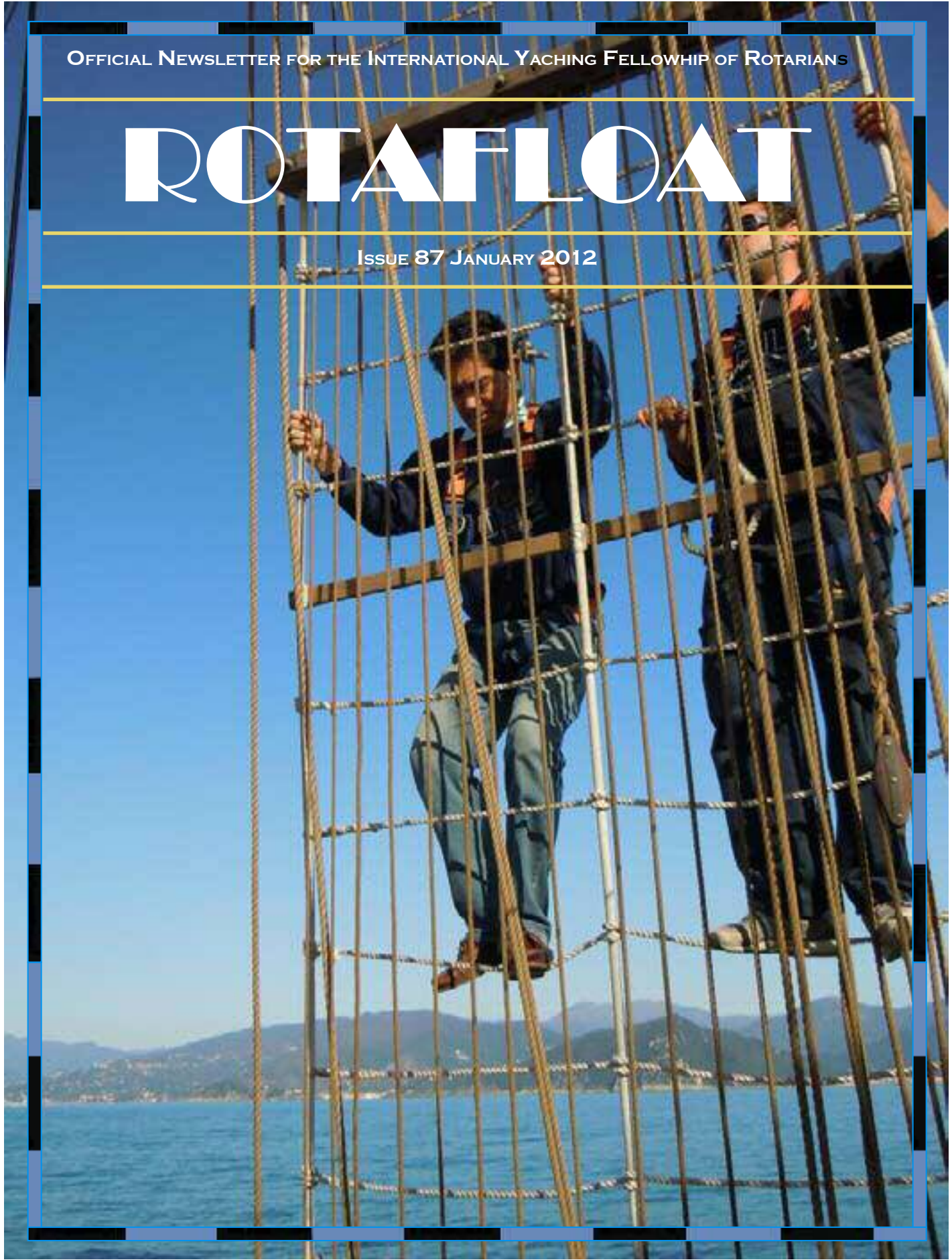


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# COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Since the last Rotafloat it has been a busy quarter for Bev and me. I made a trip to Southern California to put up a display and promote the Fellowship at the Zone Institute for zones 25 & 26. We have a nice traveling display now and it always generates interest when we set up in the House of Friendship at these events.



