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IC Bill & Katia Robinson

## Message from the Commodore

After almost six years on the International Bridge, and two years at the helm, this is my last "Message from the Commodore." I have been honored to serve as International Commodore 2005-2007. I thank my entire International Bridge Staff and all those who have supported IYFR events during my term as IC, and my wife Katia for her work and dedication over the six years I have served on the International Bridge. I will leave office confident that the future of IYFR is in the good hands of Bryan Skinner, Terry Stretton and Clint Collier. These have been years of transition – for IYFR as an organization, and with respect to the relationship between IYFR and other Fellowships with Rotary International. It has been quite an experience...

At the 1930 RI Convention Paul Harris said, "this is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it... If Rotary is to realize its proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at all times, revolutionary on occasion." At the

2006 RI Convention, RIP Bill Boyd (as a new Honorary IYFR member) said "Lead the Way." It is President Bill's theme as RI President, and is certainly true of IYFR as the oldest and largest fellowship in Rotary.

The distributed management system initiated by PIC Ferit Biren during his term is working well. Each of the International Bridge officers now has primary responsibility for dues collection and fleet and Independent Member communications for that officer's area of the world. IRC Terry Stretton has the Asia/Pacific Region; IVC Bryan Skinner has Europe/Middle East/Africa, and I have North and South America. Our new management structure allows for appointment of Area Commodores to assist International Bridge officers on administrative matters, so that we can pay more attention to our international duties and strategic issues relating to maintenance and growth of our fellowship. I have been most grateful for the support and initiative shown by Gary Bruner as Area 2 Commodore during my term as IC.

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INTERNATIONAL  
COMMODORE

In consideration of liability issues, and RI's encouragement that fellowships be incorporated, we incorporated IYFR as a non-profit corporation in Washington State, and are applying for tax exemption under US tax laws. Other RI policies have not been as benign with regard to fellowship requirements. Twice the RI Board

adopted policies requiring fellowships to have insurance, or to contractually agree to indemnify RI against any losses; and twice IYFR took the lead for the fellowships in opposing those policies and led successful campaigns resulting in Board repeal of the policies before they took effect. Then we had to deal with membership issues - the revised RI Code of Policies for Fellowships states that "only Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors may be members of the fellowships," causing concern among some IYFR fleets that have members who have retired or left Rotary. We addressed this issue by creating a category of honorary members (see September 2006 *Rotafloat* and IYFR Rules on the website for details). Further amendments to the IYFR Rules clarify the requirement that the line officers in IYFR leadership - the elected International Bridge officers, and Area, Regional and Fleet Commodores - be active Rotarians. We have done what we can to reconcile our fleet wishes and RI policies. Despite these tensions, our management team is solidly committed to the idea that IYFR is a Rotary organization, bound by RI Policies, and dedicated to fellowship in support of the objectives of Rotary. For full discussion of

these and other amendments, please see the December 2006 *Rotafloat*, and the article on amendments in this issue, and the proposed amendments article and edited IYFR Rules under the "Document" section of the website at [www.iyfr.net](http://www.iyfr.net).

**June 2007 IYFR Events:**

For those Rotary Mariners attending the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, please note our Pre Convention Event at Christopher's Seafood and Steak House on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, a Regional and Fleet Leadership meeting at 10:30am on Sunday, and the IYFR Annual General Meeting on Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not made a decision to attend the Post Convention Cruise in the San Juan Islands, there is still time to register. Join over 30 boats and 100 IYFR members and guests who have already signed up.

Details on these events are in related articles in this issue, and on the website.

**Website:**

Another round of kudos to our IYFR Webmaster and International Rear Commodore-Elect Clint Collier. If you have not visited the website recently, please do so. It is powerful and user friendly, and Clint continues to make improvements. For tips on using the membership database and other features, see Clint's article on the website on page 14 of the December 2006 *Rotafloat*. New Members will now get an automatic welcome response and information on how to access the members only section of the website when they join IYFR.

As for content of the database and access to the website, members should update their email and contact information on the roster to ensure that they receive email communications, notices and newsletters that are broadcast to all fleet and Independent Members. Email

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**IYFR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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REGISTRATION FOR IYFR JUNE 2007 EVENTS: [treasurer@iyfr.net](mailto:treasurer@iyfr.net)

REGALIA ORDERS: [regalia@iyfr.net](mailto:regalia@iyfr.net)

[www.iyfr.net](http://www.iyfr.net)



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addresses are key to access to the website and for all communications. Be sure that your SPAM filters do not block messages from the IYFR Webmaster's email address: [webmaster@iyfr.net](mailto:webmaster@iyfr.net). Fleet Commodores, please be certain that this information is getting to your members, and that their current email addresses are on the roster.

