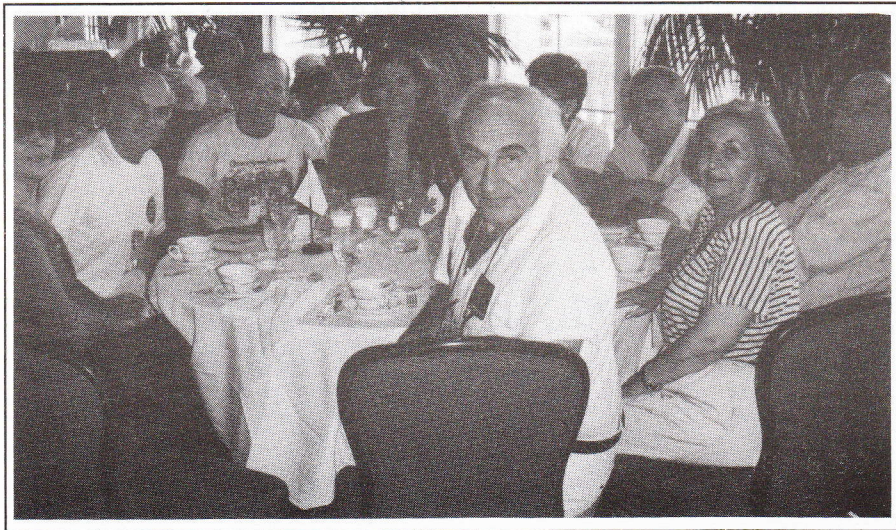
Central Australian Fleet

(Left to Right): The Naughty Us, The Viking Ship and The Defender

In December 1991 some 10 Brits and an equal number of Dutch and Belgium Iforians gathered together in Paris to visit the Salon Nautique de Paris, which had been arranged by IRRC (Belgium) Jan Nolf. The party met on the Beneteau Stand for a reception and welcome and then to go their own way. In the evening we all assembled together at the Hotel Mecure for a grand dinner. At the end of the dinner we returned to the Beneteau Stand where champagne and music went on until the early hours of the morning. A typical IYFR function.

1992 saw us gather in the Radisson Inn Hotel, for the RI Convention in Orlando, Florida (USA); this was our 45th birthday celebration. Our Dinner/AGM was a huge success when over 100 Iforians and their 1st Mates enjoyed a succulent dinner together. International Commodore Andrew reported that during the past year some 12 new Fleets had been Chartered and some 1,029 new Iforians had joined our ranks. It was during this Convention that Commodore Andrew reported that in order for the International Bridge to operate successfully the world would be split into three sections: "SE Pacific," "The America's" and "The Rest of the World". In future the incoming

International Rear Commodore would come from the same region as the outgoing Commodore. It also meant that in future no one country could command the International Yachting Fellowship for more than two years at a time.



RI Convention Orlando (USA) 1992: IYFR Lunch at St Petersburg

Following the Convention Iforians departed by coach to St Petersburg to commence our post Convention cruise organised by IRRRC Charles Carroll. We were truly hosted at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, sitting down to a scrumptious buffet lunch and each Iforian was presented with a bag of goodies. Fourteen vessels had assembled which included a 91 foot twin-screw power yacht. After boarding our vessels we cruised to Bahia Beach, where we were taken ashore and checked into a motel for the night.

In the evening we enjoyed an open shrimp barbecue, a truly magnificent feast, during which time a Country and Western band supplied music for our fellows and their ladies to dance to.

The following morning saw us enjoying doughnuts and coffee prior to boarding our various ships for our second leg to the Tampa Bay Yacht and Country Club. A superb luncheon was served and in the afternoon we once again enjoyed a wonderful final sail back to St Petersburg. That evening at the St Petersburg Yacht Club we enjoyed first a final "happy hour" and then a dinner. The general consensus was that it had been the best rally yet.

In September that year a European International Rally took place in Ernewoude, Holland, when over 100 Iforians from many parts of the world

gathered together to join in fun and frolic. The first afternoon was spent aboard the MS Feanprinses for a cruise in the Friesland Waters. We were welcomed by the organisers Commodore Frits Stavast and Commodore Arnold Verkade. Following cocktails that old sea dog IRRC Theo de Jooden took over the proceedings and with the help of his harmonica had us all, including Ted Davenport from Queensland, Australia, singing "Waltzing Matilda" then we returned to the Princehof Hotel assembling at 18.30 hours for cocktails and followed by dinner at 19.00 hours. Our Dutch hosts laid on a really splendid evening for us, being entertained by Shantykoor Opweilde (a group of Frieslanders dressed in sailors garb) singing sea shanties



The Dutch Rally at Eernewoude (Holland) 1992 (Left to Right): Herman Allerstorfer (USA), Eric Gibbard (GB), Graham Howe-Piper (GB), Ted Davenport (Australia), Joe Phillips (USA), IC Andrew Mitchell (GB), IRC Arnold Verkade (Holland), Frits Stavast (Holland) and Jan Nolf (Belgium)

The following day we were split into crews to race Falcon Class Gunter rigged boats 16 metres in length. One race took place in the morning, followed by another in the afternoon. Great fun was had by all. There was one all-girl boat who really went out to enjoy themselves by taking their own drinks aboard. It was reported that when they came into dock, the yacht came straight in like an express train.

