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FROM THE COMMODORE



FAIR THINKING

FAIR WEATHER

FAIR WIND

Please look at the ROTAFLOAT through which we try to reflect yachting quality and the international feature of our fellowship.

We are trying hard to maintain USD 10.- membership dues, notwithstanding erosion in the parity of USD versus other currencies, including Turkish Lira.

Of course, there are solutions;

- 1 Return to old ROTAFLOAT viz; 1/2 A4 size, black and white, international content limited
- 2 Increase annual dues like other fellowships.

- 3 Send printed ROTAFLOAT and hard copy ROSTER on request, at least being sure it will be read by the receiver who is keen to get a copy.

What we are trying to do at the moment is the third one, which is also in accordance with Rotary Code of Policy / May 2003 for Fellowships.

FAIR WEATHER, FAIR WINDS IN ALL FAIRNESS

Enjoy being afloat, under canvas or power behind with fellow Rotarians and always watch out for THE PREVENTION OF SEAS FROM POLLUTION.

CLEAN SEAS FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Greetings from the Bridge

IC Ferit BIREN

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving - we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

Oliver W. Holmes



Introducing our Regional Commodores

GUILLERMO ARTETA COMMODORE of ARGENTINA FLEET

Guillermo Eduardo Arteta, born in Argentina on May 17, 1940, is a doctor in economics and a lawyer too, and is at present retired. He has a daughter and a son.

Dr. Arteta was a member of various boards of directors, initially with the family business (a chain of department stores) in 1972, and later in private firms covering different activities, including a bank and the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange over a period of six years. In addition to this, he was an importer for several years.

Dr. Arteta has been a Rotarian since 1968. His club was founded in 1919 and is the second oldest in the Southern Hemisphere. It organized the 2000 Annual convention, and on this occasion the Rio de la Plata fleet was established and chartered. As Fleet Commodore and founder, Dr. Arteta greatly relishes the fellowship of the fleet members.

As Rotarian, he was a team leader in a Group Study Exchange with Great Britain, in September/October 1997. At present, he is involved in the Rotary Peace Scholarships Program. One of the seven universities participating in this undertaking is located in



Guillermo & Monica Arteta

Buenos Aires, and in 2003, 12 scholarship holders arrived in Argentina for a two-year course. Ten more are expected during the current year.

Dr. Arteta's hobbies are literature, especially in English language, and yachting. He belongs to several groups that meet to discuss literary subjects. In 2001 he participated in a regatta in Greece, but what he enjoys most is cruising in the Río de la Plata, touching at various Uruguayan ports and enjoying the beaches. He speaks good English and French, bad Italian and Portuguese and a little bit of schrecklich German.



Brian & Chris Skinner

"My boating days began in the 1960's when I learned to sail on a clinker built boat on the Solent. I then started a yearly event of taking my children and their friends on the Norfolk Broads for a cruising and sailing holiday. I finally purchased my own cruiser 20 years ago, and as I had been a Rotarian since 1974, I joined IYFR, and was first a founder member of the Suffolk Fleet. As my

BRIAN SKINNER COMMODORE OF GB & I

boat was on the Broads I later transferred to the Broads Fleet. I have been President of my own Rotary Club of Hertford, and also Commodore of the Broads Fleet. During the year I was Commodore, I was proposed to the GB&I Bridge as Rear Commodore, and have climbed the ladder until I took over as Commodore GB&I in July 2002.

I have travelled extensively since taking office, and have attended Barcelona and Brisbane Conventions, and am hoping to be in Osaka this year. I had the great pleasure of crewing for Ken Winter during the America's Cup final races, a unique and remarkable experience which I will remember all my life. I have attended 2 National and 3 District Conferences, and have visited all the Fleets in Britain except one, which I shall go to in the Spring, before I hand over to our Vice Commodore Chris Bishop in July. It has been a great privilege for me to serve in this post, and a wonderful climax to my years in IYFR. Chris and I have three daughters and a son, and seven grandchildren."