### **Service Above Self:**

You probably read "Service Above Self on the High Seas" in the December issue of *Rotafloat* on the very successful cruise for disadvantaged children organized by the Vancouver Island Fleet. An edited version of the article appeared in the April *Rotarian* magazine, providing a great opportunity to publicize IYFR and the value of fellowships in the world of Rotary. Congratulations again to Vancouver Island Commodore, and now Regional Commodore for Western Canada, Patrick Hunt, and his Mariner colleagues for "Leading the Way" in service. Many other IYFR fleets annually perform service activities as part of our fellowship, and in support of their local Rotary clubs. Share your fleet activities by submitting articles and photos to [commodore@iyfr.net](mailto:commodore@iyfr.net) and [rotafloat@iyfr.net](mailto:rotafloat@iyfr.net). Please send photos in ".jpg" format rather than embedded in the articles.

### **Fleet News:**

IYFR has 96 fleets in 21 countries, speaking 18 languages. New fleets in the past two years include: San Juan Islands, Washington State; French Polynesia; Bay of Plenty, New Zealand; Bay of Islands, New Zealand; Germany South; Italy South East; and Golfe de St. Tropez, France and Gizycko, Poland are scheduled to be chartered this May.

As we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IYFR, we should document the history of the origin of all IYFR fleets for posterity. To all Fleet Commodores, please send available history on your fleets, including date of charter or formal organization as a fleet to: [commodore@iyfr.net](mailto:commodore@iyfr.net).

Our Fellowship makes a difference in the Rotary world. Fellowships are key to Rotary membership retention and growth. We are naturally more willing to commit to projects and people we know through common association and interests. Our common values as Rotarians and as Rotary Mariners continue to enrich our lives as we sail into the second century of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Mariner Fellowship,

*Bill Robinson*  
International Commodore



# 2005-2007

# INTERNATIONAL bridge

### ***IYFR Executive Committee:***

IC Bill Robinson

IVC Bryan Skinner

IRC Terry Stretton

### ***International Bridge Staff:***

Chief of Staff: George Futas

Administrator: Katia Robinson

Executive Secretary: Tom Kuhn

Webmaster: Clint Collier

Assistant Webmaster: John Barnsley

Treasurer: Ingrid Bruner

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Public Relations: Brody Kunz

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Rotafloat Publisher: John Kilpatrick

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Historian: Andrew Mitchell

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*(Europe, Middle East, Africa):*

Bryan Skinner

Area 2 Commodore

*(The Americas):*

Gary Bruner

Area 3 Commodore

*(Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific):*

Terry Stretton

# CELEBRATION!



Left to right: IRC Terry Stretton, IVC Bryan Skinner, PICs Andrew Mitchell, Ken Winter and Ferit Biren, and GB&I Commodore Jeni Pressdee.

The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of IYFR's founding by John Barrett in England started with the AGM of the British Fleets held at Chester from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The weekend, presided over by Jeni Pressdee, National Commodore of GB&I, kicked off with a dinner on Friday night featuring past GB&I Commodore John Billingham and Past International Commodore Andrew Mitchell regaling the assembled company with IYFR's history, though neither admitted to being there at the beginning. The evening set the pattern for the entire weekend.

On Saturday, two coaches took everybody on a tour of the Wirral, an area that many in the group had never been to before. Halfway round the Wirral, the coaches stopped at the pier head and we all piled out to board the ferry and crossed the Mersey in traditional Beatles style. Seeing the Liver building with its birds facing the land and sea brought added meaning to the old legend of greeting the sailors.

On the way back, the coaches went to Port Sunlight, which was built by Lord Leverhulme for the workers in his factory now known as Unilever. He was one of the great

philanthropists who believed in looking after his staff, and we saw that there was a school, club and hotel as well as an art gallery. The village is still in its original form, and is modern to this day.

