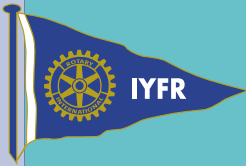




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GOOD NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

In February 2005 we welcomed two new fleets on board the flagship of R.I. Fellowships. On 5th February Commodore Stanislav Kassarov organized a fantastic Charter event in beautiful port Bourgas in Bulgaria. District Governor Kalcho Hinow has been so kind to attend the Charter event. Kalcho travelled from Sofia to Bourgas despite adverse winter conditions; heavy snow and ice all over.

On 26th February I had the pleasure to present CHARTER to Commodore Fahri Esgin of provisional fleet Mudanya in Turkey. Mudanya is a beautiful port located at the south shores of Sea of Marmara.

Together with Central Italy fleet (Roma Fleet) chartered in November 2004, Delta Fleet in Argentina, Cascade Fleet in USA, Victoria Fleet in Australia, Gocek Fleet in Turkey, now seven IYFR fleets received CHARTER.

Varna Fleet in Bulgaria is already a provisional fleet with ten paid up members. Commodore Lachezar Bratoev will be ready to receive Charter in April 2005.

First Swiss Fleet is under construction and will be ready to receive Charter on 11th June in Zug, Switzerland. Commodore Dieter Pfaffinger is nearing finish line.

As you know Swiss racing yacht Alinghi was the winner of America Cup in Auckland and will be defender in Valencia. I always admire white sails on hundreds of Swiss lakes enjoying yachting all over the year in every season.

I must point out that our web site has played an important role in recruiting this nine new IYFR fleets, almost 9% extension.

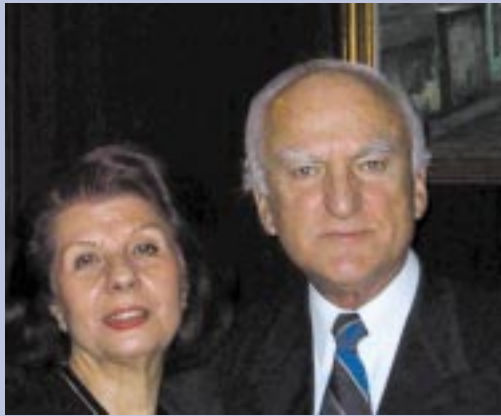
Due to a freak wave, our web site www.iyfr.org broke mast and abandoned. Now we have a new web site www.iyfr.net or www.rotarymariners.net.

We have new data base as Members List "Roster".

As Paul Harris said, this is a changing world, Rotary is changing and IYFR will keep changing accordingly and our flagship will keep sailing to the new horizons.

IC Ferit BİREN

International Commodore



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Chicago, Illinois

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Friday June 17, 2005

Pre-Convention Sail & Barbeque

The Pre-Convention Sail & Barbeque will be held with departure from and dinner at Burnham Park Yacht Club. Burnham Park Harbor is the harbor you see from McCormick Place (the convention site). We have the patio of the yacht club reserved. Seating is limited to 50. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and this will include Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, side dishes, Soft Drinks and Beer. A cash bar will be available for wine and mixed drinks. During the sail, host boats will serve refreshments to our guests. Advance reservations will be required.

Tuesday June 21, 2005

Annual General Meeting

The Yachting Rotarians AGM will be held Tuesday June 21, 2005 at Bob Chin's Crab House Chicago, 315 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60610. The location is just across the Chicago River from downtown Chicago and the reserved space (The East Room) faces the river and downtown. The cost is \$45.00

per person. Fellowship will begin at noon, with luncheon and meeting to follow.

Join us to hear the 2003-2004 year in review, witness the Change of

Command from International Commodore Ferit Biren to International Vice Commodore Bill Robinson and meet the new International Rear Commodore. Tickets will be available at the House of Friendship booth.

Agenda

Fellowship from 11.45 pm

1. 12.30 pm Welcome & Introductions
2. Invocation & Sailors' prayer
3. Toast to Rotary International and IYFR
4. Response
5. 1.00 pm Luncheon
6. 2.00 pm AGM
7. Apologies
8. Minutes of 2004 AGM
9. Commodore's Report – Area 1
10. Vice Commodore's Report – Area 2
11. Rear Commodore's Report – Area 3
12. Finance Report
13. Installation of International Commodore 2005-2007, Bill Robinson and induction of the new bridge
14. Address of IC 2005-07
15. Address of IVC 2005-07
16. Address of IRC 2005-07
17. Post Convention Cruise
18. General Business
Closure



IYFR POST CONVENTION CRUISE

Celebrate The Fabulous Chicago Waterfront

Come join us for two days of fellowship following the RI Convention in a celebration of the fabulous waterfront and downtown of one of America's best cities. The downtown area, the miracle mile, Navy Pier, the Shedd Aquarium and other wonderful features of Chicago will be featured during our two day post convention cruise.

The cruise will feature **seven events** over the two day period, plus other options, with both cruising and delectable dinners included. Here is the schedule:

Thursday, June 23

9:00 to 10:30: Meet for breakfast and fellowship at the **Chicago Athletic Association**. This is where Rotary 1 was founded and has met for 100 years. It is in the middle of the miracle mile for shopping and sight seeing.

