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Message from the Commodore

Hi

Well this is our sixth Rotafloat and you will see as you read that we are still very busy with visiting fleets. This is, of course, only possible because of the dedicated members on our Bridge who are spending many hours maintaining a positive course. We thank them all for their continued support.

We have much pleasure to advise that the nominating committee has appointed Jesus (Jun) Avecilla from Philippines, as the new International Rear Commodore from July 2011. A full resume is on page 2. Congratulations Jun, you and your team will, I know, do a marvellous job. We have witnessed first hand the things you are achieving and the respect you are accorded in the Philippines. Meryl and I have just returned from Genoa where International Rear Commodore, Sergio Santi, staged the first ever Mediterranean IYFR AGM. What a resounding success this was with over 100 delegates from 10 countries. Well done Sergio.

On the way back to New Zealand we visited the Whitsunday Fleet at Airlie Beach, Northern Australia, where we sailed on a 76ft ketch, dined with Fleet members at the yacht club and were afforded great accommodation. The fellowship and kindness shown will be remembered by us for a long time.

We had been home just three days when we hosted 3 visitors from Skaw Fleet, Sweden - Marie Follin and Pia and Leif Skarenhed. Thanks to the great weather we were able to take them sailing twice and out on PIC Ken and Bente Winter's Pacific Mermaid with members of the Auckland Fleet.

The fellowship is continuing to grow with the charter of another 3 fleets: Barcelona, North Wales and yet another one in Philippines, bringing the number of fleets in that country to 4 with another to be chartered next March.

With the approval given by members at the AGM Montreal, the Grants programme is underway. In the next edition of Rotafloat we will list the successful grant applicants and the projects they are funding.

If you are still unsure or unaware of the Grants Programme, please visit the website www.iyfr.net where you will find all the required details.

Thanks to all those who have made us most welcome whilst visiting your part of the world. We have enjoyed many hours of great fellowship and kindness both on and off the water.

Meryl and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and best wishes for 2011. Take care and don't forget to have FUN, FUN, FUN.

- Terry & Meryl Stretton

Commodore's Diary

2011

- **March** Port Lincoln Fleet visit (to be confirmed)
- **March** Philippines Charter new fleet (tbc)
- **May** Argentina Fleet visits
- **May** Brazil Fleet visit
- **May 18th - 25th** New Orleans RI Convention
- **May 24th** IYFR AGM
- **May 26th - 29th** Post Convention Cruise

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Appointment of International Rear Commodore for 2011/2013

Regional Commodore - JESUS (JUN) AVECILLA – Cubao West Fleet, Philippines. Jun will join the IYFR International Bridge when he assumes position of IRC at the RI Convention in New Orleans in May next year. He is married to Lil, and they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Jun was inducted into the Rotary Club of Cubao West Quezon City in 2005 and attended the RI Convention in Chicago that year, where he signed up as an Independent member of IYFR and singlehandedly and painstakingly did the spadework in organizing the chartering of the first IYFR Fleet in Philippines, Cubao West Fleet in March, 2009. Since then he has helped to establish 3 more fleets in his country with another to be chartered next March. Jun has been the driving force behind the beach and waterways cleanup in the Philippines, getting the IYFR Fleets and Rotary Clubs working together along with the police divers and Red Cross.



Lil and Jesus (Jun) Avecilla

He has been involved in many Rotary projects and is a Double Paul Harris Fellow. He is a very busy businessman as well – Hotelier/Shipping. Jun has a Master of Science in Business Management and is President/ CEO/ Chairman/ Trustee/ Director of many businesses and associations in the Philippines.

North Wales Fleet Chartered

For the first time in 13 years (the East of Scotland Fleet was formed in 1997) a new Fleet has been chartered in Great Britain and Ireland. On the 26th June, Regional Commodore Michael Pooley formally chartered the new North Wales Fleet at a ceremony in Bangor. The new Fleet Commodore is Robert Jones and the Secretary is Sue Beal.