In the evening, after GB&I's AGM, there was a champagne reception allowing everyone to circulate and socialize. Then a total of 89 people sat down to a black-tie dinner. Guests included three past International Commodores: Ferit Biren and his wife Koray and daughter Arzu, Andrew Mitchell, and Ken Winter with his wife Bente. They were accompanied by past National Commodore and present International Vice Commodore Bryan Skinner, and International Rear Commodore Terry Stretton with their wives Chris and Meryl, and five past commodores of GB&I. They were also joined by the local District Governor and two local presidents with their wives. The evening was once again presided over by National Commodore Jeni Pressdee. Following dinner Susan Todd of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency gave a

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very interesting talk explaining the agency's role in helping sailors with weather forecast reports and also rescues. Many questions followed.

The dinner ended with a message read by Bryan Skinner from International Commodore Bill Robinson, who sent his good wishes and apologies for being unable to attend, and proposed a toast to IYFR.

On Sunday, several members went to Chester Cathedral where the District Governor was now in his role at the Cathedral, followed by coffee after the service to complete the weekend.

The fellowship and friendship was excellent and the weekend was deemed a great success. Congratulations and thanks were given to the organizer Rodney Davis, GB&I secretary.



Top : Past and present GB&I Commodores- Andrew Mitchell, Reuben Skipper, Brian Slater, Jeni Pressdee, Christopher Bishop, John Billingham and Bryan Skinner. Center: IYFR members on the Mersey Ferry. Right: Part of the Scots contingent- Dennis and Lorraine Hopper.



**BRYAN SKINNER INTERNATIONAL  
COMMODORE 2007 – 2009**

At the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, in June 2007, Bryan Skinner will become IYFR's 34<sup>th</sup> International Commodore. Since 1967, there has only been one other Commodore from Britain, Andrew Mitchell.

Bryan was born in 1934, just north of London, and has lived in that area all his life. After boarding school, he served in the Royal Artillery for two years followed by a period in the National Reserve. He then joined the family civil engineering company,

becoming managing director, and running the company successfully until his retirement in 1998.

In 1956, Bryan married Chris, built his own home, settled in, and then had a son, followed by three daughters. In addition to being a family man he played rugby football, tennis and squash to county level, and most importantly, learned to sail during the many holidays he spent on the Norfolk Broads with the children.

The children are now all grown up with families of their own, and Chris and Bryan have seven grandchildren.

Bryan's other interests include Round Table, which he joined in 1960, and he is still a member of 41 Club. He joined Hertford Rotary Club, District 1260, in 1974, has served on every committee, and was Club President in 1991-1992. He has served on District Committee, and among other activities has raised a large amount of funds by organizing successful charity concerts.

Bryan joined IYFR in 1982, becoming a founding member of the Suffolk Fleet, and, on later acquiring a 40-foot motor cruiser, he joined the Norfolk Broads Fleet. He was Commodore in 2000, and was elected National Commodore of GB&I for 2002 to 2004. During that time, he had the great pleasure of joining then International Commodore Ken Winter on his beautiful yacht, *Pacific Mermaid*, for the finals of the Americas Cup in Auckland—truly an experience of a lifetime.

Since 2002, he has attended every RI Convention, and on the retirement of Max Cribb due to ill health, he was made International Vice Commodore at the 2005 RI Chicago Convention. Bryan has travelled extensively in Europe as IVC and has chartered two new fleets with two more in the next few months.

Bryan looks forward with pleasure to the challenges of the next two years, and he anticipates visiting many of the ninety IYFR fleets all over the world.



**TERRY STRETTON  
INTERNATIONAL VICE  
COMMODORE 2007 – 2009**

At the Salt Lake City RI convention in June, Terry Stretton will assume the responsibilities of International Vice Commodore, while continuing to serve as Area 3 Commodore for the Asia-Pacific Region.

Born in Devonport, New Zealand, in 1940, Terry attended Takapuna primary and grammar schools in that community, which is located near Auckland.

Terry joined BP in 1957 in Auckland. He started as junior clerk, and as he gained experience he was promoted and transferred among several locations, including Whangarei, Tauranga, Wanganni, and New Plymouth, with several intervals in Auckland. He was terminal manager when he returned to Auckland in 1989, and retired from BP in 1991 after 33 years of service.

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In 1966, Terry married Meryl, who was working for the Bank of New Zealand. They have two lovely daughters, Deborah and Kim, two great son-in-laws, George and Toby, and are now blessed with two wonderful granddaughters, Thalia and Elsie.

Shortly after retiring, Terry assisted an engineering company lifting storage tanks, and was sent to London, Brussels, Amsterdam, and The Hague to market the idea to the oil industry. Then he returned to BP, working under contract for 12 years.