The rest of the morning and early afternoon is open for your pleasure. Options include the nearby Adler Planetarium (with the possibility of a special program on celestial navigation), world class museums, or time to enjoy the nearby shops and restaurants.

3:00 to 5:30: Board the **tall ship Windy** for a leisurely cruise and fellowship on Lake Michigan to view the Chicago Skyline from the Lake.

6:00 to: After a short walk across Navy Pier from the Windy, we will have an elegant dinner at the **Riva Restaurant**, one of Chicago's finest. After dinner, we can take in all the sights and attractions on Navy Pier.

June 23 and 24, 2005



Friday, June 24

8:00 to 9:30: Meet again for breakfast and fellowship at the **Chicago Athletic Association**.

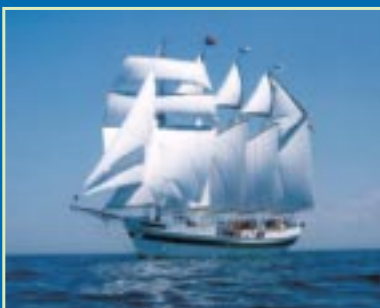
10:00 to 11:30: After breakfast, we will walk about four blocks and join the Chicago Architecture Foundation river cruise on the **Chicago's First Lady**. This highly acclaimed tour takes us through the Chicago River showing off historic and architecturally significant sites.

2:00 to 4:00: After lunch on your own, we will meet at **The Shedd Aquarium** for a guided tour of the world's best aquarium.

6:00 to 9:00: To cap our Chicago experience, we will meet at the famous **Harry Caray's** restaurant for dinner. Harry Caray was a long time baseball announcer for the Chicago Cubs baseball team, and his restaurant is one of the top attractions in Chicago. Dinner at **Harry Caray's** will give us the opportunity to learn and see much of the history of America's baseball heritage. The finale dinner, as with previous PCC's, has always been a special fellowship event before IYFR members from all over the world set out for home.

Cost is \$320 USD per person.

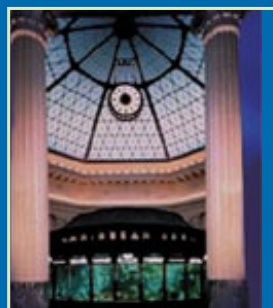
Tall Ship Windy



Riva Restaurant



The Shedd Aquarium



Payment & Reservations

Harry Caray's
Restaurant



For all Fellowship events,
reservation deadline is:

Friday, 1 April 2005

June 17 Pre Convention Sail and BBQ	\$25.00
June 21 IYFR AGM Luncheon	\$45.00
June 23-24 Post Convention Cruise	\$320.00
Total for all three events, per person	\$390.00

Please write names clearly and mail your check (in \$US) to:

IYFR - International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians
C/o Robert Smith, Treasurer 2005-2007
PO Box 966
Black Diamond, WA 98010 USA

or, for Credit Card payments:

Send an email to Bob Smith at: rgscpa@comcast.net stating names and how many reservations. We will send you an email invoice via PayPal and you can make the payment on line with Visa, MasterCard, debit cards, and other cards accepted by PayPal.

IYFR will confirm your reservation upon receipt of funds.

Rotary Fellowships Dinner

Dear Rotary Fellowship Members:

All Rotary Fellowship members are invited to the All-Fellowships Dinner/Dance Celebration, Tuesday night, the 21st of June - 6:30 pm reception, 7:30 pm dinner at the Regency Hyatt, Chicago, IL (next to the McCormick Convention Center).

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person, tables of ten can be reserved for Fellowship groups at \$500. Please contact: Fellowships Dinner Committee, Jennifer Hendrickson, 270 Langley

Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30045.

Tel: (770) 963-3252, ext. 200, Fax: (770) 822-9492,
Email rifpd@aol.com.

Major credit cards accepted and checks should be made payable to RFPD. All reservations must be made by Sunday, June 19th. Tickets will also be sold at the RFPD booth in Chicago.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Buck Lindsay
Banquet Chairman,
RI Fellowships Committee

Rotary International Centennial Parade

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Saturday June 18, 2005

Come and join us in this most colourful and unforgettable event.

We will have a float and march in the parade with the white uniforms of Rotary Mariners.

The parade will start at 10 am sharp, and we will start assembling at 6 am.

- Commodore Capt. Larry De Loux (Ret. USA Navy) and his first mate Alice
- Regional Commodore Guillermo Arteta and his first mate Monica
- Regional Commodore John Milne and first mate Merrill

will act as Sergeant at Arms at the Parade,

The Local Coordinator will be Jean "John" O. De Keyser from Chicago Fleet.

His contact details are:

Tel.: (630) 787-0350 • Fax: (630) 787-0377

Mobile: (630) 290-4206

e-mail: jdk@westforwarding.com

The Sergeant at Arms will help us to obey the rules and take part in the parade in IYFR manners and answer queries of IYFR participants.

Please note that ABSOLUTELY NOTHING CAN BE THROWN INTO THE CROWDS!! NO BALLOONS RELEASED! These rules are strictly enforced by the city. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

So.....GET SOME COMFORTABLE SHOES AND...

...JOIN US IN CHICAGO!!

Due to the inherent imbalance in administrative costs and management time needed to maintain Independent Members, versus Fleet Members, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that annual dues for Independent Members be increased to USD 30.