One yacht was dis-masted and, trust the Hawaiians, they managed to smuggle out one of the marker buoys which I understand is now in Waikiki Yacht Marina. In the evening our Dutch hosts provided a superb banquet, with music and dancing.

Just prior to the Melbourne (Australia) Convention 1993, International

Commodore Andrew Mitchell with his 1st Mate Patricia visited Fleets in California and Hawaii before arriving in Australia. Once there, they set about visiting every Fleet in Australia ending finally in Geelong to join Past International Commodore Bert Collins and his 1st Mate Mavis where they were to meet the "Naughty Us" (Alice Springs Fleet) and journey on its last leg to Melbourne, to prepare for the Convention.

The Central Australian Fleet (as a fund raising project) had planned to drive the "Naughty Us" from Alice Springs to Melbourne, a distance of some 2,500 miles (it needed a police escort all the way). The idea was to call at every Rotary Club plus schools, etc., with a view to the raising and collection of monies for local charities.

We departed aboard the "Naughty Us" at 06.00 hours in the morning and drove to Melbourne where the television companies were waiting to escort us to their studios. It was a fantastic last leg and the dedication shown by those wonderful Iforians from Alice Springs was truly amazing.



Melbourne 1993, Presentation of Ship's bell to Central Australian Fleet (Left to Right): 1st Mate Leonie, Commodore "Scruffy" Henry and IC Andrew Mitchell

Over 200 Iforians and their 1st Mates attended the dinner. During the AGM International Commodore Andrew on behalf of IYFR presented to Commodore "Scruffy" Henry (Central Australian Fleet) a ship's bell in recognition of their epic voyage from Alice Springs to Melbourne. Finally calling for 1st Mate Patricia to stand with him Andrew gave his farewell thanks to all before handing over to Past International Commodore George Kent to appoint the new Bridge. Jack Keyzer, Victoria, Vancouver Island (Canada) was installed as our new International Commodore.

The following day Iforians made their way to Sydney to spend a night in a hotel prior to being taken to Botany Bay to board the Explorer II, our home for the next three days. The first day was a leisurely cruise along the Hawkesbury River followed in the evening by a Captain's cocktail party, dinner and dancing. The second day was a cruise to Pittwater where once again fun and games were the order of the day.

On the final day we were boarded by pirates. The New South Wales Fleet had come to raid us. A really splendid lunch was enjoyed by us all and everyone was sad at the departure of our guests; the "Pirates of N.S.W." We of course returned to base, and then to our hotels in Sydney for the night prior to our departure home. During our cruise the weather was wonderful, the scenery was superb, and the general consensus was that it was really the best get-together we had ever experienced. Frank McDonald and his crew had done a magnificent job in organising such an event.

The Convention in 1994 was for us Iforians a very difficult one as it was held in Taipei, Taiwan (China). A successful AGM/Dinner was held under the command of International Commodore Jack Keyzer where he reported on his trip to Osaka, Japan, where he had the privilege of Chartering the main Japanese Fleet and also the first two Japanese Fleets.

Following the closing of the Taipei Convention Iforians then made their way to Honolulu, where under the leadership of IRRC Joe Phillips a sailing event had been organised. Admiral William Retz, US Navy, at the request of IRRC Joe arranged for "Rim Pack" war games and the fighting ships of Japan, Korea, Australia, Canada and the USA to steam into Pearl Harbour while the IYFR Bridge and distinguished guests inspected them from the Admiral's elegant barge. Not since World War II had so many warships been in Pearl Harbour. A truly historical event.

The following day having received special permission, Iforians sailed to Pearl Harbour to once again visit the various warships, submarines, aircraft carriers, etc. In the afternoon a sailing race took place for the Les Vasconcellos Memorial Cup. The highlight of the festivities came that evening at the

Commodores Banquet when Madelin Vasconcellos presented the cup to Charles Kinsey. The last day again saw a sail to Pearl Harbour where a farewell brunch was served before Iforians said their final farewells.