In 1985, Terry joined Rotary in New Plymouth, representing the oil industry. When he shifted back to Auckland in 1989, he joined the Northcote Club. Terry has held all of the club's directorships, and was Club President for 2005-2006. Both Terry and Meryl are Paul Harris Fellows.

Terry joined IYFR in July 1998, and currently is Commodore of the Auckland, New Zealand Fleet. Terry was appointed IYFR International Rear Commodore in the Fall of 2006, to fill out the term of IRC John Milne who unfortunately had to resign due to health issues.

Terry's interests, include woodworking, boatbuilding, yachting, golf, leadlighting, and furniture restoration. He volunteers on school committees, school camps, and Meals on Wheels, and also helps back-stage at dance productions.

Terry and Meryl are members of the Auckland Morris Minor Club, drive a 1955 restored Morris Minor convertible, and have a 1965 Lidgard design 32 ½-foot sailboat, *Taranui*, which they have totally restored.

## INCOMING OFFICER



**CLINT COLLIER INTERNATIONAL  
REAR COMMODORE 2007 – 2009**

Clint Collier will join the IYFR International Bridge when he assumes the position of IRC at the RI Salt Lake City convention.

Clint is a member of the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek (California) where he is just completing his term as Club President. He joined Rotary in 2000 when he found out about their efforts to eradicate polio. Most of his time before that had been dedicated to the Boy Scout program.



Having sailed in the San Francisco Bay area for over 20 years, Clint found IYFR to be a natural choice, and he joined shortly after his introduction to Rotary. Here, he found himself in a leadership position almost immediately, thanks to PIC Joe Phillips' power of persuasion. Eventually he became Commodore of the San Francisco Fleet. He joined the IYFR International Bridge staff in 2005 when IC Bill Robinson recruited him to take on the task of managing the fellowship's website.

Clint met and married Bev—his life's companion of 37 years—shortly after returning home to San Diego following a 6-year stint as a missile officer in the US Air Force. His civilian career began with the phone company, where he learned computer programming and database design. In 1980 he joined two friends to form a small consulting firm specializing in large database design and maintenance. Clint retired recently, although he

continues to do some consulting. Shortly before retiring, he began designing web sites for nonprofit groups as a way to keep active and interested in computers and to support the community.

He serves on the board of directors of the Golden Gate Tall Ships Society, a group that promotes youth sailing on traditional tallships through scholarships. Bev and Clint make their home in Walnut Creek and have two grown sons who live in northern California and Arizona. Clint is a graduate of San Diego State and the University of Southern California.

In addition to sailing and working with computers, Clint enjoys cooking and is an avid student of late 18<sup>th</sup> century military sailing history. One of his most memorable activities was the opportunity to sail for a week on HMB *Endeavour*, a replica of the ship in which Captain James Cook explored New Zealand and Australia between 1768 and 1772.

# TASMANIAN WEEKEND



Left to right: Gippisland Lakes (Victoria, Australia) fleet members—Cunninghams, Dacks, Goodmans, Hawkeys, Neilsons and Reeds with Hobart (Tasmania) hosts—John Behrens and friends from Lindisfarne Rotary Club at the luncheon at Geilston Boat Club on Sunday 11 February, 2007

Twelve members of the Gippisland Lakes Fleet, Victoria, Australia, spent a long weekend in February 2007 visiting Hobart, Tasmania, to do a little recruiting. Led by Regional Commodore for Victoria and Tasmania, Bob Dack and Commodore David Hawkey, the twelve boarded an early morning flight from Melbourne.

What a weekend! It all began at Bellerive (near Hobart) after boarding the water taxi and speeding across the Derwent to the docks to see the hundreds of craft from the Parade of Sail arrive at the Wooden Boat Festival. There were sailing yachts, rowing boats, clinker boats, motor boats, steam boats, Dutch boats and Tall Ship replicas *Endeavour*, *Duyfken*, *Enterprize*, *Lady Nelson*, and *Windward Bound*. The rest of the day was spent exploring moored boats and exhibits such as the Shipwrights' Village where authentic skills were displayed, and model boats. A wandering jazz band came by and we showed our appreciation for the next hour. When our energy levels began to drop late in the afternoon, we hailed our taxi and headed back to Bellerive for dinner at the Waterfront Hotel.