This will help defray administrative costs, and encourage Independent Members to either join a fleet or work with other Independent Members to create new fleets. Dues for fleet members will remain at USD 10 at this time.

**URGENT
NOTICE**

OUR WEB-SITE HAS CHANGED!!!



A brand-new IYFR web site has been launched on the Internet! You can use either www.iyfr.net or www.rotarymariners.net to access the new web site . Both addresses will direct you there.

The new web-site has been designed more professionally, with more userfriendly applications, especially regarding the "Online Roster".

Now, you will be able to download and transfer the desired part /or complete Roster database into "Excel" or "Word" files and print them with any desk-top printer. As most of our members have noticed, the members database on the old web-site has been destructed and despite all of our efforts, could not be recovered. For this incident, which happened beyond our control, we are very sorry and apologize for all inconvenience it may have caused. In order to have a starting base, we had to post the raw data of members on the new web site, as it had been turned over to us by the 2001 - 2003 Bridge.

Now, we need the immediate support of our Area -Regional and Fleet Commodores to check and update the information on fleet members in their region without delay.

As soon as the updating is completed, a printed Roster will be published and mailed to the Regional Commodores for distribution to the fleets in their region, hopefully before the end of the 2003 - 2005 term.

We are just waiting for the "DONE - Signal" from our IRC's to go ahead and start printing!

Please note that the old usernames & passwords are not valid anymore.

New usernames & passwords have been created for the Area - Regional and Fleet Commodores and each of them will have access to his Area - Region and Fleet for updating or editing of the members data.

Fleet members in return will be able to access the data in "read-only" form. In other words, the system will run in a way similar to the Rotary International's www.rotary.org web site, where Club Secretaries are authorized to edit their Club's data during their term.

Detailed information about the authorized access will be mailed to each Area and Regional Commodore by the web master Serdar Gozler.



Bryan Skinner Nominated for International Commodore 2009 - 2011

In the September Rotafloat nominations were called for to elect the International Commodore for the years 2009 to 2011. Only one nomination has come to hand as at closing date 31 December, and we hereby announce that the Candidate is Bryan Skinner from England.

Bryan's CV is as follows:

BRYAN VICTOR SKINNER

BORN July 25th 1934 in England

Eldest child of family living in a village 20 miles north of London. Grew up watching the war over London, spending most nights in the air raid shelter.

EDUCATION

1939-45 Attended village school

1945-51 Boarded at Berkhamsted Public School attaining 6 GCSE O'level exams.

Qualified as field surveyor, armourer and storeman in Army.

Attended courses at Road Research Laboratory, and courses in accountancy and business management.

CAREER

1952 Joined Royal Artillery for 2 years National Service. Attained the rank of Sergeant, and was in charge of a 155mm self propelled gun, one of the first to come into the country, which he demonstrated to NATO.

1954 Joined the family Civil Engineering business, and became a Director in 1958. Became Chairman and Managing Director upon his Father's retirement. Retired from business, and sold the Company in 1998.

FAMILY

Married Chris in 1956, a London Hospital nurse, later to become an Operating Theatre Sister.

Took 7 months off to build a house for them, using some labour from the Company.

Children; 1957 son Jonathan
1960 daughter Susan
1964 daughter Roslyn
1965 daughter Amanda

SPORT

Represented School in rugby, squash, cricket, athletics and swimming.

Played rugby for the Regiment.

Reached County standard in squash and tennis.

Began sailing in 1966, owning a succession of dinghies, still sailing.

Continued playing squash and tennis at competition level until his hips were replaced in 1991/1993.

INTERESTS

1960 joined Round Table
1974 joined 41 Club
1974 joined Rotary
1982 joined IYFR
1984 Founder member of Suffolk Fleet, owns a 40 foot motor cruiser on Norfolk Broads.
1986 joined Broads Fleet
1991- 2 President of Hertford Rotary Club
2000 Commodore of Broads Fleet
2002- 4 National Commodore GB&I (Regional Commodore)

IYFR General Rules & Regulations for AGM & Change of Command

With the AGM and Change of Command nearing by, we thought that publishing the relevant sections in the IYFR General Rules & Regulations (Revised May 25, 2004 in Osaka) may help fellow Mariners to prepare for the event and take notes of any changes they may wish to propose. The full document can be downloaded from our web-site at www.iyfr.net.

Election of International Officers

1. *The International Rear Commodore shall be elected for a two-year term and shall move up to Vice Commodore and International Commodore unless there are extenuating circumstances. "The change of command" shall take place at the AGM, but the new incoming IC will assume command of IYFR on 1 July.*
2. *Nominations for the election of the IRC and any vacancies shall be the responsibility of a Nominating Committee composed of the three most recent Past International Commodores, and the presiding IC, IVC, and IRC. The Immediate Past International Commodore shall be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee if available. If not available, the International Commodore may appoint any Past IC as Chairman.*
3. *The Chairman shall circulate to all members, RCs and Fleet Commodores a request to submit names for nomination for any forthcoming vacancies on the Bridge. Providing suitable candidates are available, incoming IRCs should, whenever possible, be elected from the same area as the outgoing IC. Nomination forms should be forwarded to those RCs and Fleet Commodores in the area of the outgoing International Commodore. Should there be no suitable candidate available, nomination forms should then be sent to RCs and Fleet Commodores from the other two areas. Nomination forms must be sent in time for the nominations to be received by the Chairman by 31 December of the year preceding the AGM.*
4. *The prescribed form for use when nominating a candidate for elective office shall include a declaration signed by the candidate certifying that the candidate has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by the provisions of these General Rules.*
5. *Any member proposing a candidate shall submit to the Chairman the consent of the candidate, a resume of activities in Rotary and IYFR, together with a recent photograph.*
6. *Members shall not campaign, canvass or electioneer for elective position in the IYFR nor allow any such activity on their behalf; nor shall any brochures, literature, letters, or other materials be distributed or circulated by members or on their behalf to any fleets or members of fleets, except as may be authorized by the International Bridge. Should candidates become aware of any prohibited activities having been taken on their behalf, they shall immediately express their disapproval to those so engaged, and instruct them to terminate such activity.*
7. *Following 1 January of the election year, a list of nominations together with the voting forms shall be sent to all members of the nominating committee and all PICs. Their ballots shall be sent back*