Hidenobu & Mizuko Hiraoka

RC HIDENOBU HIRAKA COMMODORE of JAPAN MAIN BRIDGE

Commodore Hidenobu Hiraoka was born on July 23rd, 1929. On March, 1954 he graduated from Osaka University School of Science, Department of Mathematics. He has held various executive positions in social and educational organizations like Social Welfare Corporation Nankai Welfare Association, Incorporated Foundation Osaka Prefectural Marina Association, Osaka Prefectural Fencing Association, Incorporated Foundation Osaka Amateur Sports Association, Social Welfare Corporation Shion Gakuen, Educational Foundation Seifu Gakuen and Seifu Nankai Gakuen, Educational Foundation Koyasan Gakuen, All Japan High School Athletic Federation, Osaka Private Schools' Society for the Study of Mathematic Education, Osaka Prefectural Sports & Education Promotion Foundation, Incorporated Foundation Japan Gymnastic Association, Osaka High School Athletic Association Yacht Club, Incorporated Foundation Youth Service Osaka, All Japan Private Junior High School Headmaster Association Compulsory Education Study Committee, The Eastern Institute Inc. Hamano Life Science Research Foundation, Osaka Prefectural Sport Baton Association, Osaka Prefectural Board of Education Cheering-up Children Project Executive Committee.

For his dedicated work and services, he obtained several awards, including the Order of Merits in Education by Governor of Osaka, Order of Merits in Education by Minister of Education, the Blue Ribbon Medal, Osaka Sport Award (for promotion of physical education) and The Forth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.

He has also written two books, with the titles of "OSHIERU KOKORO, HAGUKUMU KOKORO"(Heartful Education, Heartful Fostering) and "HITO' SODATERU' TO IUKOTO" (What bringing up children means).

Commodore Hiraoka is a member of Osaka Minami (South) Rotary Club, where he served as Club President during the term of 1999 - 2000. He is happily married and has one daughter & two sons.

BEAUFORT SCALE OF WIND FORCE

Beaufort Wind Force	Mean Wind Speed in knots Measured at a height of 33 ft. above sea level	Descriptive Terms	Sea Criterion	Probable Height of Waves in feet
0	0	Calm	Sea like a mirror	---
2	5	Light breeze	Small wavelets	1/2
3	9	Gentle breeze	Large wavelets	2
4	13	Moderate breeze	Small waves	3 1/2
5	18	Fresh breeze	Moderate waves	6
6	24	Strong breeze	Large waves	10 1/2
7	30	Moderate gale	Sea heaps up	13 1/2
8	37	Fresh gale	Moderately high waves	18
9	44	Strong gale	High waves	23
10	52	Whole gale	Very high waves	29
11	60	Storm	Exceptionally high waves	37
12	68	Hurricane	The air is filled with foam	45

OSAKA POST-CONVENTION CRUISE

Join us in Nara and Kyoto, the UNESCO world heritage cities.

Post-Convention Cruise (Nara- Lake Biwa -Kyoto) 550 USD



Toudai-ji (Biggest wooden building in the world)



Daibutsu (15m Buddha)



Biwako Hotel



Chimoto: Famous Japanese restaurant in Kyoto



Nijo-joh

Thursday 27 May

In the morning, group tours to Nara, the ancient capital city of Japan. Visit to the Toudai-ji temple, the largest wood-made architecture in the world, and the big Buddha.

In the evening, we have a welcome party in an old famous Japanese restaurant in Kyoto. Enjoy Japanese traditional entertainment played by Maiko and Geisha girls. This should be very impressive experience even for Japanese IYFR members. Stay in a beautiful lakeside hotel of Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, at night.

Friday 28 May (Biwako Hotel)

Visit world-famous Kinkaku-ji temple and Nijo-joh castle. Enjoy their historical architectures and beautiful gardens.

In the afternoon, we will have time for shopping in the down-town Kyoto.

We stay in the same hotel and enjoy western-style dinner with a fantastic view of Lake Biwa. Yachting in the Lake Biwa may be available.

Saturday 29 May

After breakfast we say goodbye. However we strongly recommend you to attend our optional tour to Kushimoto, a small cape-town at the southern end of the Kii peninsula.



Kinkaku-ji (Golden pavilion)

Optional Trip (Kushimoto - Ooshima) 250 USD

- A cruise in friendship of Japan -

Saturday 29 May (Kushimoto Royal Hotel)

We take a comfortable express train running seaside to Kushimoto. Enjoy a spectacle view of beautiful coastline. Kushimoto has a long history of cultural exchanges with Turkey since a ship of Turkish Navy was wrecked there 115 years ago. We visit the monument for Turkish martyrs with Kushimoto RC members and also pay a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Kushimoto. We are confident that this optional tour will be very nice and impressive. Please join us!



The Turkish Monument

Sunday 30 May

After breakfast we head back home via Osaka.

What does the registration include?

Hotels, all breakfasts and all luncheons, Rotary party dinners and tour bus fee. Items of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, drinks, additional tours and extra meals are not included.