1995 saw us once again return to Nice (France) where we enjoyed so much fun together. Our AGM lunch was served at the Grand Aston Hotel with over 100 members and their 1st Mates attending. Following the AGM Past International Commodore Andrew installed as International Rear Commodore Joe Phillips, Honolulu (USA), Vice Commodore Arnold Verkade, Amsterdam (Netherlands), and Frank McDonald, Sydney (Australia), as International Commodore.



RI Convention Nice (France) 1995, Change of Watch (Left to Right): IRC Joe Phillips (USA), IVC Arnold Verkade, IC Frank McDonald (Australia), and IPIC Andrew Mitchell (England)

Following the Nice Convention Iforians wended their way to the Hotel De Zeeuwe Stromen Resesse (Netherlands) to attend a post Convention get-together. Also joining them were members of the Suffolk Fleet who had braved the rigours of the North Sea to join in the festivities. A welcome party was enjoyed at the hotel that evening when our Dutch hosts supplied a succulent meal as only they can.

The following day saw us travel by coach to the site of the Eastern Scheldt storm surge barrier, surely an 8th wonder of the world? A ferry trip and lunch aboard took us to the Medierikzee where we were able to wander about this ancient port and learn of its history. Returning to our hotel we enjoyed a wonderful dinner with entertainment from an all male choir made up of officers from the Pilot Service of the Netherlands.

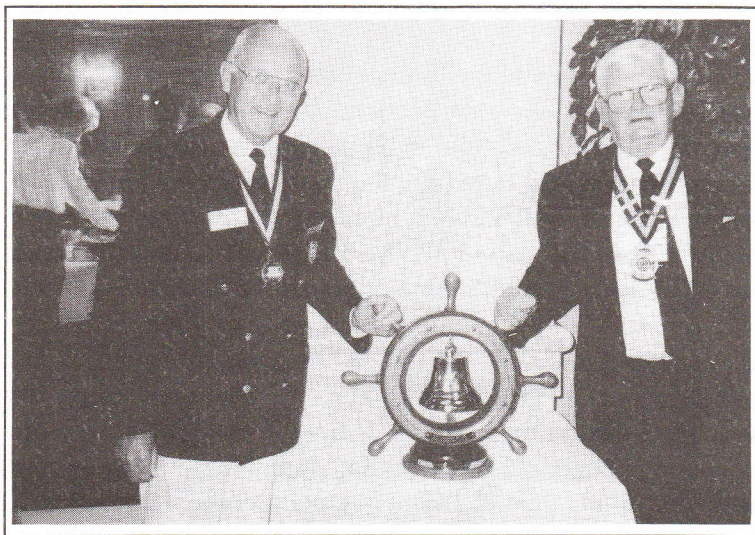
The final day saw us board a wide variety of vessels and venture onto the Grevelingen Lake. The wind turned to Force 6 and became very cold, however all enjoyed the adventure before returning once again to our hotel for a final night of entertainment, fun and fellowship before departing home the following day. It was truly IYFR at its best.

In 1996 we once again returned to Canada for our Rotary Convention. As always the opening ceremony was a great spectacle, with the parade of flags being presented by ice skaters. This, I am sure, will never be repeated. Our booth as usual kept very busy and our AGM and Dinner was held at the Hospitality Inn and attended by some 120 Iforians and their 1st Mates.



IYFR Stand, 1996 Nice Convention (Left to Right): Herman Allerstorfer (USA), Geoff Pearce and 1st Mate Angela (GB), 1st Mate Kate Smith (Victoria) and 1st Mate Marda Phillips (USA)

Amongst the members and guests was the GB Commodore John Billingham who presented to IYFR "The John Barrett Bell". Denis Dalby, a founder member of our then Yachting Fellowship in 1947, had the bell made in honour of our founder Commodore John G Barrett and presented it to our Yachting Fellowship. No records have been found as to when it was made and presented to our Fellowship. The only record discovered was a very short note informing us that in the very early days it was presented yearly to the yachtsman who had sailed the longest leg during the year, then for a very long period it disappeared and only recently Commodore (GB) John Billingham found it, had it restored and presented it to IYFR. This certainly was the highlight of our AGM in Calgary and grateful thanks must go to (GB) Commodore John Billingham and his associates in Great Britain for presenting to us such a trophy.



"The John Barrett Bell" (Left to Right): International Commodore Frank McDonald and Commodore (GB) John Billingham

In view of an RI directive that only one Fellowship would be recognised by them in any category a very cordial and friendly meeting took place between the International and GB Bridges with a view to how we could once again be truly united as one Fellowship. At the end of that meeting proposals of how we could be united were agreed by both parties subject of course to the members of Great Britain agreeing between themselves that the proposals were acceptable to them.