At the end of November the members and fleets of Area 1, Europe and Africa, had an Area 1 conference and Bev and I traveled over to Geneva to attend that since it afforded an excellent opportunity to meet a number of fleet commodores and members at one central gathering. Even though it was only for two days it provided excellent feedback from the fleets and lively discussion on the Fellowship. I can't thank Area Commodore (and International Vice Commodore) Sergio Santi and Fleet Commodore Frédéric Bonhote



of the Swiss fleet, who was the hosting fleet since it was held in their country, enough for their work of organizing and managing this event.

Following the weekend in Geneva, Bev and I continued on to Lisbon, Portugal. The 104th, Rotary convention will be held there in 2013. Event though we have not yet had our 2012 Bangkok get together, it is time to start looking at facilities and venues for our Fellowship activities and I was pleased with some of the choices that we found. I think it will be another great event for us. It is the only European based convention since Birmingham and will be the last for a while so we are anticipating a great turnout from our most populous area, Area 1. The convention will run from

June 23rd through the 26th so put it on your calendar now!

We returned home to California just in time for a quick trip down to Southern California again, this time to visit the Newport Beach Fleet and attend the Newport Christmas boat parade to view the wonderful lighted boats as they "passed in review" for the



thousands of spectators. The following day, while attending a meeting of the fleet's officers, I got a real taste of fellowship... literally! Hal Barstow, a member of that fleet had discovered that I am a rum drinker, and that my favorite rum is Pusser's British Navy Rum. Towards the end of the meeting he



surprised us by bringing out not only a Pusser's Rum Cake for dessert but a bottle of the rum... to finish off the lunch with a flourish as we spiced the main brace! Thanks for the Fellowship, guys!

I will close with warmest wishes to everyone for the New Year of 2012!

*Clint*



## New Fleets Joining our Ranks

With the coming of the New Year we find a number of Rotarians poised to come together in new fleets to join our Fellowship.

The first fleet that will be chartered will be the Punta del Este fleet, named for the town where it has formed, just east of Montevideo, Uruguay. This of course is our first fleet in the country of Uruguay! Their official chartering ceremony is now set for March 21st although the location and exact time are not yet set. If you are in the neighborhood, drop in to welcome these new IYFORians; last minute details can be obtained through Guillermo Arteta, the Area 2 Commodore. The International Commodore and first mate Bev are scheduled to attend this ceremony and then a joint fleet meeting of the Argentine fleets the following Friday.

Quickly following this, Spain will see its newest fleet when a group of Rotarians from the Alicante area are scheduled to have a fleet chartering ceremony exactly one month later on the 21st of April. This fleet has formed under the sponsorship of the Madrid fleet and will be Spain's third fleet qualifying that country for region status within the Fellowship if they so desire. Currently International Vice Commodore Sergio Santi and his first mate Laura are scheduled to attend this charter ceremony to welcome these Rotarians to our ranks.

### Punta del Este Fleet



Commodore  
Angelica Mesistrano



Leonel Tassano  
Rear Commodore



Nelson Sceidorovich  
Vice Commodore



Silvia Callorda  
Treasurer



Edgardo Gargano  
Secretary

## Geneva Convención Area 1

The Fleet of Madrid, in the Convention Area 1 IYFR in Geneva from 2 to 4 December, witnessed her nine Mariners from our fleet, with the largest delegation of all the fleets of Europe and we have presented the 17 activities we have developed in the last year, being publicly congratulated by Clint Collier, International Commodore, the Area 1 Vice Commodore Sergio Santi and Past Commodore Bryan Skinner.

The Mariners assistants, are Yolanda Andreoli, Elisa Pena, Angela Peiro, Juan Luis Harriero Vice commodore, Carlo d'Amore Rear Commodore, Treasurer Ubeda Clemente, Aurelio Mendoza and Carlos Peiro.

We have great camaraderie in IYFR because of our love of the sea. The Madrid Fleet has 82 mariners and friends that made up our fellowship November 18 when the Governor of our District, Miguel Angel 2201 Taus visited.

The Conference was a big success for the organisation.