About 40 people, including the GB&I Vice Commodore, Bob Burns, Rear Commodore, Annette Lewis, and Hon. Secretary, Rodney Davis, joined members of the new Fleet for dinner in Bangor, where the invocation was led by Immediate Past International Commodore, Bryan Skinner.

In his charter address, Commodore Michael remarked that the formation of the new Fleet had been in large part due to the efforts of Sue's husband, David, who sadly had passed away at the end of the Thames Fleet Summer Cruise last year. Michael also thanked Extension Officer Paul Quaile for all his hard work in making the new Fleet a reality. He wished them good sailing and expressed the hope that members would join the Fellowship week-ends which are held twice each year for all members of GB&I.

-Rodney Davis



GB&I Commodore Mike Pooley presents Charter certificate to new North Wales Fleet Commodore, Robert Jones



Some of the members of the new Fleet with their certificates.

**Please Note - IYFR Polo-shirts still available at US\$20 –
email regalia officer - regalia@iyfr.net**

Barcelona Fleet Charter

On July 14th, the Barcelona Fleet of IYFR was Chartered. Possibly one of the largest IYFR Fleets in the world, Barcelona Fleet had 50 Fleet Charter members, all fellow Rotarians with affinity to the sea. They are from different clubs in Catalonia, and include DG Pere Galvany.

The Barcelona Fleet Bridge is: Jordi Oliver (Charter-Commodore), Francisco Casas (Vice-Commodore), José Luis Pal (Rear-Commodore) and Christianne Haberl (Fleet Secretary).

The event was officiated by International Vice-Commodore Clint Collier and International Area 1 Commodore Sergio Santi. Also attending were honorary members' representatives of local institutions and authorities of the three marinas: Sailing Competitions, Commerce & Trade and Military. The celebration had the support and presence of Don. July Sorjus (Aide to the RI President, 2011-2012. RID, 1998-2000)

Rotary Mariners - Barcelona Fleet, was born as a project of the Rotary Club of Barcelona Mar, with the aim of strengthening friendship among Catalan Rotarians who share a passion and respect for the sea and marine and nautical activities. The Fleet was created with the slogan "The Sea as Opportunity"- the opportunity to make new friends with all those who have the sea and yachting as an objective in their work, leisure, or defence.

According to Rotary's ideals of "Service Above Self", some of the initial projects are to strengthen the friendship with other institutions related with yachting, the sea and the marine environment, participation in the first IYFR Mediterranean meeting and support for the creation of other Squadrons and Fleets in Catalonia and the rest of Spain. In addition Mariners Barcelona, will be a sponsor of the Barcelona World Race and will participate in the start of the ocean race on Dec. 31st.



Barcelona Fleet is open to all those Rotarians who want to participate in good faith and are open to sharing projects with other IYFR Fleets around the world. For more information, please send an e-mail rotarymarinersbarcelona@gmail.com or visit our web site www.marinersbarcelona.org

- Jordi Oliver & Hernandez-Nieto

From left: Barcelona Fleet Commodore Jordi Oliver
IYFR International rear commodore Sergio Santi

NOTICE : PORT LINCOLN FLEET – AUSTRALIA

Please note that the Port Lincoln fleet has been transferred from NSW region to West Australia Region

First Regional Meeting for Mediterranean and Black Sea Fleets

The first Meeting of the Mediterranean and Black Sea Fleets is just over: it has been very successful and productive as wished us all by RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Commodore Bagnasco of the NW Fleet and his Staff carried out a tremendous organization job that all the participants fully appreciated. Congratulation messages have arrived from all the participating Regions and Fleets and this is a unique reward for all the IYFR Fleets in Area 1 that succeeded in building a two thousand long bridge across all Europe and Middle East, and not only in words! Nine Countries, the IC, two PIC, the hosting D2030 Governor, 4 Iyforian PDGs, the Iyforian DGE, 1 Area, 3 Region and 18 Fleet Commodores, the Iyforian IFFR Italian President, plus over one hundred Iyforians and their partners attended this first Meeting and, from what they said it is possible that a beautiful event like this will be soon imitated elsewhere in the Area.

