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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

I invite my fellow IFORians around the world to join me in celebrating and welcoming our newest fleet, the Punta del Este fleet. Not only do we have a new fleet but we have added yet another country where IYFR is represented, Uruguay!

Mid March my first mate Bev and I traveled south, first to Argentina and then on to Uruguay to participate in the fleet chartering. And what an exciting week it turned out to be for us. We were met at the Ezeiza airport by International Area 2 Commodore, Guillermo Arteta and Monica. After a whirlwind tour of Buenos Aires we ended up at the Arteta's for a dinner with just the four of us enjoying some IYFR fellowship and Monica's wonderful dinner as we renewed our friendships after last seeing each other this past August when Guillermo and Monica toured the west coast of the United States and joined us for the IYFR fleets rendezvous at Friday Harbor in Washington.

The next day was an opportunity to just relax and make sure our internal time clocks were properly reset; with only a four hour time difference between San Francisco and Buenos Aires this was not that difficult.

More of a challenge was finding our missing luggage that the airline had "misplaced" and which contained the Punta del Este's regalia order along with most of Bev's cloths. Never the less we hit the road for an afternoon visit to the marina, Club Náutico San Isidro, where the Arteta's keep their boat and a wonderful lunch on the patio of the restaurant overlooking the marina.

The next day was a special lunch hosted by Regional Commodore (So. America) Roberto Celentano at his home outside of Buenos Aires. This was a traditional Argentine BBQ with assorted meats cooked table-side and numerous side dishes. As I recall there was also a little wine served as well.

Turning to the main purpose of the visit, the next day found us boarding a Pluna flight for the short hop over to Montevideo Uruguay and a drive out to Punta del Este to meet with the officers designate of the new fleet. A quick review of the "plans" for the chartering of the new fleet that was to take place that evening as part of a regular Moldonado Rotary meeting.

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Close to a hundred Rotarians attended the meeting that night including the district governor and the head of the local naval contingent to watch our ceremony as I was able to swear in the new Fleet Commodore, Angélica Mesistrano, preside over the signing of the fleet charter agreement by the officers and members of the fleet and finally present the fleet with its charter and declare them our newest IYFR fleet.

The next day started with more IYFR fun! Several members of the new fleet led by Commodore Angélica met us at our hotel and we headed out for the main yacht harbor of Punta del Este which is a long peninsula with the Rio Plata on one side and the Atlantic on the other; in all probably only a half mile or so wide in the downtown area. A very popular recreational area during the summer months, it was not as active at this time of the year... but we were!

The weather was a bit dicey. A huge storm moved through the area just as we were finishing breakfast at the hotel and when we left for the marina the word was that they had closed the harbor for safety reasons. Not hard to understand with the dark ominous clouds, lightening and thunder off in the distance and occasional torrential rains. Our boat ride was looking like wishful thinking. But after a few calls we found out that the worst had passed and the harbor was reopened for boating so it was aboard the boat for a delightful cruise along the coast line. Eventually we reached the "Casapueblo" of Carlos Miguel Páez Vileró the world famous artist. We were planning on going here in the afternoon for a tour but first I need to digress a bit...

Páez Vileró is famous for his various depictions of the sun amongst other thing and the Punta del Este fleet had gained permission to use one of Páez Vileró's many suns on their fleet burgee! What an honor for the fleet! Take a look at the depiction of this emblem.... it was displayed at the chartering ceremony and soon will be available to all of their members to fly on their boats!

Returning to our boat ride, however, the sky had remained ominous for most of our journey but was turning worse and the seas were rising so it was time to turn around and head back to Punta del Este. The rest of our journey would need to be by car.

After a tour of the Casapueblo, that we had seen by sea, it was time for lunch at Club de los Balleneros,

or Whaler's club, where we might have been able to land had the weather and seas been more favorable. By the time we reached there the seas were whitecaps as far as one could see and the waters were crashing over the small breakwater that formed the otherwise unprotected small boat harbor... not an inviting place to land. But the club, who had opened just for our visit, presented a fantastic lunch. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon of fellowship.