Following the ending of the Calgary Convention Iforians once again

returned to Victoria (Canada) to enjoy another three days of fellowship together. After an overnight stay in Port Sydney vessels cruised the islands at will and assembled at Maple Bay for dinner and a visit to a theatre at Che-mainus famous for its murals and theatre.

The following day was "Canada Day", a very special day indeed, enjoyed by all. The three Bridge officers were ferried and put aboard the Royal Canadian Minesweeper HMCS Chignecto under the command of Lieutenant Commander F L Zebruk. Here the Bridge were to take the salute from some 20 vessels in line formation. Located off Saansch Inlet on a bright sunny day it was a sight to see each vessel sail past and dip their pennants. Following the sail-past they then proceeded to Todd Inlet for an extensive raft up for lunch followed by a visit to Buchart Gardens.

Returning to Port Sydney we were transported by buses to McMorran's Restaurant on beautiful Cordova Bay for a farewell dinner of great proportions.

1997 will see a return to the heather, haggis and the bagpipes when we once again assemble in Glasgow, Scotland. We shall, I am sure, celebrate in grand style our 50th Birthday (our Golden Anniversary). The really wonderful, and great news, is that Great Britain (the birthplace) where our amazing Fellowship was born has decided to rejoin the rest of the world. Our Fellowship started in England in 1947 and there could be no better venue in the world but Glasgow (Scotland) to announce that we are again one Fellowship in 1997.

Since our inception in 1946-7 we have been very fortunate in finding men of great stature and forethought to lead us. Since these very early days our Fellowship has grown to immense proportions, I wonder just what the next 50 years will produce? The International Commodore to be appointed in Glasgow will be Arnold Verkade (Netherlands) the first Dutchman to lead us.

I am certain that within a very short space of time we shall see many International Commodores being appointed from all parts of the world and I am confident that the new leaders to come will be just as enthusiastic and dedicated as those who have already had the privilege and honour to lead our Fellowship. I therefore look forward with great expectations and with the sure knowledge that our wonderful International Yachting Fellowship is in very safe and capable hands.

INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

ROLE OF HONOUR

PAST INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES

John G Barrett — 1947 (Founder Commodore)

Brixton — London (G.B.)

1952-1953	A Leslie Mower	Stoke Newington (GB)
1953-1954	Leonard C Horsnell	Goodmayes (GB)
1954-1955	Jack A Hope	Goodmayes (GB)
1955-1956	Alfred Bellamy	Goodmayes (GB)
1956-1958	A Norman Cooke	Worthing (GB)
1958-1959	Robert Stuart	Chicago (USA)
1959-1960	Denis W Dalby	Barking (GB)
1960-1961	Chas Ed Dearnley	(USA)
1961-1962	Courtney G Beckett	Durban (South Africa)
1962-1963	Sherman Bushnell	Seattle (USA)
1963-1965	Leo P Keating	NSW (Australia)
1965-1967	Carl R Miller	Los Angeles (USA)
1967-1969	Charles E Neale	Ireland
1969-1972	Donald Lowness	Rio de Janiero (Brazil)
1972-1974	Richard Willis	NSW (Australia)
1974-1976	Earl Brannock	Cambridge (USA)
1976-1977	Carl Beck	Philadelphia (USA)
1977-1979	Al Natkin	San Diego (USA)
1979-1981	Bill N Thomas	Massachusetts (USA)
1981-1983	Bert Collins	Gold Coast (Australia)
1983-1985	Dr Ken Warr	Cape Town (South Africa)
1985-1987	Martin Lockney	Newport Beach (USA)
1987-1989	Dr Les Vasconcellos	Hawaii (USA)
1989-1991	George Kent	Victoria (Canada)
1991-1993	Andrew C Mitchell	London (GB)
1993-1995	Jack Keyzer	Victoria (Canada)
1995-1997	Frank McDonald	NSW (Australia)

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Tribute to Founder Commodore
JOHN G BARRETT
(Rotary Club of Brixton, London)

JOHN G BARRETT

John G Barrett was inducted into the Rotary Club of Brixton, London, in 1932 and was its President during the year 1948-1949. At his induction he asked four things from his fellow Rotarians during his year of office. They were:

1. Help for the young in their business, professions and their sport
2. Assistance for the old
3. Comfort for the infirm
4. Good fellowship amongst ourselves.

When preparing and creating the history of our Fellowship I was given tremendous help and assistance by members of the Rotary Club of Brixton who spent much time digging and searching their archives, both at home and in the club's records, to supply me the information I so badly needed to make our history one of authenticity and interest, and I am delighted to tell you that it was solely due to their hard work and efforts that I am at long last able to show you all for the very first time a picture of our much revered Founder Commodore John G Barrett and happily with his 1st Mate Mavis.

