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Message from the Commodore

Many thanks to Bryan and Chris Skinner and the International Bridge for their sterling job in maintaining IYFR on an even keel. Last year Bryan visited over half the fleets and chartered fourteen: his will be a hard act to follow. We hope he and Chris will join us in Montreal next year.

We also look forward to working with IVC Clint and IRC Sergio over the next two years.

The possibility of becoming International Commodore was raised when we were on board Pacific Mermaid in Gothenburg in June 2006 on the PCC. Over drinks, PIC Ken Winter asked if we would be prepared to put our name forward for nomination for the position of IRC as John Milne had intimated that he may have to resign from the position due to ill health.

To be asked was truly an honour, but at the same time we felt sorry that John may have to stand down. That evening, we had a chat with our friend, PDG David Geary, who said "don't look in the window in a year's time and wish that you had agreed to take this on." Later that year, in November, it was confirmed that my nomination had been successful and that I was to take over the position of International Rear Commodore, with effect immediately, which meant a fast learning curve for us, as John had been in the position for 17 months. What had we let ourselves in for?

It has been an amazing journey and here we are at the helm. We have a wonderful group of Rotary friends supporting us, which was evident by the number from Auckland Fleet attending the AGM in Birmingham. The new International Bridge is made up mainly of Rotarians from our Rotary Club of Northcote, with the rest from nearby Rotary Clubs. This is of tremendous benefit to all of us with regards to holding meetings.

Our aim is to visit as many fleets as possible, especially the new ones who have not been visited by Bridge members for a while. We were fortunate that Bryan and his team organized so many fleet visits for us on this last trip to England, before and after the convention and PCC.

As we have said before, we want everyone in the Fellowship to continue to have Fun, Fun, Fun!

Terry

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Terry & Meryl’s fleet visits in the UK

1st June: Prior to our trip to England, Meryl and I first spent 4 days in the South of France with David (Chief Administrator) and Liz Hansen who are currently Chateau-sitting. What a great way to start off.

5th June: We had 3 days in Sorrento where we met Incoming Rear Commodore Sergio Santi, attended the induction of Luigi Falanga of Sicily Fleet, who was appointed Regional Commodore of Italy, and met many of the other Italian Commodores. We were fortunate to visit the training vessel *Nave Italia* (mentioned in a previous issue of Rotafloat) and go sailing out towards Capri. This was the start of a well planned programme for both Meryl and me to visit many fleets.

8th June: We arrived in England where Chris and Bryan had invited us to stay at their house along with Clint and Beverley and PIC Ken and Bente Winter which proved to be a most enjoyable and informative few days.

10th June: Visit to the Broads fleet saw us aboard an old vessel, Commodore Norman and Jean Jones’ *Brookwind*, for a cruise on the Broads from Ranworth to Black Horse Broad where we rafted up for lunch and came back aboard a Battery-powered electric boat, *Shamrock*. This included a brisk walk to the old church and steep climb up to the tower for a panoramic view of the area.



From left to right: Bryan Skinner, Clint Collier, Norman Jones & Terry Stretton

12th June: Hosted by Jean and Rodney Davis, Thames fleet, at their lovely home on the Thames with 8 boats tied up at the bottom of their garden, for drinks then dinner a short stroll away. All stayed aboard their boats overnight, to cruise off mid-morning to our lunch destination, with Meryl and me aboard Commodore Brian and Vanessa Franklin’s *Lady Vanessa*. The superb lunch was at a beautiful hotel right on the river, with members from Thames and Fenland fleets with the cruise back being on Jean and Rodney’s vessel, *The Rodders*.

14th June: Rodney and Jean drove us to visit Medway fleet at their local yacht club for lunch with many members, followed by a cruise on the Medway on a large catamaran, *Sundaze Lady*, where we learnt much of the history of the area. Obviously this is a popular area for teaching youngsters the art of sailing, as we saw many rigging their craft and taking to the water.

15th June: We were invited to the Rotary Club of Amwell's weekly meeting along with Bryan and Chris, Clint and Bev and Ken and Bente - a friendly club who made us very welcome.

16th June: Bryan and Chris put on a lunch time barbeque for members of Bryan's Rotary Club (Hertford), which was held on their back lawn in beautiful sunny weather.

18th June: We all left for our journey north to Birmingham Convention. The IYFR booth in the House of Friendship was, once again, very well patronised with members from around the world coming to introduce themselves and many Rotarians wishing to join up or start new fleets.