## “Cervantes Savedra” and Old “Liberty”



The “Cervantes Savedra” of our Honorary Commodore Felipe Segovia also President of the Spanish Navy League and my boat, the old Liberty “Liberty” and the current sailing” Rel “

## Madrid IYFR Round Regatta to Ibiza for Polioplus



## Bangkok Activities

Don't miss out on the opportunity to party and socialize with your fellow IYFR members in Bangkok. We have three great activities scheduled, the Commodore's Reception on Saturday evening at the Courtyard Marriott, the Commodore's Dinner on Tuesday evening at the world famous Blue Elephant restaurant and, of course, a fantastic Post Convention Cruise at the Mom Chailai River Retreat and their unique antique boat hotel.

The block of rooms we had at the Courtyard Marriott have officially are now gone; we had to confirm these reservations at the start of December. We now have a waiting list and if rooms become available we will try to place anyone on that list with us at that facility.

Contact Remsen Barnard at [chiefofstaff@iyfr.net](mailto:chiefofstaff@iyfr.net) for information on this. We also have a list of nearby hotels you might want to consider.

Time is also running out to book the other events. The last date to book for the Post Convention Cruise

will be the first week of March... if there are any billets left. We are approaching the maximum number of individuals we can accommodate on this fantastic Thai adventure. Likewise, because of the requirements of the restaurant we may need to close the commodore's dinner at the Blue Elephant in April; depending upon the flexibility of the restaurant we may have a few openings left for last minute attendees through the booth at the convention... but do not count on that option! Likewise the reception on Saturday; because it will be the evening of the opening of the House of Friendship we will be able to add only a limited number at the last minute.

So the message is clear. We want you to join us but to do so you need to act now and register for these events. Remember, registration (and payment) is easy... log in to the members area of the web site and visit the ships store. There you will find the details of these events and the ability to order any of them or a combination of them (to save a bit) online.

## **A time for change?**

The 2009-11 Treasurer, Ken Linkhorn, recently completed the final report and accounting for the Fellowship for PIC Terry Stratton's term of office and, as part of the audit of that statement we received a letter from the auditor, Charles Wilson.

In that letter he recognizes the strong financial position we have achieved that supports our Fellowship but expands on a situation the members of the Executive Committee and members of the International Bridge have been aware of for some time now and is increasingly becoming a topic we feel needs to be addressed. In his letter he succinctly addresses this problem by pointing out that "You have a very strong financial position which will continue to strengthen with the growth of the organization. Unwittingly you will expose the organization to the misuse of its funds through mismanagement. At present you change your treasurer every two years. This is often to another country with a different currency. This will lead to problems in securing people professionally qualified to act as treasurer. Also this could mean that unsuitable people could be appointed as Treasurer."

I agree with most of this statement with the exception of "unwittingly"; I believe "unintentionally" would be a better word to use. The members who step forward to manage our organization recognize these problems and manage it to the best of their abilities but the ability to navigate a ship through a storm does not insure the appropriate financial or technical expertise to manage some of the aspects of a world wide organization such as ours. Finding well qualified individuals willing to step forward is a problem faced by all volunteer organizations.

There is no question but that our practice of moving our funds around every two years and finding a new and qualified individual within the fellowship to manage those funds presents a challenge and, as Mr. Wilson points out, a potential problem. The same applies to our position of Web Master as we have become more and more dependent upon the internet and the services it offers for the management of the Fellowship and dissemination of information in a rapid, cost efficient, manner. Finding technically proficient members to handle these positions is not always possible. And, the moving of our funds globally has become an increasingly expensive operation consuming funds that could and should be used elsewhere.

The full copy of Mr. Wilson's letter has been posted on the web site in the members' documents area. This subject, the "maintenance" of the Fellowship's technical positions will be a subject of examination and discussion at the upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee at the Bangkok Convention in May. Members who would like to express an opinion or assist in finding the solutions we need, should bring their thoughts up at the AGM. If you not attending the meeting, submit your suggestions in writing to me prior to the AGM.

We live in an entirely different age today than what existed when our Fellowship was founded and from what we faced even 10 years ago and it is becoming increasingly obvious that we need new policies and approaches to address our ongoing operations.