Saturday's attraction was the Salamanca Market where many a dollar exchanged hands. In the evening we were collected by Lindisfarne Rotarians and driven to Geilston

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On John Behrens' boat

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Boat Club for a very pleasant barbecue. Here we explained the purpose and organization of IYFR and encouraged the Hobart folks to consider starting a fleet of their own.

On Sunday we were transported again to the Boat Club where we boarded John Behrens' yacht *Sea Breeze*, two other yachts, and a power boat for a great cruise on the Derwent—first upriver, then down past the festival boats as far as Sandy Point, before returning to Geilston for lunch. How hospitable these people were, and it was very much appreciated.

We urged them to make a trip to East Gippsland, where we would host them and return some of the hospitality.

The evening meal at the local Thai restaurant was outstanding. On Monday we were loathe to leave to board our morning flight home. Indeed, only ten departed, for Neilsons were off with their caravan to explore other delights in the Apple Isle.

—Betty Dack  
*Gippsland Lakes Fleet  
Victoria, Australia*



Neilsons on The Derwent'



# IYFR PRE-CONVENTION EVENT DINNER

Saturday June 16, 2007 5:30 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
APRIL 30, 2007



## Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

Join us for the Pre Convention Event (PCE) at Christopher's! Located on Broadway at the Historic Peery Hotel, the PCE meet and greet will start at 5:30pm with a social hour, including appetizers and cash bar. The 4-course dinner will follow at 6.30pm. The PCE has become a popular annual event, and is about the only time outside the AGM and RI activities when IYFR members can meet for fellowship without a formal agenda. Cost \$65.00 per person. Pre-registration required. Please register using the 2007 PCE/AGM/PCC Registration Form posted on the IYFR website under "Fellowship News".



## Christopher's Seafood & Steak House



[www.christophersutah.com](http://www.christophersutah.com)

110 West Broadway  
Salt Lake City, Utah



# IYFR

## Fleet and Regional LEADERSHIP MEETING

Sunday June 17, 2007 10:30 AM

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA

Regional and Fleet Commodores (or their designated representatives) attending the RI Convention in Salt Lake City in June are encouraged to join the IYFR Bridge on Sunday morning June 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss IYFR and exchange ideas. With recent changes to the Rotary International Code of Policies for the Fellowships regarding membership, the move to electronic communications, changes to make IYFR administration a team effort, and RI expectations that fellowships be accountable to RI and their members, there are many issues which effect our fellowship.

We look forward to receiving your input and recommendations. Once a location for the meeting has been confirmed, information will be sent via email to members and posted on the website.

## IYFR ANNUAL General Meeting and Luncheon



### Christopher's Seafood & Steak House Salt Lake City, Utah

Tuesday, June 19, 2007 11:30AM

The IYFR Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held at Christopher's! The social hour with appetizers and cash bar will begin at 11:30am followed by lunch and the IYFR business meeting from 12:30pm-3pm. Cost \$35.00 per



person. Please register using the 2007 PCE/AGM/PCC Registration Form posted on the IYFR website under "Fellowship News".

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Ian and his fiance Lauren

On behalf of the members of IYFR, I would like thank Ian Ebright, Graphic Designer for Greenfield Advisors, in Seattle, Washington for his assistance with the design and production of the IYFR newsletter *Rotafloat* during 2005-2007. We have appreciated his professional, creative and artistic approach, and his positive enthusiastic attitude. Ian has been an absolute delight to work with! With much appreciation, thank you Ian!

*Bill Robinson*  
International Commodore



REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
APRIL 30, 2007

## IYFR POST CONVENTION CRUISE JUNE 21-25, 2007 SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WASHINGTON STATE, USA

The 2007 IYFR Post Convention Cruise, following the Rotary International convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, will take place in the Washington State San Juan Islands, with day cruises onboard boats of Rotary Mariners from the six US and Canadian Pacific Northwest IYFR fleets and overnight accommodations at resorts on shore for those without boats. The San Juan Islands, located in the northwestern most part of the United States, are part of a beautiful archipelago that includes the Canadian Gulf Islands. Cruising among the islands is in sheltered waters, with views of snow capped mountains, pastoral landscapes, wooded forests and an abundance of wildlife - bald eagles, deer, seals, otters and Orca whales.