During our time there, of course, there was the Pre-Convention Dinner and the AGM with Change of Watch. Both great events, well attended with good food and lots of fellowship.



Hertford Rotary BBQ at the Skimmers

After the convention we all boarded a coach for Glasgow and the Post Convention Cruise where we were hosted on yachts by members of the Clyde and East of Scotland fleets. Meryl and I were guests on board Robin and Margaret Rippin's 47ft yacht *Nasr Steel*. This was a very well-run and most enjoyable PCC with lots of sailing, eating, drinking and great fellowship. A report on this appears further on in this issue.

29th June: We returned from the PCC with the Skimmers to their home for the night.

30th June: Christopher Bishop collected us and drove us to his home in Fetcham.

1st July: Christopher and Jane took us to Warsash on the Hamble River to board Colin Brooke's vessel, *Usha* for a sail across the Solent to Cowes where we had lunch at the yacht club with the Solent and Sussex fleet members, a very friendly group.

2nd July: I attended Christopher's Rotary Club Changeover and Meryl went to an Inner Wheel dinner.

3rd July: Christopher drove us to meet our friends, Tony and Andrena Catesby who are members of the Suffolk fleet and who hosted us until we left UK.

4th July: We sailed with the Suffolk fleet aboard Commodore Tony and Chris Burrows' yacht *Curlew* from Ipswich to Hamford, where we had a nine-boat raft up for lunch. I was privileged to board John Negus's Flying 20 *Pegasus* and what a thrilling sail that was doing 12 knots past astonished members sitting in the stern of their vessels. We sailed on to Tichmarsh Marina to tie up for the night and dined at the Walton-on-the-Naze Yacht Club, watching the sun sink down to light up the sky a brilliant pink. On the following day we had a great sail back down the River Orwell on Tony and Andrena's yacht *Waiwera*.



Tony Catesby of the Suffolk fleet



Lollipop, one of the 9 boats rafted up for lunch with the Suffolk fleet.

6th July We were driven around the lovely Suffolk countryside calling at Holbrook to see Rotarians and members of IYFR in action helping with a sailability project. This is held every Monday throughout the year and enables young and old physically challenged people to sail by themselves or accompanied in specially modified sailing boats. The pleasure that all participants gained from this was great to see. A fantastic project! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make this such a memorable visit. The hospitality was truly remarkable, IYFR fellowship at its best!



Sailability at Holbrook

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IYFR Regalia

Questions and orders should be sent to our Regalia Officer, Meryl Stretton. The list of Regalia is on the website: . Click on Members only – enter your username and password. Click on Order Regalia – the prices do not include postage. To order – go into Bridge Officers and click on [email the Regalia Officer.](#)

Scottish hospitality on Post Convention Cruise

The most notable feature of the Cruise following the Birmingham World Convention was surely the organisation - slick, smooth and most unobtrusive. From providing their splendid yachts to arranging wonderful meals and hospitality, the Scottish Fleets organised everything with flair and panache.

We arrived at the Kip Marina on the Firth of Forth, near Glasgow at 5.00pm after a day-long bus trip from Birmingham. We settled in to our hosts' yachts which were to be our home for the next 4 nights. Sharp at 7.30pm a piper arrived at the marina to pipe us to the occasion. And occasion it was, starting with a shot of whisky and going through four courses of typical Scottish dishes. Hot smoked salmon with horseradish cream; parsnip, leek and ginger soup with crusty bread; medallions of Scottish beef with black pudding and peppercorn sauce; crannachan - a dessert made with oatmeal. Coffee and "tablet" - a little square of fudge completed the meal.

There were two days of sailing, with a bus trip to Oban on the second day. Friday's sail was up the East Kyle of Bute and down the West Kyle of Bute to the marina of East Tarbert. No one was tempted to swim in the 14 degree seawater. While most of the party were guided through a whisky distillery, others experienced some retail therapy in Oban.

Another special evening was the dinner at Stonehaven Castle. I will never forget the haggis being piped in and then an entertainer giving the Robbie Burns "Address to the Haggis".

The final day of sailing was to Largs Marina, calling in at Lochranza on the northern tip of Arran Island on our way. The weather continued fine but there was a keen wind and we were all very warmly dressed. Yes, the eating and entertainment continued with the farewell dinner at James Watt College complete with a pipe band to welcome us as we alighted from the buses. The after dinner entertainment was every country represented on the cruise presenting an item of poetry, song or dance. This made a fitting conclusion to a wonderful and different cruise.