Much to my astonishment my Brixton contacts are still supplying me with more information and literature from their archives and only this morning I was much surprised receive further information about our illustrious leader John Barrett. Amongst the items now supplied to me is a wonderful blue book which in 1950 was used to recruit new members into the wonderful world of IYFR. I have reproduced these pages for you all to sample and appreciate. When you look at these pages it makes one realize just how similar in enthusiasm, humour and fun-loving Iforians they all were. It is my great hope that you will enjoy pages 43 to 54. What a wonderful PR job they did way back in 1950 and what enthusiastic characters they must have all been and what a pity it is that we never had the opportunity to meet them all.

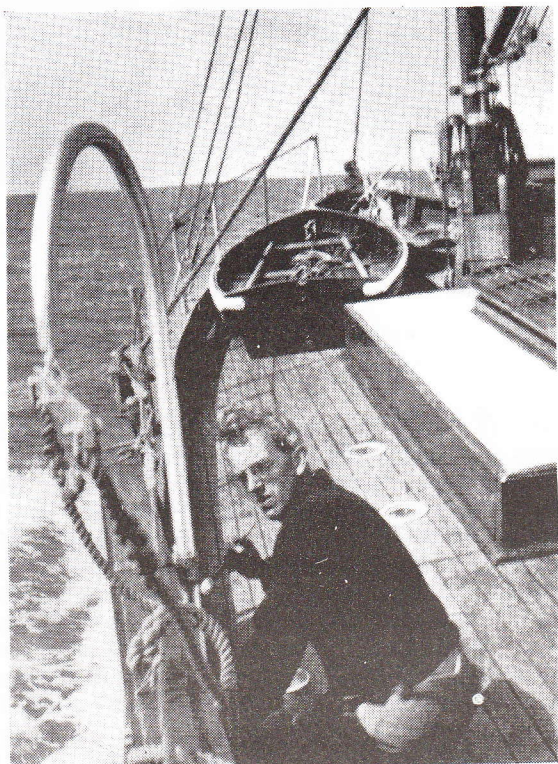
Andrew C Mitchell
Past International Commodore
1991-1993

Hobbies Exhibition

JOHN BARRETT (*Brixton*) as head of a firm of shopfitters of repute does not go begging, but he strenuously denies the persistent rumour that he is a millionaire just because he is fond of yachting and the sea. No, says John, you can be a yachtsman if you can afford to spend £50 per annum on your hobby and do not mind putting in a deal of the work yourself, which is good for your waistline in any case; on the other hand, if you are opulent, you can spend as much as £5,000 a year, or any sum between the extremes.

Be that as it may, John firmly believes that there is no finer hobby than yachting, especially for Rotarians. It has much to offer: sea-air, healthy exercise, grand fellowship, the melting away of your day-to-day worries, opportunities to see the world, or a good slice of it, getting at grips with the elements at times and numerous other pleasures and excitements.

It was some 30 years ago that John went for a holiday on the Norfolk Broads, the cradle of yachtsmen—and liked it, so much so that he treated himself to a 30 ft. open naval cutter, which he converted into a cabin cruiser. This was succeeded by a 50 ft. Admiralty M.F.V. in which, upon conversion, he undertook trips to France, Belgium and Holland, taking with him four or five friends at a time, many of them fellow Rotarians. Eric Eastell's boys made a particularly fine crew, but Pa Eric only drank cups of tea and smoked cigarettes when on board.



John Barrett minding his waistline on board

In 1950 John decided to fly on his craft a Rotary burgee, in much the same way as motoring Rotarians affix a badge to their vehicles. At the same time he conceived the idea of bringing together other interested Rotarians and eventually, after a great deal of hard work and organizing the "Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians"



"Pa Eric only drank cups of tea and smoked cigarettes"

ians" (Y.F.O.R. for short), now officially recognized by R.I., was brought into being, with John as its first commodore.