Cost of the tour:

1. Nara-Lake Biwa - Kyoto : 550 US\$
2. Optional trip Kushimoto - Ooshima : 250 US\$

Reservation:

Please send Registration Details before 10th of April.

To : Kozo Kajino & Makio Hasegawa
IYFR Commodore of Osaka Bay Fleet & Keihan Travel Service
FAX +81 72 844 9846

Registration Details:

- For 1. Nara - Lake Biwa - Kyoto
2. Nara - Lake Biwa - Kyoto + Kushimoto - Ooshima

Name :

Address :

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Telephone : Fax No :

Email Address :

This booking form is for Post Convention Cruise only.

IYFR Hotel at the Convention!!!

For the Convention in Osaka, accommodation has been secured for IYFR members, all in one complex. Mitsui Garden Hotel Osaka has been reserved for IYFR members (from 22 to 26th). This hotel is very convenient and comfortable for a long stay in Osaka, very near to the Convention hotel (Osaka Rihga Royal Hotel) and Osaka station. The accommodation will cost about US\$130 per room per day including breakfast and tax.

To make a reservation, please send reservation sheet before 10th of April.

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IYFR Commodore of Osaka Bay Fleet & Keihan Travel Service
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Reservation sheet:

For IYFR Hotel (Mitsui Garden Hotel Osaka)

Name :

Address :

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Telephone : Fax No :

Email Address :

This booking form is for IYFR Hotel only.

Visit of IC Ferit Biren to New Zealand

John Mills
Regional Commodore NZ

"Lunch on the Pacific Mermaid". Seated Left to Right:
Ferit Biren, Ken Winter, Marcia Mills, John Mills,
Terry Stretton, Meryl Stretton, Roy Budgen.

From Feb 4th to 11th International Commodore Ferit Biren visited the NZ IYFR fleet which is based in Auckland, (the most recent former home of the Americas Cup). While here he was hosted by the NZ Fleet Commodore Bente Winter and her husband, past IC Ken who had planned for him a busy and yet relaxing sea-focused few days.

On the day following his arrival, Ferit joined 80 Rotary Mariners and their guests on board Ken & Bente's beautiful motor yacht, "Pacific Mermaid" for a harbour cruise on a tranquil summer evening. During the formal proceedings Ferit presented burgees to office holders and three new members. At about midnight after returning the cruise guests to base, the Pacific Mermaid and two IYFR sloops set out for Islington Bay in Auckland's island-studded Hauraki Gulf. Islington Bay is a sheltered harbour formed between two adjacent islands, Rangitoto Island, a volcano which rose from the sea some 700 years ago and its older sister Motutapu Island, which is being reafforested to its pre-European state with Rotary club help. The sea was calm and the evening still as a few metres of anchor chain rattled out to secure the 33 metre Mermaid. Anchor lights of perhaps fifty boats surrounded us. A gentle tug in reverse and the anchor held on the sandy bottom.

Next day was Waitangi Day, New Zealand's national day. After a leisurely breakfast on the afterdeck we motored a short distance to a favoured fishing spot to join the many hundreds of small boats anchored in the Motuihe Channel, all rod-fishing for Snapper. The Snapper were biting and boats around us were hauling in some good-sized fish. Trevor Shaw caught two Snapper for lunch. IC Ferit returned his catch to the sea -but not before Barbara Budgen had recorded his fishing exploit for you all to see!

February 2004



In the evening we were joined by 60 members and guests of the Waiheke Island Rotary Club, for a dinner cruise around the Auckland Harbour to view the city. As we did, a wonderful red and gold sunset backlit the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Auckland is a beautiful city by night and we were delighted to be able to show it off to IC Ferit, from a few metres off the wharves as we glided by the busy restaurants that crowd the waterfront area of Princes Wharf.

During Saturday we cruised around the northern side of Waiheke Island going ashore at Garden Cove, a beautiful, largely enclosed bay with a broad white sandy beach ringed with Pohutkawa trees (the NZ Christmas tree –so called as at that time of the year it is covered in bright red flowers). Many families were on the beach playing cricket or picnicking under the shade of the trees. That evening we anchored at Man of War Bay, close to a commercial shell fish farm. Ferit was intrigued with the farm and spent some time inspecting, from the Mermaid's inflatable tender, the pontoons and their suspended shellfish laden hangers.

