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# ROTAFLOAT

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### Theme of the term 2003 - 2005

- Join fellowship
- Get acquainted
- Be friends
- Enjoy being afloat
- See and understand the world
- Create new projects
- Unite in service
- Become strongest link of Rotary

Our equation: IYFR= 2 F+S  
FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE

I.C. Ferit Biren

### From the Commodore

Dear Iyforians, Dear Rotary Mariners, The world is changing, R.I. is in an ongoing changing process; to keep abreast with the changing world.

In fact, R.I. new Code of Policies for Fellowships, which is in force since 2003 is a clear evidence of this continuous process.

Our Yachting Fellowship should change within the wake of R.I.

Please find just a few lines of Code of Policies which became our light showing our target, since May 2003.

### Excerpt from the Rotary Code of Policies (May 2003)

#### 43.060.2 Organization and membership

A Fellowship may open its membership to interested and qualified spouses of Rotarians. Fellowships are encouraged to accept Rotaractors into their memberships.

#### 43.060.4 Termination of Recognition

To maintain its status as a Fellowship, a Fellowship must publish a newsletter (which may be distributed solely by electronic means).



### 43.060.8 Promotion of Fellowships

Each Fellowship is encouraged to maintain a website to promote and inform its membership.

Of course, change is not always easy. There will be individual difficulties with existing infrastructure, outfitting and most importantly, our conservative stances.

However, if we believe; we will change.

Let's not forget what Paul Harris said, "This is a changing world, Rotary must change with it". Anyway "tolerance" also is a Rotary principle.

IC Ferit BIREN



Season's Greetings and all good wishes for 2004

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IC Ferit Biren & the Intl. Bridge Staff



# Rotary International Code of Policies,

In order to present the justifying reason for the distribution of our membership bulletin, the Rotafloat, in electronic format, we hereby publish the Rotary International Code of Policies, regarding the Rotary Fellowships. As can be seen in subject 43.060.4 item 2 and subject 43.060.8, having a web site and publishing / distributing of the membership bulletin by electronic means is accepted and encouraged by Rotary International.

## 43.060. Rotary Fellowships

*This is a structured program of Rotary International, adopted by the Board in October 1993.*

### 43.060.1. Terms of Fellowships

A Rotary fellowship is a group of Rotarians who unite themselves to pursue a specific worthwhile activity which advances the Object of Rotary, including, but not limited to educational, health, vocational, environmental and recreational activities. Fellowship activities must be conducted independently of RI, but must be in harmony with RI policy, including the use of the Rotary's names and emblems. Fellowships may not be used to promote religious beliefs, political issues, or other organizations. Recognition of a fellowship by RI in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any district or club. A fellowship may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. Fellowships must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise. Fellowships may not exist or function in any country in violation of the laws of such country. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Jan. 1966 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 168; Aug. 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 66; Amended by June 2001 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 394 and May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.2 Organization and Membership

A fellowship shall have a governing document (charter, constitution, bylaws or similar document) which must be consistent with RI policy. All governing documents, and amendments thereto, must be reviewed by the fellowships committee, if practicable, and approved by the general secretary. A fellowship shall be organized with at least three officers, one of whom shall be the chairperson (president or other administrative head) and serve as a non-voting member-at-large of the fellowships committee. A fellowship's membership shall be open to all interested and qualified Rotarians. A fellowship may

open its membership to interested and qualified spouses of Rotarians. Fellowships are encouraged to accept Rotaractors into their memberships. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Mar. 1994 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 169; May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.3. Criteria for Recognition as a Rotary Fellowship

All fellowships must be approved for recognition by the Board. Applications for new fellowships shall be reviewed by the fellowships committee, if practicable, and the general secretary. The recommendations of the committee and the general secretary shall be forwarded to the Board. All applications shall be reviewed by the Board, regardless of such recommendations.