The San Juan Islands comprise 172 named islands with fewer than 15,000 people. The San Juans enjoy an average of 247 annual days with sunshine and an average of 29 inches of rain per year, half the amount that Seattle gets. Temperatures rarely drop below 30 degrees Fahrenheit and rarely above 80 degrees. However, sunshine can be elusive in June, so we encourage everyone to bring rain gear and warm clothing. While the boating waters are 49 degrees (9 Celsius) year around, island hotels do have swimming pools, so pack your swimming suit.

**Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Members should make travel arrangements to arrive in Seattle on Thursday June 21. An early arrival will allow for independent sightseeing. Night on your own in Seattle.

**Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The group will travel by the Victoria Clipper catamaran from Seattle to the Port of Friday Harbor, on the eastern side of San Juan Island, arriving before noon, allowing time for lunch and sightseeing prior to late afternoon fellowship on the docks, followed by dinner with boat hosts.

**Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** After breakfast with boat hosts, the fleet will depart Friday Harbor for a day of cruising and gunkholing among the islands. Lunch will be onboard or in an anchorage (skipper's choice). Boats will rendezvous at the Islander Resort on Lopez Island for more shoreside fellowship and dinner.

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Following breakfast at the Lopez Islander Resort, the fleet will depart for Roche Harbor Resort on the northwestern side of San Juan Island. Lunch will be onboard or in a chosen anchorage en route. Roche Harbor, established in 1886, will be the venue for evening festivities with dockside fellowship, dinner ashore and ending with the famous Roche Harbor flag ceremony.

**Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>:** After breakfast at the resort, visitors may either return to Friday Harbor and on to Seattle on the afternoon sailing of the Victoria Clipper, or continue on their own to explore sights of the US and Canadian Pacific Northwest.

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The registration form for the PCC and hotel and transportation booking information is posted on the IYFR website at [www.iyfr.net](http://www.iyfr.net) under "Fellowship News & Events." IYFR Treasurer Ingrid Bruner is the events registrar, assisted by Great Getaway Travel in Friday Harbor, which will coordinate hotel and transportation bookings.

The San Juan Islands are surrounded by a multitude of travel opportunities and sightseeing: Seattle, the Olympic Mountains, Victoria and Vancouver Island, the beautiful Canadian Gulf Islands, the city of Vancouver, the Cascade Mountains and Mt. Rainier. For those able to extend their trip after the PCC, Great Getaway Travel will be able to assist you with your travel alternatives. Washington State and British Columbia ferries connect Friday Harbor with Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, and there is regular seaplane service to popular destinations.

**International Luggage:** For those returning to Seattle immediately after the PCC, please arrange to leave international luggage at your hotel in Seattle prior to departure for Friday Harbor, and bring only a soft sided bag for the PCC. Dress is very casual in the islands, jeans are the norm day and evening. Pack your IYFR shirts, but leave jackets and ties. Be prepared for cold and warm weather; rain jacket, sweater, shorts and swimsuit. For members not returning to Seattle, arrangements may be made to store luggage in Friday Harbor.

### **For more information, the following websites will be helpful with your planning:**

#### **General:**

[www.experiencewashington.com](http://www.experiencewashington.com)  
[www.seattleattractions.com](http://www.seattleattractions.com)  
[www.visitsanjuans.com](http://www.visitsanjuans.com)  
[www.fridayharbor.com](http://www.fridayharbor.com)  
[www.lopezislander.com](http://www.lopezislander.com)  
[www.rocheharbor.com](http://www.rocheharbor.com)  
[www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org)  
[www.nwboat.com](http://www.nwboat.com)

#### **Transportation:**

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries)  
[www.clippervacations.com](http://www.clippervacations.com)  
[www.kenmoreair.com](http://www.kenmoreair.com)  
[www.islandairporter.com](http://www.islandairporter.com)  
[www.susiesmopeds.com](http://www.susiesmopeds.com)

#### **Boat Chartering:**

[www.anacortesyachtcharters.com](http://www.anacortesyachtcharters.com)  
[www.ABCYachtCharters.com](http://www.ABCYachtCharters.com)  
[www.nwexplorations.com](http://www.nwexplorations.com)

#### **Canada:**

[www.hellobc.com](http://www.hellobc.com)  
[www.gulfislands.net](http://www.gulfislands.net)  
[www.victoriavisitorschoice.com](http://www.victoriavisitorschoice.com)  
[www.vancouver.com](http://www.vancouver.com)



# Proposed Amendments to IYFR Rules



Further to the "Proposed Amendments to the IYFR Rules" article in the December 2006 issue of *Rotafloat*, the following additional amendments have been proposed:

## 1) Financial Report

Amend the last sentence in each of the Banking Procedures Sections 5.5.4 and 5.5.6 to state that the annual balance sheet, income and expense statement, and finance committee reports be posted to the members section of the website, rather than in *Rotafloat*.