On the final day of the cruise we completed our circumnavigation of the 12-mile-long Island and headed back to Islington Bay where Past Commodore Roy Budgen and Barbara and their guest, Trevor Shaw reboarded their vintage yacht "Tuahine", and Vice Commodore Terry and Meryl Stretton reboarded their yacht Taranui to sail back to Auckland in a stiff westerly breeze. As evening fell, Ken and



"Lunch on the Pacific Mermaid". Seated Left to Right: Brian Dickinson, Terry Stretton, Meryl Stretton, Roy Budgen, Ken Winter, Bente Winter, Ferit Biren, Trevor Shaw, Marcia Mills, Barbara Budgen, John Mills.



Ferit Biren with "typical" NZ Shapper.

Bente, Ferit, Brian Dickinson (consummate story teller), and John & Marcia Mills returned Pacific Mermaid to her berth in the Viaduct Basin through the usual Auckland Sunday-evening armada of returning yachts and power boats.

Monday was a day of sightseeing with the Winters. Ferit particularly enjoyed the Maritime Museum, with its focus on the maritime exploits of the NZ Maori people who arrived here after sailing the Pacific in their asymmetric, double ended catamarans to settle in New Zealand a thousand years or so ago. They tacked by reversing the bow and stern and moving the sail across.

On Tuesday evening Ferit, accompanied by Commodore Bente Winter, Past International Commodore Ken Winter, NZ RC John Mills, Past Commodores Hugh Garlick and Angus Rogers and a number of IYFR members, addressed the Remuera Rotary club, which has a staunch IYFR membership. He said the primary purpose of his visit to New Zealand was to thank Ken Winter and his International Bridge of the past two years, for their contribution to the development and strengthening of IYFR. The organization which has been passed on to him is in excellent heart.

The following day Ferit returned home. His visit was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by us all. We had had a fine old time with much good humour, laughter and the odd practical joke.



"At the end of a long night". IC Ferit Biren, Commodore Bente Winter, past IC Ken Winter, past Commodore Roy Budgen.



On the Bridge of the Pacific Mermaid. Seated Left to Right, IC Ferit Biren, past IC Ken Winter, Meryl Stretton, Brian Dickinson, RC John Mills, Trevor Shaw and VC Terry Stretton.

News From World Fleets

IYFR Hawaii Fleet

Calendar of Events



- **February 7, 2004**
Members of the Hawaii Fleet, gathered at lunch at LaMarina, which was followed by afternoon raft-up in the lagoon.
- **March 7, 2004**
Vasconcellos Cup race
- **March 27, 2004**
Europa Ball - The Austrian Association of Hawaii together with active European Clubs in Hawaii and the Yachting Fellowship of Rotary invite you to participate in our Europa Ball on Saturday March 27, 2004 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel Tropics Show Room.
- **April 2004**
Sail to Ko'olina/barbeque/overnight
- **May 2004**
Watch Friday night race and dinner at Waikiki Yacht Club

IYFR San Francisco Fleet Calendar of Events

Sail In to the Marina Bay Yacht Club

April 28th - 29th,

Saturday April 28th, 2004

- 17:00** - Arrive at the Yacht Club for Social hour.
18:00 - Dinner
19:30 - Program

Sunday, April 29th, 2004 Commodore's Breakfast.

Saturday the 28th is the day before opening day on the bay. Our visit here will make it extremely convenient for you to join those festivities if you wish Sunday morning.

Sail In to the San Francisco Yacht Club, Tiburon

July 3rd - 4th

Saturday July 3rd, 2004

- 18:00** - Arrive at the Yacht Club for Social hour.
19:00 - Dinner
20:30 - Program

Sunday July 4th, 2004

Commodore's Breakfast.
Join us for a light breakfast before departing for home. We are working on arrangements to allow you to stay through the evening to watch the fireworks on the bay if desired.
We are still working on the details for this event. We will post them on our web-site as soon as they are available.

From the January Newsletter of the Vancouver fleet

Newsletters are great fellowship promotional tools, and give members service and event ideas that they might use in their fleets.

Copied below is part of a newsletter from the Vancouver Canada fleet. FVC Otto Rieve has been very diligent about sending out regular newsletters and emails of participation encouragement, as well as forwarding information about IYFR events and activities to his fleet membership. We congratulate Otto on his continuing efforts to help with fleet and IYFR promotion.

Yours in Rotary Mariner Fellowship,
IVC Bill Robinson

Summer Event

Victoria and Seattle Fleets will hold their annual rendezvous or raft up in August. As it will be in Canada this year, I'm hoping that members will attend this and that we will see a few Vancouver Fleet boats out. The Regional Commodore is hoping that two more US fleets will be formed and chartered soon. Let's make a good showing from the Vancouver Fleet and support the Victoria Fleet in making this a bang-up event in the Gulf Islands.