To be recognized as a fellowship, a fellowship must:

1. Be a group of Rotarians representing at least three countries who share a common interest in a specific worthwhile activity which advances the Object of Rotary. The Board may reduce or waive the number of countries represented.
2. Be organized in accordance with RI policy;
3. Not duplicate the purposes of an existing fellowship, unless approved by the Board. Groups that are denied recognition after 1 July 2003 may not reapply for a period of three years from the date of such denial. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Nov. 1997 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 141; Aug. 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 66; Nov. 2002 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 101; May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381. See also Nov. 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 106

### 43.060.4. Termination of Recognition

The Board may terminate a fellowship's recognition by RI, with or without the consent of the fellowship's officers or members, for failure to function in accordance with RI policy. Failure to respond to communications from the general secretary for a two-year period may result in termination of recognition of the fellowship. To maintain its status as a fellowship, a fellowship must:

1. Function in accordance with its recognized purpose and in accordance with RI policy;
2. Publish a newsletter (which may be distributed solely by electronic means) for members of the fellowship in good standing, at least once during each Rotary year, and file the newsletter and other important fellowship communications and documents with the general secretary;

3. Hold an annual forum by way of a newsletter, annual meeting, or other activity appropriate to the fellowship, through which fellowship members in good standing can interact; and  
4. Respond to inquiries from members, potential members, and the general secretary. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Nov. 1989 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 96; Amended by May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.5. Incorporation of Fellowships

Fellowships may incorporate. The advisability of incorporation is a matter for determination by the members of the fellowship in light of the fellowship's activities. Applications for incorporation must be submitted to and approved by the general secretary. The articles of incorporation of a fellowship must include the following:

- 1) The fellowship is not an activity or agency of RI; and
- 2) The fellowship shall indemnify and hold harmless RI from any liability arising from the activities of the fellowship. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Jan. 1976 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 161; Amended by May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.6. Meetings of Fellowships at RI Conventions

An annual joint meeting of all fellowships should be held immediately preceding or during the convention. An annual general meeting of each fellowship should be held immediately preceding or during the convention. Fellowships are encouraged to arrange pre- and post-Convention activities in connection with the convention each year. The convention committee should assist in organizing such meetings and publicizing fellowship activities at the convention. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Jan. 1970 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 129; Jan. 1973 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 168; Amended by May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.7. Fellowship Information in the Official Directory

The name, address and website of each fellowship, and the name, contact information and classification of the chairman of each fellowship, shall be listed in the Official Directory each year, provided that such information is submitted by the date set by the general secretary. No further descriptive information shall be included. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Jan. 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 193; Amended by May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.8. Promotion of Fellowships

Clubs and districts are encouraged to promote fellowships, especially during the month of June, Rotary Fellowships Month. Governors are encouraged to promote fellowship activities in monthly letters and to report at the district assembly or district conference on progress in fellowship activities for the year. Fellowships are encouraged to hold recognition days to increase interest in their activities, and in Rotary in general. Each fellowship is encouraged to maintain a website to promote and inform its membership. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: Jan. 1970 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 129; Amended by May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.9. Rotary Fellowships Logo

An official logo for the Rotary Fellowships Program has been adopted by the Board. The general secretary shall include the logo on appropriate publications, and make the logo available on the RI website for downloading. (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: June 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 354; Amended by June 2001 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 394; Nov. 2002 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 102 and May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381

### 43.060.10. Statement in Publications

Fellowship newsletters, publications, brochures and websites must prominently display the language "This fellowship is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International" or similar language approved by the general secretary. Following is an approved example of how said language may be incorporated into a statement describing the fellowship. "The International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting golfing as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International." (May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381)

Source: May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381 ■

**Dear Regional Commodores,  
Ahoy there!**

*Let us keep IYFR lively and  
entertaining!*

*Please make sure that at least one  
event is organized in your region  
each month.*

*Kindly look into the possibility that a  
different fleet commodore is  
encouraged to arrange one of these  
events, open to all Rotary Mariners  
of your Region. This way, the Rotary  
Fellowship Spirit can be shared  
and enjoyed by all.*

**Türker KARAMIZRAK**  
*International Rear Commodore  
in Charge of Administration*

# Official Visits of IC



Early in the morning of 11th August our destination was upper Thames, London.

At the marina we were met by Michael Pooley, Secretary of GB&I fleets national bridge and embarked his motor yacht and had the pleasure of meeting his charming first mate Jackie.