Soon it was time to head back to Montevideo and the quick flight back to Buenos Aires. But our day was not yet over. Arriving back there, we made a mad dash by taxi to the Colón concert house, certainly one of the most impressive buildings in Buenos Aires, for a featuring famed cellist Julian Loyd Webber and Prokofiev's Suite from Romeo and Juliet. Arranged by IYFORian Leon Turjanski it was an absolutely stunning conclusion to a fantastic day.



Friday the two Argentine fleets, hosted a joint meeting at the Yacht Club Argentino offering us all an opportunity to meet, mingle, and talk about the Fellowship and our activities around the world. The welcome was both warm and sincere. We ended up feeling like we had known the people we just met for years.

Our last day of IYFR activities saw a number of the Rio de Plata fleet members joining us on Guillermo and Monica's boat, Hechicero, for a cruise up the river and a wonderful meal of chorizo and beef sandwiches - which was followed by a big surprise when the officers of the yacht club presented me, as the representative of IYFR, with a framed club burgee. After the event the IYFORians all retired to Viejo Lobo, the boat of Eduardo d'Alessio, for a final gathering before splitting up and heading home on our respective vessels.

All too soon, it was time to catch a plane back to California. It was a wonderful and whirlwind week and Bev and I thank all of the Rotarians and fleet members who made this such a memorable trip for us.

The Jugendkutter projekt is a friends-association

The association Kieler Jugendkutterprojekt“ co-operates with a number of schools. They build up groups of interested kids and once a week each group takes part in a sailing trip on the Kiel waters. Those who are interested in sailing sign-up to get a place on one of the holiday sailing trips. Here, popular sailing areas are the *Schlei*, *Flensburg Fjord* or the waters around the Danish Islands.



Clara carries ten peoples - normally eight youths and two advisors/skippers. The trip uses an open boat so camping overnight is necessary.

A youth group from Kiel enjoys a sailing trip through the Als-Sound in Denmark on board of the little schooner „Clara“: Sailing, camping, cooking their meals, camp fire, music... Who is lucky to be on a trip like this has been sailing with „Clara“ before on schooldays in one of the many groups arranged by the „Jugendkutterprojekt“ and local schools.

The Jugendkutterprojekt is organized as a friends-association. There are 65 members at the moment. The membership fees are used to pay for all the running costs of the association, like harbour dues, assurances and the maintenance of the boat(s). Some members also voluntarily work on the boats in their free time.

The youths and children who can take part in the sailing activities are not members. They only pay for the holiday trips which costs 60 euros a week. The



costs of 1 euro per kid for the weekly sailing groups are taken over by their schools.

This makes the sailing activities affordable for kids from socially weak families. The Jugendkutterprojekt has one official half-time employee who is normally paid by the city of Kiel and the “Landessportverband” (project: integration via sport).

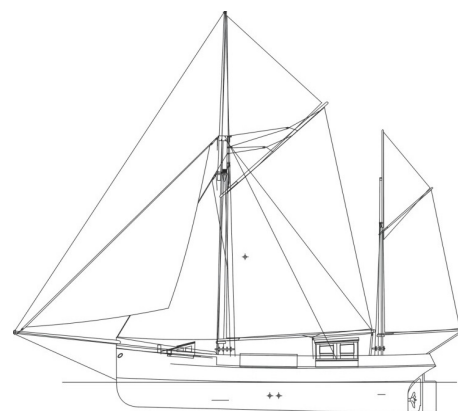
The sailing season for an open boat is limited to only a few months of the year. Therefore, the association started looking for a bigger, decked vessel. They came across the *Seestern*. She is a 15 m steel built vessel which will be equipped with 12 berths for crew and skippers. *Seestern* will improve and open up the association’s work considerably. With her, holiday sailing trips will then be possible in spring and autumn, too. In the wintertime, the vessel can also be used as a meeting point for the kids.