Have Fun
Otto Rieve, Scribe
Vice Commodore & Treasurer

A new Fleet to be chartered

The Cascade Group is to be chartered on Friday March 19th, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Seattle Yacht Club. Contact Brody Kunz (Work) 253-630-0177 or (Home) 425-413-7567 kunzaba@comcast.net. Mark this in your diary and let's go down as a large delegation to meet with our Seattle and Victoria Rotary Mariners to welcome the new fleet.



*"I must go down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide,

It is a wild call and a clear call
that may not be denied;

And all I ask is a windy day
with the white clouds flying,

And the flung spray and the blown plume,
and the seagulls crying."*

John Masefield

A First Mate's Checklist

33 Things She Needs to Know to Really be a First Mate

Whether the first mate takes formal lessons or learns "on the job," here is a list of skills and knowledge that will help her deal effectively with unexpected situations while underway. Though the list leans more toward the sailing side of boating, many of the skills are "vessel neutral." Both partners should review and revise the list to fit their own boat and circumstances.

Boat Handling

- Basic sailing skills (raising/lowering sails, use of roller furling, tacking, jibing, trimming)
- Engine operation (starting, throttle)
- Maneuvering in forward and reverse
- Docking
- Use of autopilot (setting course, changing course)

Anchoring

- Understanding of the physics of anchoring and how they apply to the boat in various conditions
- Dropping and raising anchor
- Use of anchor snubber

Engine

- Location of fuel filters and how to change inserts
- How to bleed engine
- Location of impeller and how to change
- How to install engine belts

Navigation

- Chart reading
- Plotting position and course
- GPS (getting a fix, reading bearing/speed, entering and using waypoints)
- Hand held compass use (triangulation)
- Use of boat's navigation lights
- Understanding light patterns of other vessels

Heavy Weather

- Mainsail reefing
- Headsail/staysail reefing

Safety

- Use of jack lines and life vests
- Location of basic tool kit and use of contents

Communications

- VHF radio operation
- SSB/Ham radio operation
- Emergency transmission protocol

Emergency

- Emergency tiller location and installation
- EPIRB location and use
- Liferaft deployment
- Man overboard procedure
- Mast ascension
- Propane shut off
- Through hull locations and shut off/plugging procedures
- Use of first aid kit contents (including instruments such as a blood pressure cuff or a defibrillator)

From the web-site
www.takehersailing.com

Ancient Mariners Sail the Pacific



Max Besenbruch, left, Don Rudd, Herman Allerstorfer and Peter Pohl at the beginning of the 6,000-mile voyage to points in the South Pacific.

This adventure sail would probably never have happened if there were no International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. Without IYFR these four brave men, Captain Max Besenbruch, 79, Herman Allersdorfer, 77, Peter Pohl, 73 and Don Rudd, 72, all over seventy years, might never have met. The Hawaii fleet of IYFR brought them together. Together they sailed 6,000 miles without serious incident, thus earning international recognition and our applause!

Dates set for the 2004 Little America's Cup

The Trustees of the International Catamaran Challenge Trophy (ICCT) have announced that the 24th running of the event better known as "The Little America's Cup" will be hosted by Southern Yacht Club (New Orleans, La.) from October 18-23, 2004.

Created in 1961 by Sea Cliff Yacht Club, the Little America's Cup is a match racing event sailed in catamarans and contested between countries. Challengers from countries other than that of the defender's country vie for the right to face the defender's representative. John Lovell and Charlie Ogletree, representing Southern Yacht Club, won the 2003 Little America's Cup which, for the first time since 1976, was decided by the final match in the best four-out-of-seven finals.

The Trustees have also announced that the 18-HT class has been selected for the 2004 event. Competitors will be allowed to bring their own boat which will permit teams to take advantage of the development aspects of the 18-HT class. The 18-HT class will assume measurement responsibilities for the event and will coordinate charters through multiple builders for any teams requiring them.

Teams interested in chartering should contact 18-HT class representative Hunt Stookey at hstookey@earthlink.net. Additional information on the 18-HT class is available at www.18htclass.com. The Notice of Race is expected to be available by the end of the year. However, the format for racing will remain the same -- short-course, umpired match races -- based on the enthusiastic response of competitors at the 2003 Little America's Cup.

IYFR Regalia



1	Blue Burgee 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 Burgee (12"x18")	\$ 19.00
5	IYFR Tie (navy/blue diagonal stripe/burgee)	\$ 19.00
6	IYFR Ladies Crosstie	\$ 20.00
7	White Epaulette Shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL)	\$ 40.00
8	T-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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