On our journey down the river to Hanley, District Governor Ian Black joined us. Cruising through that part of river Thames in the comfort of "Princess" motor yacht topped with a lavish catering was enjoyable, indeed. Hospitality of Michael's charming mate Jackie was unforgettable.

At Hanley we were welcomed by FC Les Wilkinson and members of Thames fleet and their first mates. At the luncheon meeting reciprocal addresses became the beginning of pleasant chats after the luncheon.

Last but not the least Bryan and Chris drew me to airport for farewell. It was a hard moment indeed.

Commodore Bryan Skinner was impeccable, in the planning and organizing my visit to his fleets. His first mate Chris was second to none with her hospitality.

Thank you Bryan, Thank you Chris and many thanks GB&I Fleets Commodores, Bridges, members and their wonderful mates.

My official visits to world fleets should have been started with GB&I; where our great fellowship was commenced in 1947 when Rtn. John Barret hoisted up first IYFR pennant.

My visit began on 8th August with my arrival at London Heathrow airport where I was met by Vice Commodore of GB&I Main Bridge Chris Bishop and his lovely first mate Jane and then proceeded to the residence "Pinecroft" of Commodore Bryan and his charming first mate Chris Skinner in Hertford where I have been hosted during my entire stay in England.

Same evening Skinners organized a dinner in the garden of their residence where I had the chance and pleasure to meet members and first mates of FENLAND fleet.

Following morning we traveled to Norfolk to reach Broads where we embarked Skinners' motor yacht and navigated through the river to South Walsham and moored alongside the jetty of Peter and his charming wife Judy Barfield's residence where I had the privilege and happiness meeting BROADS fleet members and their first mates at the BBQ party, in the garden of Barfield's home.

After a very enjoyable party, and delicious grilles prepared by Chief Bryan and his assistant, we slept onboard Skinners' yacht.

In the morning of 10th August, we drew to Walton on the Naze and in Titchmarsh marina we were met by F.C. Richard Woodman of Suffolk fleet and sailed on his yacht "Andromeda" out of marina to join a raft-up meeting south of Harwich. Commodore Richard and his lovely mate Christine were experienced yachtsmen and skilful in seamanship.

At the raft-up, I had the privilege meeting members and first mates of SUFFOLK fleet and the pleasure to chat with John Negus about our love of boats.

Sailing for fun, rafting up for fun and swimming for fun were the main issues of the day. In the evening we returned to Commodore Skinner's residence.





## Visit to Japan

My second official visit was to Japan Main Bridge and fleets.

Because, I thought, in the course of my visit to Japan Rotary Mariners, I could have a chance to discuss with them and carry out a site survey for our booth, AGM luncheon, housing and post convention cruise. Obviously, another motive was to have the chance to discuss IYFR Contribution to Pre-convention and Convention festivities and extravaganza.

On 21st August Thursday, I was very delighted at Kansai airport when I saw Masami and Mutsuko Nishikawa, Kayoko Kajino, Hiroaki Taka, Kazuho Katayama already there to welcome me.

Kayoko (mate of F.C. Kajino) was so kind to help me on our way to Kyoto, where Commodore Kozo Kajino of Osaka Bay Fleet met us.

After checking in Kyoto Princess Hotel, they fetched me at 5pm for attending Kyoto Nishiyama Rotary Club meeting. We exchanged club banners with the Club President Taneki Nakano.

On 22nd August Friday, Commodore Kozo and his charming mate Kayoko Kajino took me along to intended Post Convention sites namely Kyoto, Golden Pavilion and Biwa Lake. Commodore Kozo has two yachts on Lake Biwa.

I believe participants to the PCC will very much enjoy visiting both places. In the evening, Commodore Kozo and his mate Kayoko took me around Kiyoto. Our members will find Giyom entertainment area, Kavaramaçi and Shizo shopping streets very interesting.

Later we had our dinner composed of very delicious and tempting Japanese dishes and delicatessen in a typical Japanese restaurant together with Commodore Kayoko, Kozo Kajino and iyforian Masami and his mate Mutsuko Nishikawa.