Colin and Pat Reid,
Auckland, NZ Fleet.

The 18 PCC yachts at Tarbet Marina



The Auckland Fleet outside Stonehaven Castle



21st Bodrum Wooden Yacht Regatta



IYFR "Wings Winter Trophy" Leg Winners' cup presented by Atilla Malkoc (far left) And Zeki Caner (far right)

The IYFR Bodrum Fleet in Turkey has been very involved and supportive of the 2009 "Wings Winter Trophy", which was jointly organized by Milta Bodrum Marina and Bodrum Offshore Sailing Club (BAYK) on the 16th and 17th of May. This was the last leg of 7 in which a total of 68 boats competed.

At a dinner party hosted by Geveze, the leg winners were presented with cups and the Gentlemen's Cups were presented by Zeki Caner (Commodore of the Bodrum Fleet) and Atilla Malkoc (former Commodore of IYFR). The evening ended with a fabulous concert.

Fleet members raced on board 3 yachts and members will again participate in the BAYK races starting in July 2009. The Fleet will then organize the 8th Bodrum Race Week, between 18th and 24th October.

Zeki Caner extends an invitation to IYFR members around the world to attend this international regatta.

21st Bodrum Wooden Yacht Regatta

This regatta coincides with Race Week and will be held between 20th and 24th October. This is another opportunity for IYFR to participate. Zeki Caner stated that the waters and coastline around Bodrum are one of the world's most beautiful sailing areas.

Ditty Bag

We have all had to improvise at one time or another on our boats to get us home.

Here is an example:

Problem: Water pump on 15hp Yamaha, ceased to function.

Solution: Plastic hosing removed from bilge pump, with one end connected to outlet of toilet pump and the other to inlet nozzle on the engine, bypassing the water pump. Daughters No. 1 and No 2 had turns sitting on the toilet pumping water through the engine to get us home. (No pun intended).

If you have any similar experiences you would like to share with us, please send to Ditty Bag via Rotafloat Editors and Publishers.

- Terry Stretton

Bodrum Fleet farewells world traveller

At its meeting held on 29 May, IYFR Bodrum Fleet entertained Ugur Kasapoglu, a 73-year old world traveller.

Captain Kasapoglu, and his Spanish girlfriend Elena Quintilla, informed the IYFR members about their itinerary for their 3 year round the world tour to be undertaken on their 16 meter boat "TROY". This would cover the Greek Islands, Italy, Spain, America, Australia, Singapore, Taiwan, The Red Sea, the Suez Canal, with the Rhodes Island as the last stop.

Kasapoglu said "After we come back, I will tell the students of the foundation school (which I intend to open) about our experiences. I want the youth and students to love and appreciate the sea and adventure".

At the end of the meeting, Zeki Caner, the Commodore of the IYFR Bodrum Fleet invited PIC Ferit Biren to the floor for him to present the certificate of acknowledgement to Ugur Kasapoglu.

On the morning of 1 June 2009, PIC Ferit Biren and Zeki Caner visited Turgutreis Marina to give Kasapoglu and Elena a IYFR flag for them to fly on their boat and also granted them Honorary Membership certificates of IYFR Bodrum Fleet.

The IYFR family extended their best wishes and love to the couple who set sail for a world trip.



From Left to Right: Zeki Caner, Ugur Kasapođlu & Elena Quintilla

Brazil Fleet Charter

On May 7th this year, in Sao Paulo, the first fleet of Brazil was chartered. As the then Rear Commodore Clint Collier could not come to the ceremony, this one was carried out by the Regional Commodore for South America, Guillermo Arteta. Also present was Roldano Guerra, Commodore of the San Francisco fleet, and his wife, who is Brazilian. This good news is the result of many years of effort and this new group joins two fleets in neighbouring Argentina, which have existed for many years.

Next day, the new fleet Commodore, Kevin Smith, invited the Artetas and the Guerras for two days on his boat, moored in the Paradise region of "Parati", four hours by car from Sao Paulo. There, where mountains and sea meet, luxurious tropical vegetation adds to the beauty of the landscape. The small town that gives its name to the place is kept as it was in colonial times.