Clint Collier  
International Commodore 2011-13

## **Accommodations in London for the Olympics**

London Rotary is willing to accommodate Members of IYFR who need somewhere to stay during the Olympics.

We would do this under the Rotary Scheme which helps to raise money for Foundation, and the cost is £60 a night for a double room for bed and breakfast.

We live 10 minutes walk from the station which has trains running to the Olympic site, taking less than an hour. We actually have 2 rooms to let, and

both will take a family. One has a double and a single bed with a toilet opposite to it, and the other has a dressing room which could accommodate 2 children, and has an en-suite bathroom.

We are not opening the invitation to general Rotary but would welcome members of IYFR if required.

Sincerely in Fellowship, Bryan Skinner,  
Past International Commodore.



# Madrid Christmas Party





# International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians



## SOUTH WEST FLEET WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Philippines Fellowship Exchange

Thursday March 15 to Wednesday March 21, 2012

### Itinerary:

**Wed March 14** Own arrangements to Singapore + o/night accommodation.

**Thu March 15** Own arrangements to Singapore connect with.  
09:05 Dep. Singapore MI542 Arr. Cebu 12:45  
Complimentary transfer to Resort.  
Accommodation: (6N) Plantation Bay Resort.

### Friday to Tuesday:

- ❖ International Rear Commodore, Jun Avecilla will be conducting a Grand Fellowship of the 6 Philippine Fleets during our visit.
- ❖ International Rear Commodore Jun will also be hosting an Area 3 meeting which includes Regional Commodores from NSW (3), QLD/NT (3), VIC/TAS (2), SA/WA (3), Hong Kong (1), Japan (5), Philippines (6) and New Zealand (2). Area 3 represents 8 regions which represent 25 Fleets.
- ❖ Island hopping a favourite Cebu Fellowship Activity visiting other Islands.
- ❖ A lot of Water Sports Possibilities as Cebu is rich in nature. The Underwater World is unique.
- ❖ Cebu Fleet are sure we will not want to miss the days here in Cebu! World Class Shopping Malls for the girls and Golf for the boys.
- ❖ Possibility to make up in one of the 28 Rotary Clubs in Metro Cebu.
- ❖ There is a whole lot of things to do and we have less than one week to do them.
  
- ❖ Many expats say it this way -

"Cebu is like a Drug, you take it once and can't get away from it anymore!"

**Wed March 21** Complimentarily transfer to airport.  
13:35 Dep. Cebu MI541 Arr. Singapore 17:05  
Own arrangements.



## Rotary Youth Exchange on board the Brigantine “Nave Italia”

A multi-task project: D2040 Rotary Youth Exchange 2011-2012 on board and underway on the Brigantine Nave Italia.

The Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is the Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Many Rotary Districts, like our D2040, organise tours for the students they host,



which may include weekend trips to nearby cities and tours of the host country. However, like most exchange programs, the primary purpose of the Rotary Youth Exchange is to provide a cultural exchange.

“When you participate in Rotary’s Youth Exchange programs, you’ll learn a new way of living, a great deal about yourself, and a new language. You’ll



also be an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your Country, culture and ideas. You can help bring the world closer and make some good friends in the process”. This is the mission of the inbound stu-

dents living an entire school year in Italy and this was the scope of their participation in the project “D2040 Rotary Youth Exchange 2011-2012 on board of “Nave Italia.”

They wanted to become a team and this nautical project was perfectly fitted to the Rotarian purpose.

Last summer I was organizing the “Get Together” schedule with Roberto Mancina, Chairman of the District D2040 RYE Commission, listing the monthly meetings and trips in Italy for our inbound students. Roberto told me that there could have been a very interesting opportunity through the IYFR, International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians, and asked me to contact Sergio Santi, IVC and Area 1 Commodore.

Due to his experience Sergio, formerly Captain in the Italian Navy, is representing the Tender to Nave Italia Foundation, constituted by the Italian Yacht Club and the Italian Navy with the mission, besides others, to promote the education and formation of new generations by means of the navigation on Nave Italia, a brigantine, flag ship of IYFR in Italy.