In 2010, *Seestern*’s hull was completely overhauled in the shipyard and work is now concentrated on

fitting out the rooms, engine and rigging. This all was – and still is – made possible by the sponsoring of the shipyard with big and small donations from many other organisations and people. The Rotary-Club-Kiel-Eider supports the Jugendkutterprojekt and the work on *Seestern* regularly from a variety of collections and donations. As an example, a benefit-concert in 2011 provided the project with 7.500 euros which really helped push the rebuilding of *Seestern* further on its way.

Also, the latest donation of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians Grant Application for safety and navigation system is very welcome, it helped us complete the equipment. *Seestern*“ will be launched in spring or early summer 2013, taking up her berth in Kiel, being ready for her work with youths and children or other guests as well.

Further details around the Kieler Jugendkutterprojekt can be found under www.kutterprojekt.de.



Madrid Fleet of IYFR in Volvo Ocean Race-Around -the World

At the start of the Volvo Race-Around -the World, 100 Madrid IYFR members boarded a large catamaran and then attended a gala to celebrate the race.

The first 24 hours, navigation in the stretch to the Strait of Gibraltar punished crews with a combination of wind and waves. This situation forced the withdrawal to port two of the six ships of the fleet, with different damage.

The *Abu Dhabi* had their stick break into three parts, after jumping of a wave at 30 knots of wind pushing it. The damage, without human damage, forced Ian Walker's boat to head back to Rome, where



he is expected to spend three days for repair, before returning to the race. Also the *Sanya* Chinese center suffered problems in the early hours Sunday, when sailing with 43 knots of wind on the waves of more ten meters. Mike Sanderson - winner and a Volvo Ocean Race, Round the World, confirmed that "We are all good, though disappointed," while motoring towards Motril to fix its flaws. The last part of yesterday positions of the Volvo Ocean Race contained fleets divided into two groups, both sailing upwind against a wind from the west. Facing the Spanish south coast were the *Telefonica* and *Puma* were at 26 knots and about wave feet. At the same time, off the North African coast sailed the *Camper* and *Groupama* with 28 knots of wind and waves three meters high. The four were moving at speeds close to the ten way nodes near the Gibraltar Strait, the first turning point the Volvo. *Written by Bernardo Rabassa*

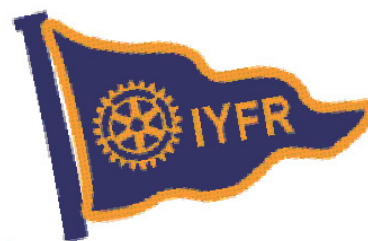
Opening of the Third IYFR Fleet in Iberia

IYFR members are invite to the opening of the Third Fleet IYFR in Iberia, to be held in Alicante on 21 April. The fleet was started in Barcelona on 14 July 2010 and Madrid on May 21, 2009.

IYFR and authorities, the Commodore Clint Collier World and Area Commodore Sergio Santi decided to create the Iberia area, entrusting me and Carlo d'Amore, Commodore and Vice Commodore of that area respectively, with the hope of expanding the fleet to Portugal North and South of Spain, North Africa, Gibraltar and Andorra. On April 21, we will install Vice Commodore Juan Luis Ubeda Harriero and Clemente Ubeda respectively in the fleet of Madrid.

It would be a great honor, with Sergio Santi and Clint Collier attending this event, that you could attend as a show of camaraderie. Described below is the program created with the tremendous efforts by promoter Pascual Rosser, who belongs to the Rotary Club of Alicante Harbour. We are bringing together more than 60 Rotarians from many clubs in District 2203.

Many thanks, and send you warm embrace of your fellow Rotarians in the last 34 years and Mariner for 3. *Written by Bernardo Rabassa, Commodore of Madrid Fleet of IYFR.*



Attention: IYFR Members,

The IYFR Istanbul fleet is planning a regatta between 10th-19th May 2012, from Istanbul to Samsun in the Black Sea. The regatta is open for extension to Batum, Crimea, Odessa, Costanza, Varna and back to Istanbul. Please announce this event to your IYFR members.

Kind regards,
PIC Ferit Biren, 2003-2005

Italian IYFR Visits Kiel

We departure at 15.30 from Milan Malpensa Airport, some 200 km from home-base. It's hot, unexpectedly, spring has blown up this very morning and we wear and carry in clothes that are already too heavy. But we are waiting for the worst: weather forecast for Hamburg area is polar cold, snow, wind.