to the Nominating Committee Chairman so as to be received no later than 31 March of that year.

8. *In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman shall inform members of the nominating committee immediately. Members shall reply stating their choice of candidate, and the result will be circulated by the chairman to the committee. In the event of a second tie vote, the IC shall break the tie by deciding between the two top candidates. The results of the election will be announced and ratified at the next AGM.*

9. *The IRC (PR) shall publish the list of new International Officers in the first "Rotafloat" newsletter published after the AGM.*

10. *In the absence of nominations for the Executive Committee, or as an interim measure to fill a vacancy, a majority vote of the Nominating Committee members may make interim appointments, subject to their ratification at the next AGM. Should ratification not occur, the provisions of this article will apply.*

11. *All RCs shall be appointed by the IC after conferring with the Fleet Commodores of that region. When a position of RC is vacant in a region, an interim appointment may be made by the IC after reviewing candidates proposed by the Fleet Bridges of that region. The creation or adjustment of regions or areas shall be by Executive Committee decision. Interim appointments and creation or adjustments of regions or areas are subject to ratification by the next AGM.*

12. *Officers appointed by the IC may be removed by the same IC. The IC, IVC, and IRC may be removed from office by a vote of the majority of the Nominating Committee.*

Amendment of General Rules

A. Rules Committee

Before each change of administration, a Rules Committee shall be formed by the IVC as incoming IC. The committee shall be chaired by the IVC and be composed of the incumbent Executive Committee and other members as appointed by the Executive Committee. The committee shall review the General Rules and may propose any revisions for general updating or specific changes. Proposed changes shall be circulated to the membership and shall be presented for approval at the AGM.

B. IYFR Members

Members wishing to propose alterations, additions, or deletions from the Rules may do so by gaining a majority decision from a meeting of the originator's own fleet, whereupon the Fleet Secretary should submit proposals to the IRC (Admin) not later than 16 April in any year. Independent Members, International Officers or PICs may submit proposed amendments directly to the IRC (Admin). Proposals shall be circulated to the Executive Committee and, with the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve or not approve, circulated and presented to the membership at the AGM.

FROM OUR FLEETS AROUND THE WORLD

IC Ferit Biren, presenting the Fleet Charter to Mudanya Fleet Commodore Fahri Esgin.

In February 2005, we have enjoyed two happy events. On February 5th, the Bourgas Fleet of Bulgaria, then on February 26th, the Mudanya Fleet of Turkey received their Charters from International Commodore Ferit Biren.

The Charter Ceremony of the Bourgas Fleet was attended by the District Gouvernor, Presidents of Rotary Clubs in Bourgas and their spouses, who shared our joy and happiness.

The Mudanya Fleet's Charter Ceremony was an equally joyful event, attended by IC Ferit Biren with first mate Koray; RC Sakıp Tüzüenalp with first mate Gülderen; International Bridge Staff Türker Karamızrak & first mate Oya, Selda Gerson and Sevinç Kuyaş; President of the Mudanya Rotary Club Cüneyt Akin & his spouse Hilal and many other Rotarians from the neighboring clubs. IYFRians from İstanbul, together with their first mates were also present.



Both fleet commodores, Stanislav Kassarov of Bourgas Fleet and Fahri Esgin of Mudanya Fleet, displayed great hospitality, which strengthened the friendly ties, fellowship and love of sea among all attending members.

I wish both fleets much success in their efforts to spread IYFR spirit further

Sakıp Tüzüenalp
RC for Turkish Fleets

BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE NATIONS

New Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians Chartered in Bourgas - Bulgaria

The first fleet of IYFR in Bulgaria and District 2480 has been chartered on 05th February 2005 in Bourgas. The Bourgas Fleet is a part of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians - the oldest and the largest of the Rotary Fellowships. This is the first structure of Rotary Fellowships in District 2480.

53 Rotarians from the three Rotary Clubs in Bourgas - "Rotary Club Bourgas", "Rotary Club Bourgas Pyrgos" and "Rotary Club Bourgas Primorie", as well as from "Rotary Club Pomorie", "Rotary Club Sofia Vitosha" and rotaracts from "Rotaract Club Bourgas" and "Rotaract Club Bourgas Primorie" joined "Rotafleet



IC Ferit Biren presents the Charter to the Bourgas Fleet

Sakıp Tüzüenalp, Regional Commodore of Turkish Fleets greets members of Bourgas Fleet

IC Ferit Biren awards DG Kalcho Hinov with IYFR badge and the title "Honorary Member of Bourgas Fleet"



Bourgas" - the Bourgas Fleet of the IYFR. This is the first initiative with the participation of members from all Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs in Bourgas.