On the 23rd August Saturday at 08:30 Osaka Bay Fleet Commodore Kozo Kajino and his lovely mate Kayoko picked me up at the hotel and took me to Nara, the ancient capital of Japan, before Kiyoto and Tokyo. At Nara Rtn. Kazuyoshi Yamada, Japan Main Bridge Secretary and interpreter Michiyo Takeda met us.

We altogether visited the magnificent Todai-Ji Buda temple. Rtn. Kitakawara Kökei, General Manager of the temple welcomed us at the main entrance together with a photographer assigned by his Rotary Club for my visit to the temple. We received special treatment and were privileged to see and learn all details of the temple with admination. Kimihiro Kitakara is President of his Rotary Club for this year.

At the end of our visit, we set out for Osaka Righa Royal Hotel, the headquarters of the Convention. General Manager of the Hotel Takahiro Hayashi welcomed us. We walked around Friendship and Fellowship halls. He proposed us various venues for our AGM luncheon and we reserved a room for 100 persons.

Then we set out for Osaka Dome where plenary sessions will be held. After seeing Osaka Dome, we visited other hotels for housing of our members.

At 18:00 hours Yamada came to the hotel and fetched me. We arrived at the exclusive restaurant owned by PDG Kinji Yoshikawa who is now General Secretary of the Osaka Convention host committee. This was the

official dinner of my official visit to Japan Main Bridge held in this exclusive club restaurant.

All past and present dignities and leaders of Japan Rotary Mariners (IYFR), namely Commodores were around the dining table. After the welcome speech of Japan Main Bridge Commodore Hiraoka, I addressed the leaders of Japan Rotary Mariners in English for translation into Japan. It was a very elegant dinner in every respect.

### **24th August Sunday,**

Yamada family picked me up from Nikko Hotel and in Nishi Marina at Kobe, we embarked Yamada's motor yacht "Macho" and arrived at the Suntopia marina at Awazi Island. General Manager of this marina is Hidenobu Hiraoka, Commodore of Japan Main Bridge. On the island we have been hosted at the summerhouse of Past Commodore of Japan Main Bridge Hosokawa. After lunch in a typical Japanese restaurant we returned to the marina and at 30 knots speed again in a convoy back to Kobe and to the hotel.

### **25th August Monday**

In the morning Commodore Kajino and Japan Main Bridge Secretary Kazu Yamada came to Nikko hotel. We had a meeting with the General Manager of the hotel and discussed booking conditions and rates. Later we met Rtn. Hori at Imperial Hotel at the river side. This was a rather expensive hotel with rates around USD 350. -

After seeing that hotel we took a boat cruise along the river under the bridges. I have been told that there are 880 bridges over the river. Japan mariners are planning a night show on the river in the course of the Convention. River shuttles between Convention Center and embarkation points are also being investigated. In the evening we returned to Kiyoto.

### **26th August Tuesday**

Commodore Kozo and Kayoko Kajino fetched me from the hotel and we traveled to Kushimoto town by train. At Osaka station Iyforian Masami and his lovely mate Mutsuko Nishikawa and Past Commodore of Osaka Bay fleet Yasuo Yoshioka joined us. All Japan Rotary mariners we wearing white IYFR uniforms for the visit to the monument of Sea Martyrs of Turkish cadet sailing ship which struck the rocks at Oshima. At Kushimoto we visited the Major of town.

On Oshima we visited the museum and monuments, saw the frightening rocks that have been graves to many sailors along the centuries. A very dangerous point between Pacific Ocean and Osaka, Kobe bay. World known Typhoon trap.

Upon our arrival to the Martyrs, rain with gusts started to pour down. Later we learnt that this was a usual phenomenon when the Turkish visitors come.

### **27th August Wednesday**

We visited Righa Royal Hotel to meet the General Manager and Convention

Manager Takahiro Hayashi together with Kazuyoshi Yamada and Commodore Kajino to discuss AGM menu, price and venue. After this meeting we met Keihan travel agent for the post Convention cruise. At 5 pm we returned to Kiyoto Princess hotel.