### Comment:

It is prudent to keep IYFR financial information in-house rather than open to the general public on the internet. Since *Rotafloat* is posted on the public section of the website, the amendment removes the annual details from posting in *Rotafloat* to posting to the members only password protected section of the website.

## 2) Record Keeping

### Section 4.1:

Add: Dues and accounting are in US Dollars with conversion of payments from other currencies at current exchange rates.

### Comment:

This change is for clarification and is intended to be consistent with RI policies allowing for conversion of payments from currencies other than US Dollars into US Dollars.

### Section 4.4:

For clarity, and to be consistent with the proposed changes to Section 5.5.4 and 5.5.6, the second sentence has been amended to read:

This issue shall include an annual report of activities, and be sent along with cost of membership dues, a financial statement, showing revenues and expenditures during the past Rotary year, and a statement of funds on hand at the time of the report to its members and must be submitted to the RI General Secretary, and Chair of the Rotary Global Networking Group, by 1 October in each year.

### New - Section 4.7:

Financial records, in accordance with US Internal Revenue Service requirements, must be kept for 5 years from the date the original return is filed.

## Summary of Proposed Amendments:

These amendments will be voted on during the IYFR Annual General Meeting in Salt Lake City June 19, 2007.

- 1) Records and Communications (4.1, 4.4 and 4.7)
- 2) Financial Reports (5.5.4 and 5.5.6)
- 3) Voting rights (6.3)
- 4) Member qualifications for IYFR leadership positions (6.7)
- 5) Clarification regarding IC travel compensation (7.3.2.3)
- 6) IYFR Fleet Squadrons (10.5)
- 7) Regalia (11.3)
- 8) Notice by fleets of rule amendments (12.2)

The wording of the IC travel compensation amendment published in the December *Rotafloat* has been edited for clarity. Please see the IYFR website for a complete copy of the Proposed Amendments, and an edited copy of the Rules showing proposed amendments.



# IYFR Regalia



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| 1  | Blue Pennant Lapel Pins                                 | \$ 5.00  |
| 2  | Member Pennant  | \$ 35.00 |
| 3  | White Epaulette Shirt                                   | \$40.00  |
| 4  | IYFR Tie  | \$ 30.00 |
| 5  | IYFR Ladies Navy Crosstie                               | \$ 10.00 |
| 6  | IYFR Emblem Cap   | \$ 15.00 |
| 7  | IYFR blazer emblem (sew/iron on)                        | \$ 10.00 |
| 8  | IYFR Window Decal                                       | \$ 1.00  |
| 9  | Burgees   |          |
|    | Fleet Officer Burgees                                   | \$ 45.00 |
|    | RC/AC/Int'l Staff Burgees (see details below)           | \$ 45.00 |
| 10 | Fleet Officer Shoulder Boards (see details below)       | \$ 30.00 |
| 11 | RC/AC/Int'l Officer Shoulder Boards (see details below) | \$ 35.00 |

Check the IYFR website for regalia supply updates.

*(Shipping charges are additional)*

For further information, please email: [regalia@iyfr.net](mailto:regalia@iyfr.net)



Active Officer Burgees have Gold insignia and trim around edges and Past Officer Burgees have white (\$45.00):

Fleet Officer Burgees:

- FC- 3 Gold Balls
- FVC- 2 Gold Balls
- FRC- 1 Gold Ball
- PFC- 3 White Balls

Regional Commodores, Area Commodores and International Bridge Staff Burgees:

- Active Officer: 2 Gold Stars
- Retired Officer: 2 White Stars

Fleet Officer Shoulder Boards (\$30.00/pair):  
*(Insignias are embroidered)*

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| FC- 3 Gold Stars    | Fleet Captain- Gold Anchor       |
| FVC- 2 Gold Stars   | Fleet Secretary- Gold Maple Leaf |
| FRC- 1 Gold Star    | Fleet Treasurer- Gold Oak Leaf   |
| PFC- 3 Silver Stars |                                  |

Regional Commodores, Area Commodores and International Bridge Staff Shoulder Boards (\$35.00/pair):

- Active Officer: 2 Gold Metal Stars
- Retired Officer: 2 Silver Metal Stars