The location was chosen mainly because Genova has been one of the main focal points for maritime affairs in the past millennium and because after such a millennium of fights for the Mediterranean and Black Sea control between Spaniards, Turks, Venetians, Arabs, Phoenicians, Greeks, Vikings, Normans, English, we, Fellow Mariners of IYFR, had the chance to get together in peace and in fellowship under the same Rotarian Flag.

Also the beautiful sea tale told us by Capitan Garcia Velo of the Spanish Navy about his two years in command of the Santa Maria Caravel replica on the same routes of the Great Almirante Cristoforo Colombo, 500 years after the America discovery, went in the same direction: a fantastic Spaniard enterprise lead by a great Genoese Navigator.

Finally we succeeded in having a complete report from each Region or Fleet regarding their present status, their activities, their problems and their perspectives. All proved to be exhaustive and were it not for the lack of time, it would have been still more interesting.

The Mariners convened had the chance to visit the renowned Galata museum, to descend into a real submarine, to get on board the brigantine Nave Italia and see what this special vessel, that is also the Flagship of IYFR Italy, carries on every day in favour of the disadvantaged. The beautiful gala dinner in the most antique yacht club in the Mediterranean, the Yacht Club Italiano, perfectly concluded the Saturday events.

The mail sent by the IC summarises in a few words what we all have felt:

Dear Sergio and Laura,

Many thanks for the lovely day yesterday. We are now in Firenze for a few days. We have enjoyed our time here in your country, especially meeting all the Iyfr members from this part of the world. What a great opportunity for us. Grazie - Meryl and Terry

-Sergio Santi



Left to right: IC Terry Stretton, D2030 DG Gianni Montalenti, IRC Sergio Santi and FC Alberto Bagnasco

The Capistanbul Regatta: France to Turkey



The 2010 Capistanbul Regatta was held in September, starting in Hyeres (France) and ending in Istanbul after 1590 miles. It is a solo race. Commodore Daniel Mustel of the French Fleet Golfe de Saint Tropez gave an IYFR pennant to Louis Maurice Tannyerers ("Loupi" to his friends), skipper of a speedy 10 metre Beneteau Figaro, "Joanna". "Loupi" is an electrical engineer from Algeria in his early fifties who lives in the nearby town of Saint Laurent du Var.

The first leg of the regatta ended in "Marina di Ragusa" Sicily where a Sicily Fleet squadron is located. It was therefore a pleasure for fellow mariners headed by their captain Laura Di Stephano to meet "Loupi" on board his boat and spend some pleasant time trying to understand the motivations of his solo racing.

The second leg ended in Greece and although there is no IYFR Fleet there, Loupi was warmly welcomed at a party organized by Commodore Selda Gearson and RC Helden Orgut from Istanbul. Also there was PIC Ferit Biren and Commodore Rabussa who headed up

a good group of Spanish fellow mariners and their wives: a very international occasion. Loupi impressed everybody with the competence of his seamanship, his clear fondness for sea life and his altruism. At the start of the second leg he did not hesitate to help another competitor to solve a computer problem, although it delayed his own start.

The IYFR pennant was in the right hands during the regatta. Thanks Loupi and BRAVO ZULU!

- Sergio Santi (edited)



Squadron Leader Laura Di Stefano and Louis Maurice Tannyeres (Loupi)

Grants Programme

At the last AGM a Rules change was approved which allowed IYFR to make Grants to applicants who meet set criterion. This information is available in the members' part of the IYFR website. This year a total sum of US\$30,000 was allocated for Grants.

At the application close off date of 31 October the three Area Grants Committees had received a total of 10 applications, for a variety of projects. Area 1 has had the best response with 6 applications. The Committees are now considering the applications and those that they recommend will proceed for payment.