The Charter of the Bourgas Fleet was presented personally by the International Commodore of IYFR - Ferit Biren in the presence of Kalcho Hinov - District Governor of District 2480.

Despite of the adverse weather conditions and the severe winter the Rotarian Fellows and Rotary Mariners from Turkey Sakip Tuzunalp, Haldun Orgut, Demir Sindel, Mehmet Eskiyapan joined the International Commodore - Ferit Biren on his way from Istanbul - Turkey to Bourgas - Bulgaria. This was an outstanding example how a Rotarian fellowship can build a bridge of friendship between the nations.

At the charter ceremony the Commodore of Bourgas Fleet - Stanislav Kassarov was appointed for Regional Commodore of the Balkan Fleets 2005 - 2007 by the International Commodore - Ferit Biren. During the ceremony Kalcho Hinov - District Governor of District 2480 has been awarded with the title "Honorary Member of Rotafleet Bourgas".

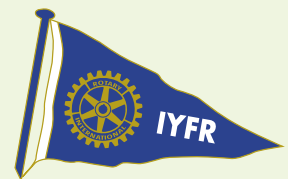
The Bridge (Board) of "Rotafleet Bourgas" is composed by Rotarians, who devoted their life to the sea and water sports - ship captains, sailors and yachtmen. Members of the



Bridge are: Commodore - Stanislav Kassarov, Vice Commodore - Todor Todorov, Rear Commodore - Sevdalin Atanasov, Treasurer - Dinko Dimitrov, Port Captain - Ognian Gramatikov, Fleet Captain - Evgeniy Mavrodiev.

The first event to be organized by "Rotafleet Bourgas" will be 100 Years of Rotary Regatta, which has been dedicated to the 100. Anniversary of Rotary. The regatta will be held from 06th to 08th May 2005 in Bourgas, Bulgaria.

Forthcoming Charter Events



- **23 April 2005**
Charter Ceremony of Varna Fleet in Varna Bulgaria



- **11 June 2005**
Charter Ceremony of Swiss Fleet in Zug Switzerland



INTRODUCING OUR REGIONAL COMMODORES



STANISLAV KASSAROV, IRC FOR BALKAN FLEETS



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DATE OF BIRTH : 08/10/1970
PLACE OF BIRTH : Haskovo, Bulgaria
NATIONALITY : Bulgarian
MARITAL STATUS : Not married

Educational Background

01/10/1998 - 22/02/2002

University of Cambridge - Board of Continuing Education - Diploma Course - An Introduction to the English Law and to the Law of the European Union

23/03/1991 - 30/07/1995

Bourgas Free University - Law - Master Degree in Law

15/09/1984 - 30/07/1989

English language secondary school "Geo Milev" - Bourgas

15/09/1977 - 30/07/1991

Primary school "Ivan Vazov" Bourgas

WORK EXPERIENCE

06/10/1997 - present

Noblex Ltd. - Law & Business Consulting - Attorney at Law, Partner

18/07/1997 - present

Attorney at Law

15/11/1995 - 15/11/1996

Law probationer - Bourgas District Court

21/09/1989 - 22/03/1991

Army Forces - sport division "Chavdar" - Sofia

Foreign Languages

English Language

English language secondary school "Geo Milev" - Bourgas - advanced studying of the language for five years.

Russian Language

Primary school "Ivan Vazov" - Bourgas and the English language secondary school "Geo Milev" - Bourgas - studying of the language for twelve years, besides the Russian language is very close to Bulgarian language.

Hobbies And Interests

SPORT

Sailing - Member of Yacht Club Port Bourgas since 1976

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Managing Board of Bulgarian Sailing Federation since 1997

Member of the Supervising Board of Yacht Club Port Bourgas since 1997, Chairman of the Supervising Board since 2005

President / Chairman of the Managing Board of the Association of the Lawyers graduated at Bourgas Free University

President / Chairman of the Managing Board of Bourgas High-technology Business Incubator

Active Member of Rotary Club "Bourgas Primorie"

Member of the Constitution Committee of International Sailing Federation

President / Chairman of the Managing Board of Bulgarian 470 Class Association

Commodore of Rotafleet Bourgas - Bourgas fleet of International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

Commodore of Balkan Fleets of International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

Skills And Other Abilities

COMPUTER SKILLS

Advanced knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel, Netscape, etc.

DRIVING LICENCE

Advanced driving of cars and vans

CAPTAIN LICENCE

Advanced driving of vessels up to 20 t.

IYFR San Francisco Fleet Announces Rotary Bay Day Sail



When : Saturday May 7th

Where : Your boat!

This is our Fellowship-wide fund raising drive in support of the IYFR Centennial youth scholarship fund. We are asking every member of our fleet with a boat to set aside this day and to donate your boat and time to this project. Make a commitment to that date now! The concept is simple and straightforward.

- Many of you already donate "a Day on the Bay" as a Rotary fundraiser to your clubs. This is our Fellowship centennial project fundraiser. We are asking every member of the fellowship with a boat to offer a cruise on the bay to fellow Rotarians and friends.