At our arrival at Hamburg airport, we were greeted



by Jens, the German Region Commodore. We had another trip to Kiel, where we reach the beautiful house of our hosts Jens and Elke.

Supper consists of typical North German plates and warmth: between smoked

Kieler Sprotten (a sort of local baby herrings) and a spoon of tiny shrimps, between a glass of beer and one of white wine, we meet and know each other. Siegmund the North Fleet Commodore and his wife Inge, Eckhard the Past RC and Ingrid, have also come to welcome and meet us and the time runs quickly. We left Kiel with Jens and Eckhard and at the railway station we saw the monument dedicated to blind men and women. The Rotary Club of Kiel presented to the city: a hollow 3 mt plus tower in bronze with the map of the station and the signals of the route to reach the tracks ... exactly what a person needs to find his way even if he doesn't see! *From Laura Padoan's Log Book*

Ahoy members

A revised version of the proposed changes to the General Rules has now been released and is available for review in the Members | Documents | 2012 section of our web site.

Along with this, a brief explanation of proposed changes has been updated as well. We want to thank the many individuals who contributed thoughtful and helpful comments on potential problems they foresaw with the initial set of proposals.

The Executive Committee discussed these in detail and, in most cases, agreed with the majority of those concerns and this new document reflects taking those concerns into account.

This month, the members of the Fellowship will be asked to vote on these proposals with the final results to be announced at the AGM in Bangkok. Information on this will be forthcoming in the next issue of Rotafloat and will be distributed electronically, first to the International and Fleet officers and then all of the members of the fellowship.

This is the first time since our General Rules were amended last year where everyone will have an opportunity to vote on proposed General Rules changes, not just the members attending the AGM, and we hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to have a greater say in the management of your organization.

Bahceshir Rotary Club

Bahcesehir Rotary is a small local club founded in Bahcesehir, a new satellite city outside Istanbul, Turkey, in 1996 within IR Zone 2420.

Like all other Rotary Clubs around the world, the members of the club has one purpose in common; to help others.

Let's Sail Together

We will set sail on 12 May, 2012 from Dolmabahce and will arrive in Samsun, a northern city lies on the Blacksea costs of Turkey, on 19 May, 2012. Along the route we will stop in Poyrazkoy, Amasra, Inebolu and

Sinop. Those who wish to join us, with their boats, are most welcome, provided they register and get the necessary legal documentation.

Families Meeting in Samsun

RotaAta project has already excited many who have heard about it. We aim to distribute about 30,000 books along the route in towns and cities. A group of students will also accompany us by coach from Istanbul to Samsun. RotaAta will become an annual celebration to spread love and brotherhood. Our target for 2012 is to donate a search&rescue host to DAKSAR.

Ryal Hong Kong Yacht Club donates Five Flying Fifteens to IYFR

A great and auspicious occasion for the IYFR-Philippine Fleet receiving donation of Five Flying Fifteen Sailboats from the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Flying The simple ceremony and signing of the deed of donation was done at the Royal Hong-Kong Yacht Club last February 21, 2012 between the author and Lucy Sutro formally witnessed by FC Douglas Hsia and FC Howard Williams followed by a lunch at the club that the author also hosted. The



evening was capped with a sumptuous and memorable Peking Duck dinner. The five boats

will augment and beef up the four Flying fifteen fleet in Subic Bay to nine boats that will enhance the interest, development and promotion of one design sailing and club racing in Subic Bay. Commodore Ricky Sandoval's Watercraft Ventures company has arranged the shipment of the boats on a 40 ft container on February 25 and expected to arrive in the 1st week of March.

In Subic Bay, IRC Jun and Commo. Ricky Sandoval are committed to

set up the Subic Bay Flying Fifteen Association and Sailing Club and school for the benefit of the IYFR members, SBFPZ sailing community, sailing fraternity and people young and old who simply want to learn to sail at the free port zone. Perhaps a start to produce top notch sailors to compete in the FF World in the future.