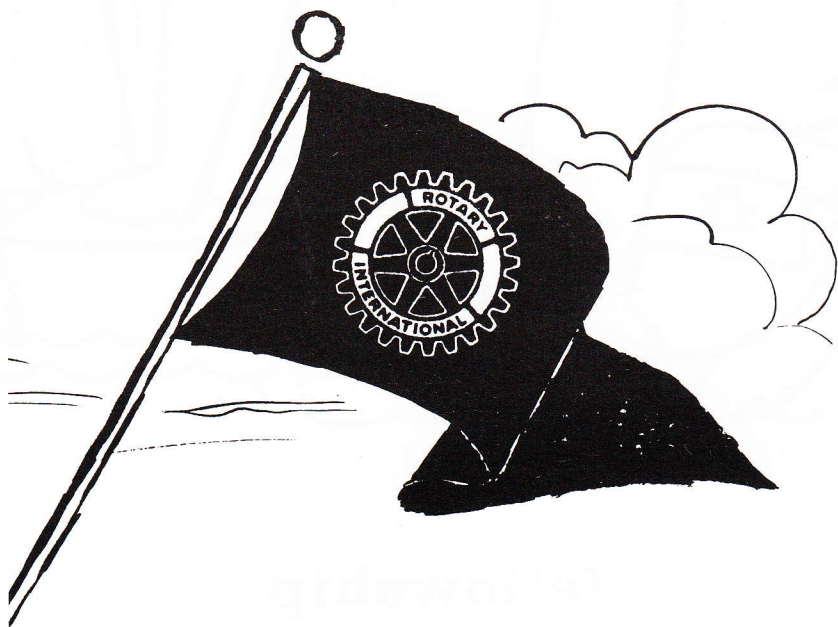
The little ripple in the water stirred up by a District 13 Rotarian has developed into a big wave of international fellowship: Y.F.O.R. membership now includes Rotarians from France, Holland, Belgium, East Africa, South Africa, Australasia, U.S.A. and Canada. Rallies have been organized in home waters, Calais, Belgium, Holland and other venues. At the rally organized at the Chicago Convention in 1955 by Bob Stuart (*Chicago*) District 13 Rotarians and others were entertained on board. When Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh returned to London in H.M.S. Britannia from their overseas cruise, several craft flying the Rotary burgee escorted them into the mouth of the Thames off the Nore.

The Y.F.O.R. now has some 200 members and its secretary Jack Hope (*Goodmayes*) will be pleased to furnish Rotarians of any land with information on their international hobby.