This is a pleasing result for the first year of this programme.

Watch out for more information and pictures of projects in future editions of Rotafloat.

Ibiza Trip Raises Funds For Polio Plus

The Madrid Fleet has organized its second round-trip race from Alicante to the Mediterranean Island of Ibiza. This 6-day event offers great sailing and fellowship while at the same time raising \$2000 for Polio Plus.

Participating were 24 mariners plus members of the Rotary Clubs of Javea and Ibiza on these ships:

Carlo D'Amore in 15m sail 'Judyros'
Bernardo Rabassa in 12.5M motor 'Rel'
Charo Cases in 8.5M motor 'Xaro'
and Angel Mari in 13.5m motor 'Boira 5'.

Two gala dinners and many activities were organised:

- Dinner with the Rotary Club of Javea at Club Nautico de Javea (Alicante)
- Sailing from Levante to the Nautic Club of San Antonio, Ibiza
- Bus trip; maritime excursion, paella on the beach; trip to Cala Comte; voyage to the Peninsula.
- Dinner with the Rotary club of Ibiza



Two Paul Harris fellows were awarded to - Mariners Yolanda Andreoli and Carlo d'Amore by the Commodore of the Madrid Fleet Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo.

The Madrid fleet has had a very active and successful year: the chartering of Fleet Barcelona; a new Fleet in Galicia; the Pledge of allegiance to Spain's Naval Military School; an agreement with royal academia del mar; participation in Madrid's Procession of Carmen; scholarships and involvement with races and other fleets.

- Bernardo Rabassa Asenjo (edited)



Circumnavigation on "Jonathon"

"The only true law is that which leads to freedom", Jonathon said. "There is no other".

-Richard Bach, Jonathon Livingston Seagull, 1970.

Inspired by this ideal, Herwig Paretzke, Vice Commodore of the IYFR Weser-Jade Fleet in Germany, planned to spend 2 Years sailing around the world. After a year's delay he finally left Bremerhaven on July 20, 2010 after a fine farewell from the local Fleet members. His Yacht Jonathon is a 16x 8 m catamaran, 13 to 140m² George Nissen- Burghard Pieste design. The local Newspaper "Weserzeitung" wrote about the trip and so several big cargo ships passing along the Weser activated their horns!



The first 1800 nautical miles included visits to many Fleet Clubs and exchanges of banners from 11 Rotary Clubs in Bremerhaven (GER), Scheveningen (NL), Oostende (BE), Dover, Cowes and Portsmouth (UK), Cherbourg (FR), La Coruna (ESP), Vigo, Porto, Cascais-Lisboa, Portimao (POR) and Cadiz (ESP).

Herzig's planned schedule (after the three legs already completed) is

Leg 4: 22.10. - 12.11.10

Gran Canaria(ESP) Recife (Marina Jacare Village, BRA) via Cabo Verdes Isl. and Fernando de Naronha Isl

Leg 5: 25.11. - 8.12.10

Recife(BRA) to Rio de Janeiro

Leg 6: 9. - 22.12.10

Rio de Janeiro (BRA), Ilha Grande, Santos, Punta del Este (URU), Montevideo,... to Buenos Aires (ARG)

Leg 7: 9.1.11 - 2.2.11

Buenos Aires (ARG) to Ushuaia (possibly via Strait of Magellan and Cabo de Hornos)

Leg 8: 2.2. - 9.3.11

Ushuaia (ARG) to Puerto Montt or Valdivia (CHI) (via Cabo de Hornos and Patagonia)

Leg 9: 24.3. - 23.4.11

Valdivia oder Puerto Montt nach Gambier Islands via Robinson Crusoe-Island + Easter-Island

Leg 10: 23.4- 12.5.11

Gambier Isl. to Tahiti via Marquesa Isl. and Tuamoto Isl

Further legs are planned in 2011/12 from the Society Islands to Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Torres Strait, Bali, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagaskar, Durban, Capetown, Namibia, North of Brasil, Caribic, Cuba, Florida, New York, Scotland, then finally back home to Bremerhaven (GER).