- To help you promote this event we have designed a promotional poster. Print a number of these to pass out at your club and other locations where you might find people interested in sailing for a day and supporting this type of event!.
- Go to work... make a presentation at you Rotary club, to your Yacht club, anywhere you think you will find people interested in a pleasant day on the bay cruise and who would like to support a program such as this. Has your boat filled up? Let us know and we will find another boat still looking for people who want to cruise for a day.
- Although we will all be sailing on the same day it is up to you to set the marina you will leave from, the course you will sail, what you will do with your "guests", and price. IYFR suggests you ask \$50 per person for the day to benefit our Centennial fund raiser but you are free to adjust for "market conditions."
- Let us know (an e-mail to bayday@iyfrsf.org) that you have committed to this event. Please include the following in your e-mail:
 - Your name, Rotary Club, and phone number
 - The number of passengers you plan on taking out
 - The amount of the donation you are requesting from each passenger
 - Which marina you will depart from and the time of departure
 - Any special activities you are planning for your guests.
- Come May 7th, gather up your guests, go out and have a great day on the bay! Show them that's what IYFR is all about. Don't forget, while you are out sailing, to fly your IYFR burgee. And keep a log of the time, approximate location and name of any other Rotary Mariner vessels you spot during the day!
- Almost done. All that remains is to send in the contributions you've collected (don't forget to ask your club if they will match them!) along with your "spot em" log... There will be something special from me for the vessel that sees and logs the most fellow mariner boats during the day!



Elephant Island



Ushuaia and
Beagle
Channel,
Argentina



A LETTER FROM OTTO RIEVE, THE COMMODORE OF VANCOUVER FLEET

Dear Rotary Mariners and Friends,

It is cold this morning and there will be frost on the boats at the dock. Soon spring will be here, the crocuses will bloom and we will prepare our boats or yachts for the upcoming season.

I've had a phone call from PC Cap Jim Richardson and even though he is traveling and moving boats, he will be in touch about boating activities for our Vancouver Fleet.

Past Comm. Ken Bassam has been feeling better about his back, he is anxious to continue the renovations on his boat and to be active in our Vancouver Fleet. Perhaps Ken and Commodore Andrea will give us a tour of their boat and we can have a dockside barbeque. This invitation to host us is open to other boat owners. Should you host us, we can see your boat and be envious.

I will be going to the June 2005 Rotary Centennial Convention and hope to see you at the IYFR booth and for the post convention activities: boating on the Great Lakes. Int Comm. Ferit Biren will welcome all of you. Our Vancouver member Richard Hughes will also be at the Convention.

In August there will be the International Rendezvous between the Seattle/Puget Sound Fleets and the Vancouver Island/Vancouver Fleets tentatively scheduled for Friday Harbor August 19 - 21. Make plans to be there and note that you don't need a boat to attend.

Our Vancouver Fleet treasurer PDG David Ker and Lis are cruising in South America/Antarctica and the following is from the bulletin of his club, Vancouver South:

"We are enjoying a wonderful cruise! After our first stop in Puerto Montt in Chile, where the weather was not too good, but not bad, we have had lovely weather, very unusual we are told. A nice visit to Punta Arenas on the Strait of Magellan, followed by a visit to Ushuaia, Argentina, on Tierra del Ego

on the Beagle Channel. Both were nice cities and we went on shore excursions to see nature and wildlife. Beautiful snowcapped mountains and glaciers down to the sea. The temperature was about 10°C with skies sun and cloud. One evening sitting in the sunshine, it must have been 20°C.

Then one day cruising across Drake Passage which is often the roughest water in the world. For us, it was almost calm!

The next day we spent cruising in the Bismarck Channel south of Anvers Island as far as 65° south latitude. Fantastic scenery with the sun shining on snow covered mountains and ice cliffs. We saw penguins swimming in the sea and in colonies on land; albatrosses and other birds flying around the ship; and many humpbacked whales in the water. At one time yesterday, there were three whales blowing, showing their humps and sometimes their flukes, just over the side of the ship. Very exciting!

We had visitors on board from the US Palmer research station who came on board and gave us talks on the Antarctic. We have a very experienced Antarctic scientist from Cambridge University and his assistant, who give us a running account of the scenery we are passing and information about the birds and whales and history of Antarctic exploration.

Today, 31st January, is our third and last day cruising in the Antarctic waters. Now we are in the open sea cruising to Elephant Island, where Shackleton left part of his crew while he went for help in a lifeboat to South Georgia Island. Tomorrow, we will make the northward crossing of Drake Passage to visit Port Stanley on the Falklands."

Dave and Lis, we are envious and wish you a great cruise and safe return home.

Otto Rieve

Commodore Vancouver Fleet

VICTORIA FLEET CHARTERED

With great fellowship and celebration, on Sunday 12th December 2004, IRC Max Cribb presented the new Victoria Fleet with its charter on behalf of International Commodore Ferit Biren, passing on his congratulations and good wishes.

There are 38 new Yachting Rotarians plus their First Mates to help us Celebrate Rotary in this centennial year. Assisted by Regional Commodore Bob and Betty Dack, the new Fleet Commodore Bill Chapman and First Mate Barbara very ably spread word of the Yachting Fellowship throughout the 3 Districts in Victoria. Barbara had even created leis for each guest to wear to add to the festive occasion.