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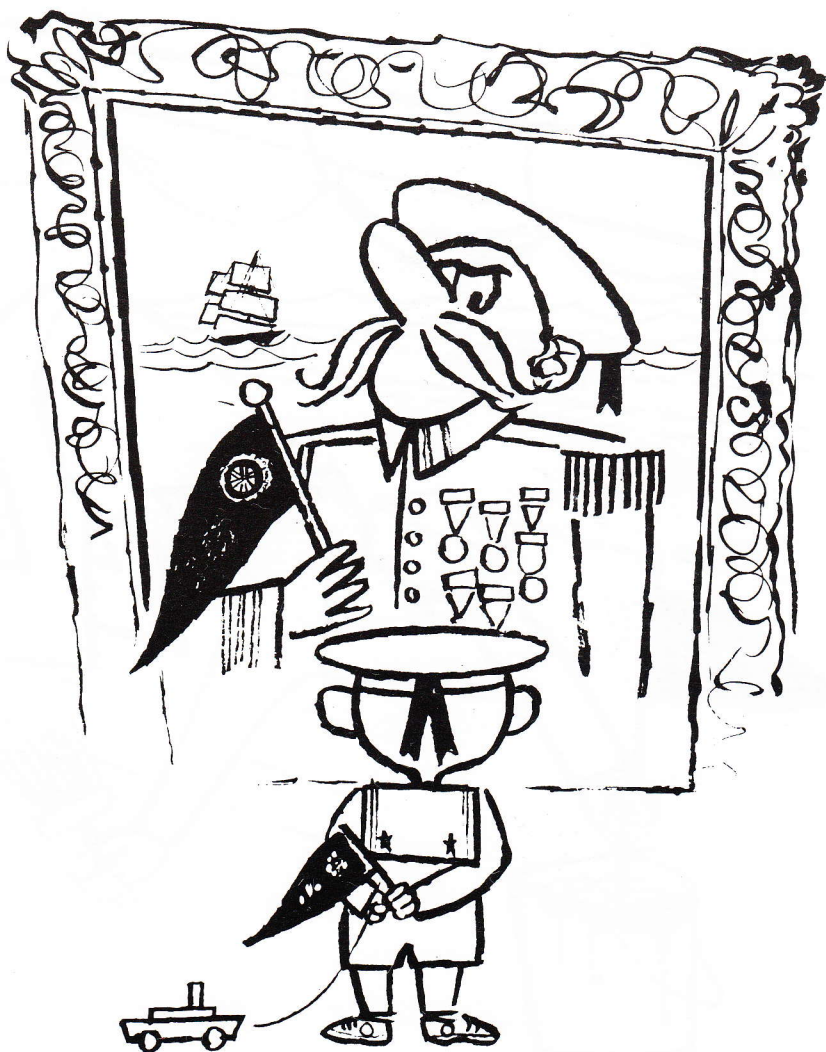
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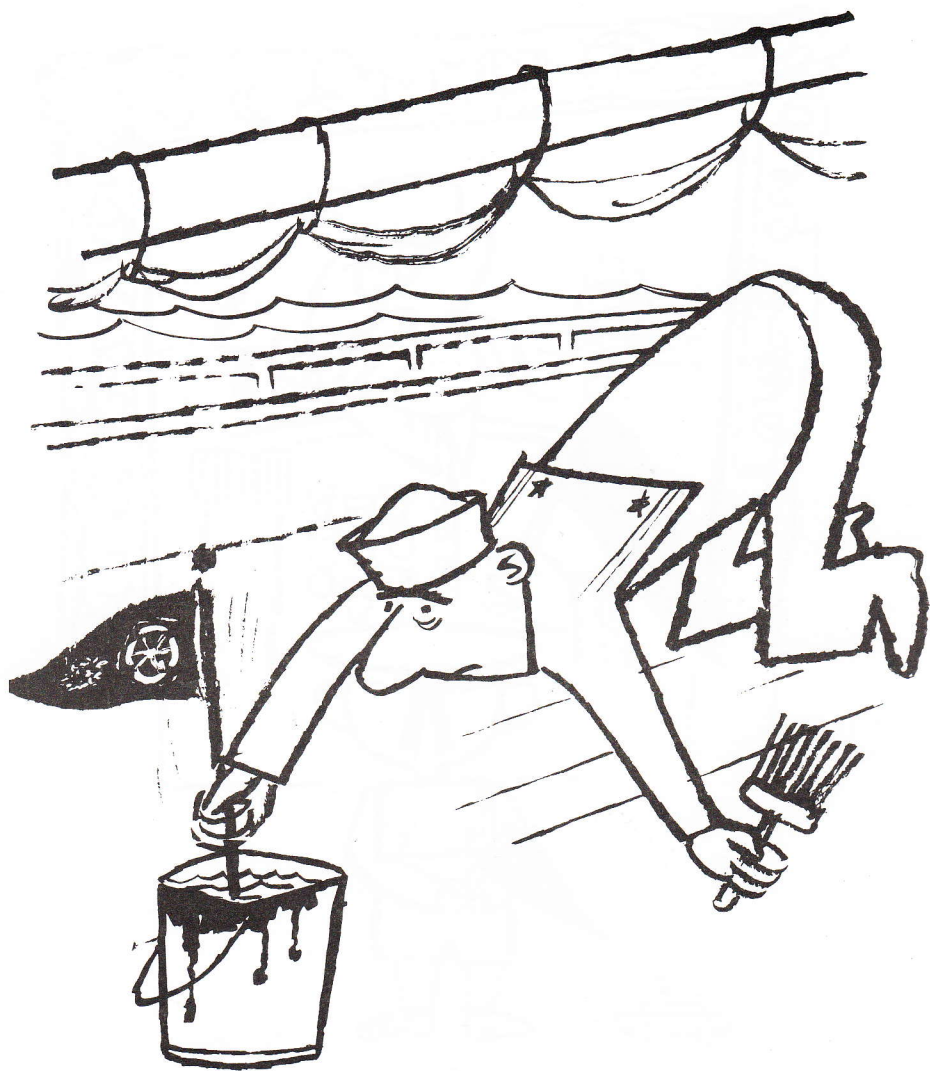