Commodore Kevin Smith with Regional Commodore Guillermo Arteta and Monica Renaud at Parati near São Paulo

IYFR Website – www.iyfr.net

All members are urged to use the website for updating their own details. Simply go to the 'Members only' section of the website, enter your username and password (if you have forgotten these click on 'help me to log on'). Click on 'View my fleet roster' then click on your own name and update your records.

Annual Subscription

Your Commodore will have received your fleet invoice for the subscription that was due on 1st July 2009.

Payment of your subscription by the 30th September 2009 will avoid any possibility of consideration being given to your fleet being removed from our fellowship.

The recovery of an Uffa Fox classic

A highlight of our visit to Britain was to sail on a 60-year old classic Uffa Fox-designed Flying Twenty in Hamford as a guest of John Negus of the Suffolk Fleet.

The story behind John's purchase of "Pegasus" is an interesting one. He was cruising in the Netherlands and while moored in Sloten in Friesland saw what he thought was a Flying Fifteen (having previously owned two of these). It was actually a Flying Twenty with trailer, and was for sale. The price seemed low and although the boat looked in good condition and had had restoration work done, it soon became apparent that there were major underlying problems which two local Dutchmen thought "would be impossible to repair."

John couldn't get Pegasus off his mind. His investigations showed it had been built in 1949 by Uffa Fox at his Medina Boatyard in Cowes. A survey showed that extensive work was required: broken stem; planking open and damaged at the bow; a 3-inch hole in the bottom aft; a missing transom and various damaged plank ends at the stern.

The boat was purchased and moved to F. Hall's Boatyard at Walton-on-the-Naze. First task was repairing the inner skin (1/16th mahogany laid diagonally). Then they were lucky enough to find a 50-year old piece of Honduras mahogany for the transom. There were many remaining problems (such as the outer-planking, old fastenings, new apron in the bow, painting the bottom and keel). Ultimately, "Pegasus" had to be fully sheathed to the waterline. The work took 2 years.

So much new work had to be done that John calls it a "recovery". His further research indicates that 5 of these Flying Twenties were built by Uffa Fox. They were intended as a 3-man boat for the 1948 Olympics. No. 1 "Pensive Temptress" was donated to the National Maritime Museum and is housed in the warehouse at Kidbrook, but it is understood that no others survived, apart from "Pegasus". There is a possibility that the plans were sold and some boats may have been built in Canada or Australia.



John Negus's Flying 20 on the river Orwell near Ipswich in Suffolk

- Terry Stretton

IYFR EVENTS UPDATE

Planning is well advanced for our Fellowship Events during, and following, the RI Convention in Montreal in June 2010.

AGM

Feedback from members following this year's Convention in Birmingham shows that many are concerned they may miss the opportunity to attend some of the Convention Sessions when they conflict with IYFR events.

Therefore the IYFR Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 22nd June 2010, at Marriott Montreal Chateau Champlain.

PCC

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes, planning the 2010 Post Convention Cruise. As there is no IYFR Fleet in Montreal, we have been extremely fortunate to have the support and assistance of Patrick Hunt – *Regional Commodore – Canada West IYFR Fleet*, and Allan Dunlop, a *Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Kingston*. Despite the fact that Allan is a Retired Submarine Commander, it is not planned to hold the PCC underwater, but news of this and other exciting events will be sent to you within the next few weeks, when details are finalized.

ACCOMMODATION IN MONTREAL

International Commodore Terry and Meryl, along with a number of other members of the bridge, are staying at the Marriott Montreal Chateau Champlain, (number 29 in the Official Rotary Hotel listing in the Rotary International Convention brochure) which is within walking distance of the Bell Centre, where the Plenary Sessions will be held. There is a Metro Station directly below the Hotel, which is very convenient, as Palais des Congres (which is the site of "The House of Friendship") and the Bell Centre are three-quarters of a mile (1.2km) apart and are connected by the Metro.



An alternative recommendation would be Le Centre Sheraton Montreal (Number 27 on the Rotary accommodation list,) which is also very handy to the Bell Centre.

Bookings will need to be made through the Official Rotary Booking method.

Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ri2010>
 email: reservation@tourisme-montreal.org
 By Mail: Using the Reservation form in the Convention brochure.

If you have any comments, queries or questions please feel free to email me.
<http://www.iyfr.net/t1/members/bridge/index.php>

Best wishes to all.
 Lorraine Geary
 Events Secretary

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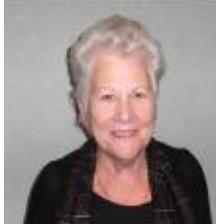
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