-Harwig Paretzke

Sponsor-a-sailor on "Jonathon"

Herwig invites local fleets or Rotary clubs to sponsor young people (such as Rotaractors or RYLA graduates) to participate in individual sectors in their perspective areas. Costs could be up to US\$800.

This would enable young people to gain seamanship experience and encourage youth to become Fleet members.

Enquiries to Herwig Paretzke [paretzke@plus.cablesurf.de]

Skaw Fleet members visit Auckland Fleet

Inspired by the participation of *Pacific Mermaid* and Kiwis from Auckland in the Post-convention Cruise at the Swedish west coast in June, 2006, three Swedish mariners decided to visit NZ and its lovely people. As participants in a Rotary Friendship Exchange program between districts 9930 and 2360 in October/November 2010 there was an opportunity for further activities after the exchange program. IC Terry and Meryl Stretton home-hosted Mariners Pia and Leif Skarenhed and PC Marie Follin of the Skaw Fleet in November for two great days of day-cruising on IC Terry's SY *Taranui* and then a day on PIC Ken and Bente Winters *Pacific Mermaid* with several members of the New Zealand Fleet. It was a lovely visit and reunion between fleet members. Thank You for a great time! Pia, Leif and Marie Skaw Fleet.

- Marie Follin



From left: Leif Skarenhed, Marie Follin, Pia Skarenhed of Skaw Fleet, IC Terry & Meryl Stretton and PIC Ken & Bente aboard *Pacific Mermaid*

Rotary Convention 2011 One-Day House of Friendship Pass now available

If you've never been to an RI Convention and you live near New Orleans or are visiting, why not plan to spend Saturday (21 May 2011) at the House of Friendship? Just purchase a [One-Day House of Friendship Pass](#) for 40 USD. We would love to see you, please visit our stand and meet the crew.

Articles for Rotafloat

Please send us details of your events and members activities. Items should be no more than 300 words and photos (two or three only) should have captions and names.

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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians AGM Dinner

The IYFR AGM dinner will be held on Tuesday 24th May 2011, commencing at 6.00pm.

The AGM will be held at The Southern Yacht Club, America's 2nd oldest Yacht Club, The Southern Yacht Club was founded in 1849.

Completely rebuilt following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the Southern Yacht Club, is situated on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Transport will be provided to the venue, as the Southern Yacht Club is a 20 minute drive from New Orleans city.

The cost per person is \$90.00 US, and includes dinner, transport and taxes.

A registration form is available on the IYFR Website, www.iyfr.net, under Fellowship and Events.

Changeover of Command & Officers of the Bridge

During the AGM we have the opportunity to thank our retiring International Commodore Terry Stretton, and to welcome the incoming International Commodore Clint Collier, who will take over the helm for 2011 – 2013.

Post Convention Cruise

The Post Convention Cruise will depart New Orleans on Thursday 26th May, sailing into the Gulf of Mexico to Cozumel. We arrive at Cozumel at 8am on Saturday 28th, stopping over for a day sightseeing, departing at 4pm. The ship will return to New Orleans at 8am on the morning of the 30th May, 2011.

To find out more about the Carnival Triumph cruise, rooms and deck plans, go to www.carnival.com and select "Ships and Fun Onboard" from the main navigation bar. Click on the cruise name 'Carnival Triumph' to access information about the boat, and under the headings "Staterooms" and "Deck Plans" about the cabins etc.

The cabins we are looking at are category 8B, on decks 6 and 7.

A number of cabins have been reserved, and if you are interested, please register URGENTLY.

The PCC Registration form is available on the IYFR Website www.iyfr.net under Fellowship and Events. Refer also to Up-date Number 3.

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