In the meantime, thanks to Sergio’s support, IYFR assured an economic grant to the project, which I immediately applied for within the due time.

Paolo Cornaglia, Scientific Director of Tender to Nave Italia, and his Staff supported the initiative as well. Therefore in a couple of months we organized the cruise for November, whilst the Ship was still available for navigation before the winter maintenance works.

On November 10th at midday, arriving by train from Milan, 22 people entered the La Spezia Arsenal and boarded the “Nave Italia” sailing-ship. The 22 were 20 students, of which there was 1 one from Sweden, 11 from the USA, two from Taiwan, two from Canada, 1 from Germany, two from South Africa and one from Australia, as well as two Rotarians of the

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D2040 RYE Commission, Monica Bozzetti and myself. Sergio was waiting for us with the complete crew, 18 sailors belonging to the Italian Navy commanded by Captain Saccenti and the XO Costagliola di Fiore.



The weather was perfect: sunny, mild temperature, slight wind (unfortunately not enough to open the sails) and a calm sea.

After the first presentations and onboard, safety briefings we assigned each student their room.

The crew weighed anchor and “Nave Italia” moved west along the Ligurian coast in the direction of Portofino. Under the supervision of Boatswain Sarnataro we allocated the group with their tasks. All the students had to help with table preparation and clearing, dish washing, floor and common toilets cleaning. Everybody was responsible for his room and bed making.

After lunch the crew and students carried out various activities related with on board life, like learning

to tie various kinds of knots. There was also time for some fitness exercises. The first night “Nave Italia” anchored in a natural harbor in front of Rapallo.



The second day was spectacular. All of the students, secured and coupled with a sailor, climbed a vertical rope ladder up to the top of the first level of the square sails yards, around 20 meters, on the main mast: they looked like pirates! As soon as the wind increased the Captain ordered the crew to open a couple of sails: the crew and students manoeuvred all together perfectly synchronized.

Returning from Portofino at night we anchored again in a natural harbor, this time in front of La Spezia. After dinner Captain Saccenti distributed individual diplomas to all participants and a special crest to Sergio, the true soul of the two day navigation. In that moment I felt that there was only one crew on board. All students and sailors, divided in small groups, were

chatting in an incredible English-Italian language and taking each other’s pictures.

In the morning of November 12th “Nave Italia” returned to the La Spezia Arsenal and docked very close to the Italian Navy vessels. Not so far away was the famous historic sailing-ship Amerigo Vespucci. Students said goodbye to the brigantine and the crew. After a visit to the Navy Museum we had a pizza and finally went back to Milan by train. Everybody was tired after the three very intensive days, many boys and girls were sleeping while travelling, but I’m sure they were dreaming of the white sails of Nave Italia.

Marco Giudici

D2040 RYE Inbound Officer

PP RC Milano Porta Venezia



## Ship’s Store

Looking to save a little money on your next regalia order? Bangkok is right around the corner and you can, in order to eliminate your reduce shipping costs with this special offer we have for those of you attending the Convention., I would like you to consider ordering Take a look at what is available in from the ship’s store.

Make a list of what you want and send that list to me in an e-mail, big or small your orders will be pre-packaged and hand delivered to you at the IYFR booth at the House of Friendship in Bangkok! How neat is that!

Bev Collier, Regalia Officer

## IYFR Mobile Bay Compass Rose Fleet

On September 8th on Mobile Bay, located along the Central Gulf Coast of the United States, the Mobile Bay Compass Rose Fleet of the IYFR and the Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club joined forces to host a first-ever District 6880 Governor Visit "On The Water". DG Tom Mann (himself a fleet member but who lives three hours north) delivered his DG's address casually dressed from the stern of one of four ves-



sels which were rafted up. It was a great afternoon for enjoying beautiful weather and a gorgeous sunset.

The IYFR pennant was raised proudly while 40

Rotarians and guests enjoyed this historic event.

Contributing to the enjoyable nature of the event were delightful food choices and an abundant choice of beverages.