A group of the Charter members



It was an enthusiastic and happy group who met for the Celebratory Luncheon following a very interesting tour of Pompei's Boat Yard, where for 3 generations this family has been building Carvel and Clinker built timber boats. Eighty year old Jack Pompei spoke of his love of designing and building craft of Huon Pine, Philippine Mahogany and his love of the sea.

This Fleet brings the membership of Mariners in Area 3 to 587 and it is my hope for future Fleets to start in Tasmania and Northern Territory in Australia, the Philippines, and extend further into the South East Asia region as opportunities are presented.

IRC Max Cribb

IRC Max Cribb with Victoria Fleet Commodore Bill Chapman



Annual Clear Creek Clean Up supported by the Seabrook Rotary and Rotary Mariners (IYFR) Texas Fleet

Submitted by Jim Stoa



LETTER FROM RI PRESIDENT GLEN ESTESS, Sr. to FELLOWSHIPS' CHAIRS

March 2005

Dear fellow Rotarians:

On behalf of the RI Board of Directors and the General Secretary, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you and all of your friends in fellowship as we continue to celebrate Rotary's 100th anniversary.

For the better part of the past 100 years, Rotary Fellowships have united Rotarians across the globe, providing opportunities for acquaintance extending beyond the locality of the individual Rotary Club, and creating new venues for the practice of service and the promotion of world understanding. Your participation in the Fellowships program contributes significantly to the retention of membership in Rotary and epitomizes the ideals of fellowship central to the Object of Rotary.

As many of you are aware, I appointed an ad-hoc committee to review the Rotary Fellowships program at the 2005 International Assembly in Anaheim, California. The Board, along with many fellowship members, felt that it would be beneficial to address certain issues at this time in order to ensure that the Fellowships program will enter Rotary's second century of existence with a revitalized sense of purpose and an optimistic outlook for the future.

A number of you had shared your thoughts with me and with the General Secretary regarding a recent Board decision that required the fellowships to indemnify RI. As this news coincided with a reminder that RI does not provide insurance coverage for fellowships, several individuals expressed concerns that, given the fellowships' lack of assets, and in most cases, of insurance coverage, such an agreement would expose the members themselves as the potential targets of litigation.

This interpreted outcome was never the Board's intention in drafting an indemnification requirement for the fellowships to adopt. Board policy has always stressed the autonomy of the fellowships with respect to RI, but this should not be taken to suggest that the members of the Board are in any respect "antifellowships."

On the contrary, the members of the Board, along with myself, truly appreciate and admire the work that you do and the relationships that you build in the name of Rotary. By working together, we can ensure the continuation of the Rotary Fellowships program for many years to come.

In light of the concerns raised, the Board agreed that maintaining an indemnification requirement would place an undue burden on the fellowships. The Board has therefore decided to rescind the indemnification requirement from the Rotary Code of Policies.

In the interest of promoting awareness and mutual responsibility, the Board has also decided to include the following statement, with which you are already familiar, in the *Rotary Code of Policies*:

Individual Rotary Fellowships are not covered by RI insurance and are encouraged to assess their own risk and secure coverage as appropriate.

I am concerned that there may be some lingering misunderstanding between the Board and the fellowships with regard to this statement. Several individuals have suggested that the Board has unfairly singled out the fellowships by not providing them with insurance. Some fellowships groups have assumed that RI insures Rotary clubs, or that RI previously insure fellowships groups, although this is not the case. The only insurance provided thru RI provides coverage for US Rotary clubs and districts, and this program is

self-funded by US Rotarians. The Board considered a blanket coverage program for all Rotary Fellowships activities and felt that this would extend special allowances to fellowships unavailable to other Rotarians and grant an unjustifiable privilege to one segment of the Rotary population.

Fellowships often forge valuable relationships with outside organizations. In order to promote the growth of such relationships and ensure their consistency with the goals of Rotary International, the Board has determined that the cooperative relationships policy that has previously applied to clubs and districts will now apply to fellowships and other multidistrict activities as well. The new policy heading, "Fellowships and Other Organizations" encourages fellowships seeking significant funding or cooperative relationships with outside entities to notify the general secretary in advance of any formal applications. This will help to prevent the duplication of existing efforts on the part of other fellowships, multidistrict activities, The Rotary Foundation and/or other programs or initiatives of Rotary International. The Board has also added an item requiring fellowships to clearly state their autonomy from Rotary International when entering into written agreements with outside parties.

Other policy amendments reached by the Board have been implemented in an effort to refine the definition of fellowship groups and their terms of membership. Fellowships are now specifically defined as groups having a vocational, recreational or service-oriented purpose, although these categories are not intended to be exclusive. With regard to membership, the policy now specifically defines fellowship membership as open to Rotarians, the spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors. While the *Rotary Code of Policies* never specifically encouraged the inclusion of non-Rotarians in fellowships' membership, the Board feels that asserting this restriction could motivate individuals interested in fellowship activities to join Rotary. I encourage you to carefully review the updated *Rotary Code of Policies* for the Rotary Fellowships program included with this letter and to communicate the changes therein with your fellowships officers.