In Memory of Vice Commodore Paul Quaile



The whole of IYFR, GB & I was rocked by the news of the sudden death of our Vice Commodore Paul Quaile, just before Christmas. Paul was to take over as Commodore, GB & I, at Ellesmere Port in July and we were all looking forward to having him at the helm.

Paul had been involved in sailing from an early age, sailing many types of dinghies over the years, and becoming a Royal Yachting Association dinghy sailing instructor, before owning his own 26ft yacht, 'Cyanara', which he kept on the Solway, between England and Scotland.

He had also been similarly heavily involved in the Scouts, receiving high awards in recognition of his achievements and it was in the Scouts that he met Joan, whom he went on to marry. They had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, shortly before his untimely death.

Paul, a Chartered Accountant by profession, joined Rotary, in which he also became very involved and was duly awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He combined his love of sailing with that of Rotary and joined IYFR, becoming a member of the previous North Wales Fleet, and subsequently the GB Fleet, when they disbanded. He soon put his professional skills to use, when he acted as Auditor for GB & I for a number of years, before joining the GB & I Bridge as Rear Commodore. He took on extension and was instrumental in the formation of the new North Wales Fleet. He also had ideas for further new fleets in the Liverpool area.

He was a man of integrity, who had much to contribute and whose advice could always be relied on. He will be sorely missed by us all. Our thoughts are very much with Joan and her family.

Meeting with the Western Australia Fleet in Perth

During our cruise to see Chris' Brother and family in Auckland, we were lucky enough to meet up with members of the Western Australia Fleet in Perth. We received a grand welcome as Ron Geary and Commodore James Lloyd met us off the ship. They hosted



us for the whole day, took us out for a superb lunch overlooking a beautiful yacht Club, and showed us the sights of Perth and

Fremantle. We were most grateful to them and their wives. Then on our return to the ship we met Regional Commodore Reg Willis and his wife, who joined us on our cruise. It was great to meet them all and chat about their Fleets.

Following our completion of the cruise, Chris and I travelled to Auckland, staying with Chris' Brother (also a member of IYFR) He and his wife took us up to the Bay of Islands and we were welcomed on board Pacific Mermaid by Ken and Bente Winter, with Terry and Meryl Stretton and Ken and Margaret Linkhorn on board too. As usual the Winters were fantastic hosts and having already hosted the local Rotary Club on board the previous night, we all went to Waitangi Yacht Club

for dinner with the Bay of Islands Fleet, their Commodore Roger Toplis, and other Rotarians. What a delightful place and the view was magnificent.



On the Saturday, Pacific Mermaid again played host to more than 80 people, when a great evening was had by all. We ate a wonderful meal provided by Bente and her helpers, and with more chatter, plenty to drink, and a super sing song with Roger playing his guitar and Ian Faulkner leading the singing, and it was truly a most successful evening.

Of great interest, was the presence of Herwig

Paretzke and his fellow mariner Fred Koch, who were on their Round the World sail. He had brought his boat Jonathan to the area to see us all, and we were even invited to inspect it. Herwig offered to take more crew with him on his next leg and two of our number, Robin and Maggie Cooter, on holiday from England joined him and Fred to sail to Sydney.

Our stay included swimming, fishing and sailing into beautiful bays, and the last day included a visit to Butler Point to see the Whaling Museum and the homestead. We all had a super picnic lunch prepared by Roger and Jill Toplis. A most interesting day to end our trip. Next day we returned to Auckland and continued our holiday.

We thank all our hosts who made our visits so delightful, and we really benefited from the wonderful Fellowship experienced in IYFR.

Bryan and Chris Skinner
Past International Commodore



YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

For the first time in IYFR history, each member will be able to vote on proposed changes to our rules. In the past, you needed to be present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Rotary International Convention. Last year, the fellowship adopted a change to allow all members of the fellowship to vote via the internet.

What do you need to do? Just three things:

STEP 1 – Ensure that you have the correct email address in the IYFR database.