Following the DG's presentation, fellowship, food and drink, everyone aboard elected to await the absolutely phenomenal sunset. It framed several sailboats which were out for a fun race from the Fairhope Yacht Club (the meeting location of the Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club).

Rotarians from five clubs were present and a young lady named Ms. Sujin Kim (originally from Korea) who had been a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile for only five hours (inducted at lunch that same day) also joined the event on the water and was very enthusiastic about it. She got to know 40 Rotarians in just a few hours...something that would be difficult to do in a club with 300 members! Clearly, a great advantage of Rotary Fellowships!



Without exception, each person cheered the plans to do this once again next year, if not before. Thanks to DG Tom Mann and Lynn, to Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club President Stephen Davis and the many fleet members who brought their vessels and shared the joy of boating and the joy of Rotary fellowship.



All the best, Gary Moore, Fleet Commodore

## Changes to the General Rules

There are a few changes to the fellowship General Rules proposed for 2012. These changes along with an explanation of each change will be posted to the web site (in the members' area, under Documents for Members) no later than February 1st, 2012.

Members will find, in this area, the current General Rules, a copy of the amended Rules and an explanation of the proposed changes. Anyone wishing to submit an argument in favor or opposed to the proposed changes should do no later than March 15th, 2012 for publication in the next issue of Rotafloat.

Comments must be submitted in writing and sent to [chiefstaff@iyfr.net](mailto:chiefstaff@iyfr.net). Likewise, any fleet wishing

to propose additional changes should submit them no later than March 1st so that they may be added to these changes. Should any be added, the Fellowship shall be notified of these additions by e-mail. Note that changes suggested for inclusion must comply with GR 13.2 for submission.

At the 2011 AGM, the General Rules were amended to call for Fellowship wide voting on future changes rather than voting by the members present at the AGM. In the April issue of Rotafloat we will publish instructions for voting on these proposed changes and set the window of open voting, the period during which your vote can be cast.



## American Cup Goes from AC34 Cup Boats... AC72's

Difficult as the AC45s are to sail, it won't be long until the America's Cup teams will move up to the super-size AC72.

Its mast is nearly twice as tall as the AC45's, with at least three times the wing area and thus three times the power. Pete Melvin, a Southern California boat designer and multi-hull specialist, worked with Oracle to set the AC72's design parameters, which push the dimensions of the big boat to the very limit of what muscle power alone can control.

"Anything larger," he notes, "and you'd need motorized winches" to wind in the lines that adjust the hard sail. The AC72's wing is longer than the wing of Boeing's massive 747.

The big AC72s will debut in the Louis Vuitton Cup in July 2013, slated for San Francisco Bay—the contest that will determine the challenger for the 2013 America's Cup finale (Oracle gets in for winning last time).

Unlike the AC45s, the big boats will not all be identical. They'll be governed by a formula devised by Melvin and Oracle, but within those specifications, anything goes. Wing design will be an especially fertile area for innovation. After all, the more gracefully an airfoil can curve the air that flows around it, the more lift it will generate. You can bet that the wings will get especially complex, with multiple flaps, slots and control arms.

Traditional ropes could be replaced with in-wing hydraulics like you would find in a modern jet aircraft. The straight shape of the AC45's dagger-boards



(the fins beneath the boat that prevent sideslipping) will give way to curved hydrofoils that provide a measure of lift from below as well as stability.

The AC72s will need all the refinements they can get, because they'll be built to sail even closer to the edge than the AC45. Even though the big boat has roughly three times the power, the platform the wing is mounted on is scarcely twice as wide and only 60 percent longer. "It's going to be a wild ride," says Craig Thompson, CEO of the America's Cup Event Authority..... "Accidents are inevitable.



### Letter from the Editor...

With all the enticing pictures of IYFR activities in faraway places, how can I decide what trip to take next. Norm and I have enjoyed forays into the San Francisco Bay and outer reaches and we need to think about world destinations near the water.

Our last trip near water was Antarctica (I went swimming in the Antarctica sea); there must be warmer water where it would be more comfortable to swim.

I need articles and pictures for the April issue. In particular, a picture for the front page needs to be in high definition so that it looks good when it is enlarged.