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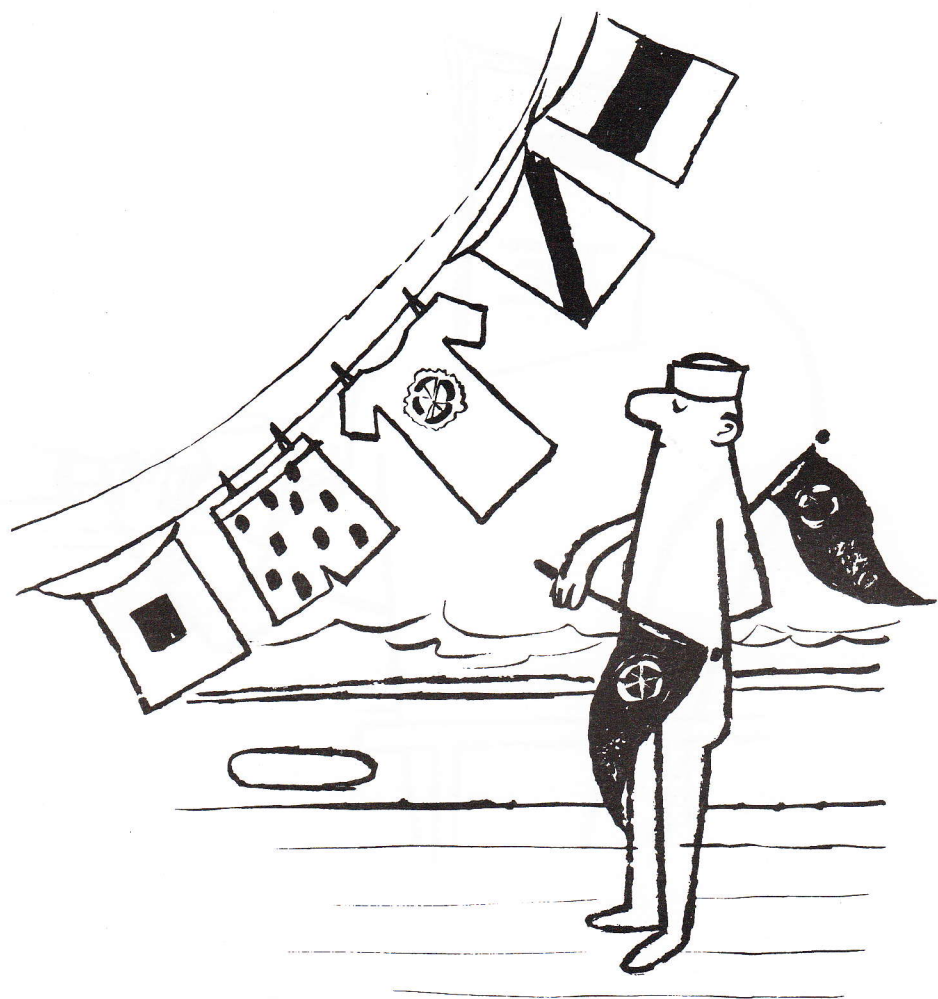
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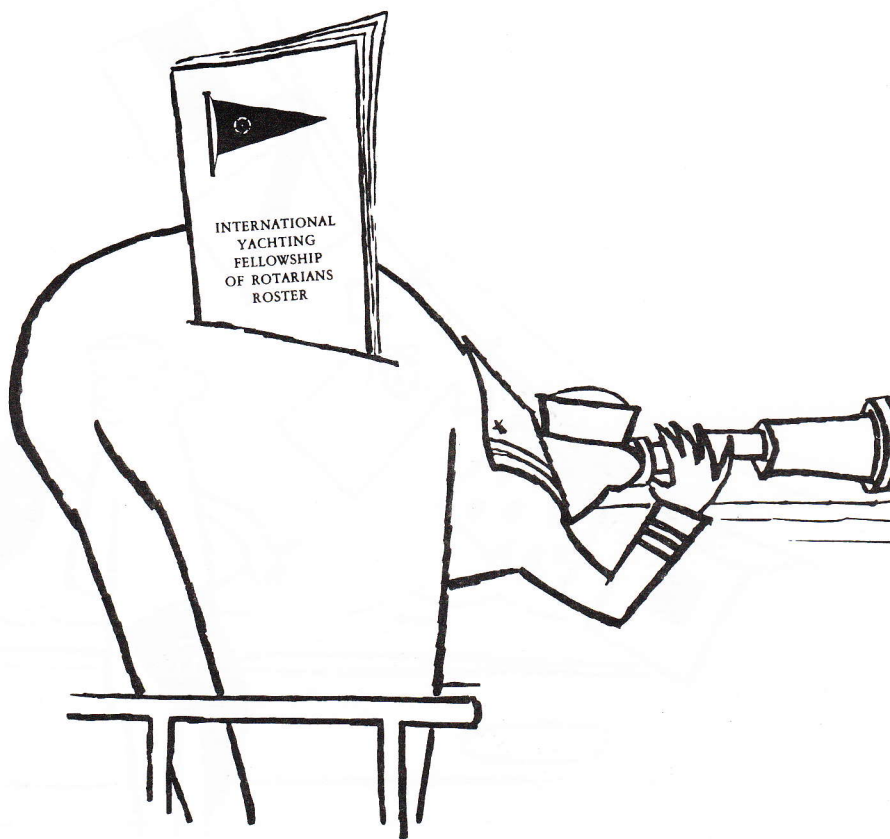
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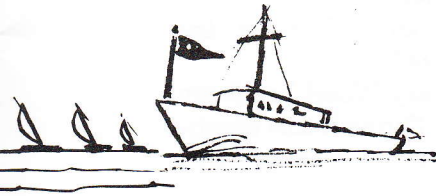
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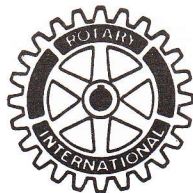
Since then, the Burgee with the Rotary Wheel has flown from masts in ports all over the world. Through this identifying flag many Rotary friendships have been brought about.

If you're a Rotarian and seriously interested in yachting, you can join a fleet or start one in your area...but you don't have to do either to enjoy the benefits of a membership! You are welcome to join the Yachting Fellowship even as a nonboat owner.

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