STEP 2 – Watch for a pre-voting email. This email, which will include where to learn more about the proposed changes you will vote on, as well as instructions on how to actually vote.

STEP 3 – Watch for your voting invitation email and click on the personalized link to cast your vote.

Results of the election will be announced at the AGM in Bangkok at 8AM on May XX at the MAC Convention Center.

It's important that you cast your vote as soon as possible. Voting will cut off on April 30, 2012. You will only be allowed to vote once and votes may only be cast via the personalized link found in your voting invitation email.



In accordance with the approved rules of IYFR, the voting and supporting documents are available only in English. If you need help translating the materials, please contact your Fleet Commodore.

In addition to the proposed changes, we also ask if you are planning on attending the convention in Bangkok and Lisbon. (We are asking these questions in order to allow us to plan for the AGM. If you're interested in helping out at the IYFR Booth in the House of Friendship, you will also be able to indicate this as well.

Thank you for becoming a part of history! Your voice will now be able to be heard no matter where you are in the world. *Written by Jeff Kasper*

IYFR in Action



A Reminder About Dues

The dues for membership in IYFR remain at a very modest \$10us per person. Most people pay those dues through their fleet with the fleet collecting an additional amount for their local administrative needs.

Independent members are in a “fleet” administered by the International Bridge and their dues are \$30us per person.

Dues are calculated based upon our membership on the 1st of July each year, the beginning of the Rotary year. They become delinquent for a fleet if not paid by the end of September.

We have a number of fleets who are still outstanding on their dues for 2011-12. Please check with your Fleet treasurer to make sure that your Fleet has paid it's dues and is in good standing with the Fellowship. Fleets who are not current will be billed for both last year's dues and this year's when the new statements come out after July 1st and, if not paid in full by the end of September will be subject to being dropped from the Fellowship.

New statements for dues will be going out this coming July. Fleet Secretaries and Commodores should begin checking their membership rosters now to insure that they are correct and reflect the correct number of members for a fleet for the July 1st listing for their fleet.

The International Bridge bases its budget upon the number of members on this date; Fleets should not be changing their counts after this date when they have received their bills.

If a fleet needs to adjust its membership the time to do so is prior to the July 1st analysis of the Fellowship's membership levels!

So, for the 2012-13 dues billing....please help us by doing the following:

1ST....UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER BEFORE JUNE 30TH. All fleets will be billed based on July 1st membership rosters. You might also want to take this opportunity when reviewing your roster to insure that everyone has a correct e-mail address listed.

2ND...UPDATE YOUR FLEET COMMODORE, TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S CONTACT EMAIL. All dues will be billed via email. Updated email addresses are required to ensure no delay in receiving dues billing.

3RD...PAY VIA PAYPAL, WIRE TRANSFER, OR CREDIT.

- By far the easiest method and by far the most cost effective method for both the fleets and the International Bridge is to pay through our PayPal account. To do this the Fleet Secretary or Treasurer simply needs to log in to the Members' Area of our web site and visit the Ships Store. There you will find a “pay Fleet Dues” option. Select it and enter a quantity equal to your total members. You can then continue on to pay either through a PayPal account, if you have one, or by entering your credit card which PayPal will validate for us. The payment will reach us within minutes. PayPal will let you enter a message when you are paying so please be sure to identify your fleet by area, region and name so we can properly apply your payments.

- If you pay via Wire, please follow the instructions that will accompany the dues billing. Once you have initiated the wire transfer please email the International Treasurer identify fleet and amount paid, the sending bank, your name, and the wire transfer number.. Again...this will help us properly apply your dues payments.

- Lastly, if you want to pay directly by credit card you can e-mail the International Treasurer (treasurer@iyfr.net) and provide the credit card number, the expiration date and the security code of the card you wish to use. The treasurer will then initiate a charge against that card. Again be sure to properly identify the fleet the payment is for by listing area, region and fleet name as well as your name and the name on the credit card.

Thank you in advance for your help in making our dues collection run as smoothly as possible and to reduce the workload of the volunteers who donate their time to administer our Fellowship! *Written by Beri Kaper, International Treasurer*