In the evening P.F.C. Yashioka and Hiroaki Tada together with Kozo and Kayoko, we enjoyed the farewell party at a typical Geisha house.

### **28th August Thursday**

We traveled by train from Kiyoto to Osaka Kanzai airport. At Osaka station PFC Yoshioku joined us. At Kanzai airport we were met by the Public Relations Manager and the Secretary of the President of the Airport and invited to the VIP lounge. President Atsushi Murayama and General Manager Yakuhsa Kitamura came to the VIP lounge to wish me a nice flight.

Meanwhile, Kaju Yamada, his charming mate Macho, Tada, Kayoko, Kozo came to see me off till the departure gate. As long as I was at sight, they waved hands. It was difficult to break from them.





Osaka Castle

River Cruise

Mitsui Garden Hotel Osaka Dome (Convention Opening)

Rihga Royal Hotel

# Join us in Nara and Kyoto, UNESCO's world heritage cities

## Thursday 27 May 2003

Following the Osaka Rotary Convention, the IYFR Post-Convention Cruise will be a short, 3 days & 2 nights trip to the most beautiful and historical cities in Japan, Nara and Kyoto. An optional tour to Kushimoto is also available.

## Thursday, 27 May 2003

In the morning, group tours to Nara, the ancient capital city of Japan. Visit Toudai-ji temple, the largest wood-made architecture in the world, and the big Buda. In the evening, we have a welcome party in an old famous Japanese restaurant in Kyoto. Enjoy Japanese traditional entertainment played by Maiko and Geisha girls. This should be a very impressive experience even for Japanese IYFR members. At night, we stay at the Biwako Hotel, a beautiful lakeside hotel at Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan.

## Friday, 28 May 2003

Visit world-famous Kinkaku-ji temple and Nijyou-jyuu castle. Enjoy their historical architectures and beautiful gardens. In the afternoon, we have a time for shopping in the down town Kyoto. We stay at the same hotel and enjoy Western-style dinner with a fantastic view of Lake Biwa. Yachting in the Lake Biwa may be available.

## Saturday, 29 May 2003

After breakfast we say goodbye.

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

We take a comfortable express train running seaside to Kushimoto. Enjoy a spectacle view of the beautiful coastline. Kushimoto has a long history of cultural exchanges with Turkey since a ship of Turkish Navy

was wrecked there 115 years ago. We visit the monument for Turkish martyres with Kushimoto RC members and also pay a courtesy visit to the mayor of Kushimoto. We are confident that this optional tour will be very nice and impressive. Please join us!

## Sunday, 30 May 2003

After breakfast we head back home via Osaka.

### WHAT DOES THE REGISTRATION INCLUDE?

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

### COST OF THE TOUR:

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

Reservation: Please send Registration Details before 1 February 2003

To: Kozo Kajino & Makio Hasegawa, IYFR Commodore of Osaka Bay Fleet & Keihan Travel Service

FAX +81 72 844 9846

### Registration Details:

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

Name : .....

Address : .....

Telephone : ..... Fax No : .....

# Rotary Mariners from Sweden sailing in Greece and Turkey



Bodrum Trip: Rotary Mariners from Sweden sailing to Bodrum

wonders of the world, came from Knidos. From Knidos we sailed to the towns Datcha and Bozburun and some wonderful natural harbors - we had a memorable dinner in Bozuk Buku. The last two days the Meltem was hard to us, so the crews had to use their vast sailing knowledge- it was superb sailing! We returned to Bodrum and after a delightful night there the crews said good bye to Turkey for this time.

After sailing with Surprise I had the opportunity to sail with my friend Birger Lindeblad of Skaw fleet in his boat from Zakynthos, around Peleponessos, Kithera, Crete, Karpathos and Rodhes back to Fethye and Göcek in Turkey. There we visited the Göcek Rotary Club and we discussed with Commodore Resit Cinarli of Göcek fleet about arranging a cruise year 2004 for Rotary Mariners from Europe North. The plan is to start out from Göcek sailing east along the Turkish coast to the Kekova Roads with its many interesting spots.

Returned to Sweden, very dark and cold this time of the year, we all long for the beautiful Turkish coast, its nice people and many friends among Rotary Mariners.