It is only appropriate that in this centennial year, our International Convention will be held in June-Rotary Fellowships Month. Many of you have reserved exhibition booth space at the convention to share your fellowship's activities with your fellow Rotarians. An annual meeting of all the fellowships will be held during the convention, and meeting space for individual fellowships has been made available, and can be requested through the Rotary Fellowships Committee chair, Mark Wong.

It is my hope that a great number of you will be in attendance in Chicago this June to meet one another and add to your groups' memberships. At this year's convention let us *Celebrate Rotary* by participating in an activity that makes everything Rotary accomplishes possible: fellowship.

Regards,



Glenn E. Estess Sr.

President, Rotary International



Spring Festivals in Marmaris - Turkey

Marmaris is in full bloom as spring arrives in the resort. Days are warmer and the trees glow a vibrant green as the resort comes back to life. Marmaris is a family friendly city, a perfect place where sea-lovers can enjoy various festivals and sea activities.

MARMARIS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME FESTIVAL (27 APRIL - 01 MAY 2005)

Under the organizational responsibility of the Governor and Mayor of Marmaris and with the support of the Turkish Navy, an International Maritime Festival will take place between 27 April - 01 May 2005 in Marmaris / TURKEY.

Around 25 - 30 sailing boats and navy ships along with 1.000 competitors and 50.000 spectators are expected to participate in the festival.

Further information and details can be obtained from the web-site of the festival organization at:
<http://www.denizcilikfestivali.com/defaulteng.asp>

MARMARIS YACHT FESTIVAL (15 - 19 MAY 2005)

Every year in May, there is an International Yacht Festival in Marmaris. This year it will start on May 15, lasting for four days until May 19.

Please visit
<http://www.marmarisinfo.com/festivals/yachtfestival.phtml> for further information.



THE INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS BALANCE SHEET For The Period From 1 July 2003 to 28 February 2005

* € parity used: \$1 = € 1,3257 as of 28.2.2005 ** All items have been translated by using historical exchange rates

TABLE 1

ASSETS		Amount
Cash in Hand	Petty Cash Account (Australia & Turkey)	24,64 USD
Cheques Received		
Bank Accounts		
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak \$	26.440,69 USD
	IYFR HSBC Kiziltoprak US\$ Deposit account	30.197,33 USD
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak €	1.372,75 EUR
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak TRL	314,41 TRL
	IYFR Wells Fargo Bank Account in USA	7.019,68 USD
	IYFR Closed Account \$ in Zurich	- USD
Cheques Given		- USD
Total Cash and Bank Accounts in \$		65.742,21 USD
Receivables		
Fleet & IM Dues	Fleet & IM Dues 2004-05	12.984,00 USD
	Fleet & IM Dues 2003-04	3.420,00 USD
Regalia Receivables	Other Receivables (sales from Turkey)	804,48 USD
Sponsor Income		- USD
Total Receivables		17.208,48 USD
Inventory		
Regalia Inventory in Turkey		3.117,50 USD
Regalia Inventory in Australia & US		527,00 USD
Regalia Inventory in Japan		3.494,50 USD
Coming Regalia Inventory in US		4.371,00 USD
Total Inventory		11.510,00 USD
TOTAL ASSETS		94.460,68 USD
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities		- USD
Total Liabilities		- USD
ASSETS, ABOVE LIABILITIES		94.460,68 USD

Please note USD 11550,00 Overdues (not collected dues in previous years 2001-02, 2002-03)
Regalia inventories is recorded at their estimated costprices

TOTAL ASSETS	94.460,68 USD
REGALIA RECEIVABLES	804,48 USD
UNPAID DUES	3.420,00 USD
	unpaid dues from 2003 - 2004
	unpaid dues from 2004 - 2005
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2005	77.252,21 USD
Regalia Inventory	11.510,00 USD
	65.742,21 USD

IYFR Regalia



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| 1 | Blue Pennant Lapel Pins | \$ 5.00 |
| 2 | Fleet Officers Insignia
(Pair of Epaulets with stars,
etc - by request) | \$ 20.00 |
| 3 | Burgees
Fleet Commodore Burgee
(3 balls) | \$ 35.00 |
| | Vice Commodore Burgee
(2 balls) | \$ 35.00 |
| | Rear Commodore Burgee
(1 ball) | \$ 35.00 |
| 4 | Member Pennant
(12"x18") | \$ 19.00 |
| 5 | IYFR Tie (navy/blue
diagonal stripe/pennant) | \$ 25.00 |
| 6 | IYFR Ladies Crosstie | \$ 7.00 |
| 7 | White Epaulette Shirt
(S, M, L, XL, XXL) | \$ 40.00 |
| 8 a) | T-Shirt/white embroidered
(S, M, L, XL, XXL) | \$ 15.00 |
| 8 b) | Polo-Shirt/white embroidered
(S, M, L, XL, XXL) | \$ 15.00 |
| 9 | IYFR Emblem Cap
(gold leaves on bill) | \$ 20.00 |
| 10 | Captains casket white top,
blue visor | \$ 12.00 |
| 11 | IYFR Emblem Cap (navy) | \$ 15.00 |
| 12 | IYFR Window Decal | \$ 1.00 |
| 13 | IYFR Screenprinted
blazer emblem (sew on) | \$ 10.00 |

(Shipping charges excluded)

For further information, please consult our website at www.iyfr.org



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