Arne MAGNUSSON,  
IRRC Europe North

This year Margareta and I have spent three weeks in our S/Y Surprise in the Mediterranean - all three weeks with a new crew of Rotary Mariners. The initiative for the first week was taken by four past Inner Wheel Presidents, i.e. Margareta and her colleagues and we, their husbands accompanied. Beside Margareta and myself there were Kathe and Björn Johnsson, Ninnan and P-O Lundberg and Else and Elof Westlund. We started out from Kos and visited many of the beautiful Dodecanese islands. The second week Marianne and Tom Sellberg, René Benson, Per Råman and Margareta and myself sailed in the direction of the Cyclades.

The third week was planned for the beautiful Turkish coast. Gunilla and Hans Holländer, Ulla-Britt and Roland Hagberg, Inga och Bent Sölve, Britt och Jan Dahlhielm, Philippa Holländer and Johan Nyström joined. We all twelve sailed in Surprise 26 September to Bodrum in Turkey where we had rented another boat. We were heartily welcomed by Mr Ömer Karacalar, commodore and manager of the Bodrum Karada Marina. Another Swedish boat with Ann-Sofi and Lars Lindegren and Margareta and Christer

Nedström had arrived one hour earlier. IC Ferit Biren came from Istanbul and he and Mr Ömer arranged a marvelous reception and dinner for all the Swedish crews in the Bodrum Marina Yacht Club together with many Turkish Rotary Mariners with wives. Among others were commodore Mustafa Ozkalay of the Bodrum Fleet, Mr Tugcan Altug, past commodore, Mr Atilla Malkoc, past RC of Turkish fleets and Mr Yavuz, past president of Bodrum Rotary club. After a memorable delightful evening and night we sailed to Knidos, the interesting antique city where the excavations are still very busy. Knidos with its very strategic position on Cape Krio was known all over the antique world for its nude Aphrodite statue by Praxiteles. Eudoxos, one of the most wellknown mathematicians and astronomers of the time worked in Knidos. Sostrates who designed the lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the seven



IC Ferit Biren, far right welcomes some of the Swedish guests, from left Jan Dahlhielm, Strömstad Atilla Malkoc, Bodrum, Arne Magnusson, Göteborg, Roland Hagberg, Stockholm and Bengt Sölve, Båstad.

# Introducing our Regional Commodores

## Arne Magnusson, Regional Commodore Europe North



IC Ferit Biren and Arne Magnusson,  
Regional Commodore Europe North, meet in Bodrum.

Arne is a passionate sailor since childhood. He built his first sailing boat at the age of 13 – 15 years on an island at the Norwegian border, close to Strömstad on the Swedish west coast. He now has a Grand Soleil 39 in Sweden together with a German friend – their fifth sailing boat together since 31 years. In the Mediterranean Arne has a Jeanneau 39 since 12 years in Turkey together with a brother of his.

Arne got his education as MBA at the Gothenburg university and in computer science at MIT, USA. He has had several positions related to IT, during the last years as partner in a consulting firm and is now partly retired.

Together with his first mate Margareta he sails in Scandinavia during the beautiful summer and in the Mediterranean preferably in September and October. " I am combining two of the very best sailing areas in the world" says Arne.

## Jos Sterkmans, Commodore of the Belux Fleet



Was born on 26. 01.1941 in Leuven / Belgium, a big university town with 30000 inhabitants and 32000 students. He first went to college and afterwards to University Leuven, where he obtained his engineering degree. He is happily married to Gerda Houben since 1971 and has three kids, adults actually. He worked for 30 years in the field of vacuum hoses for vacuum cleaners, swimming pools and industry as manager of an international holding and retired in 2000. Currently, he is a consultant in two small companies.

Since 1982, he sails on a sloopyacht, currently located in southern France. Previously, he was sailing on North Sea and Holland. On request, he also relocates yachts, which enables him to sail as much as possible.

As a Rotarian, he fulfilled nearly all functions in the club, was president in 1995-1996 and is currently active in IYFR as Commodore of the Belux fleet. He organizes a lot of events.

## AGM LUNCHEON IN OSAKA

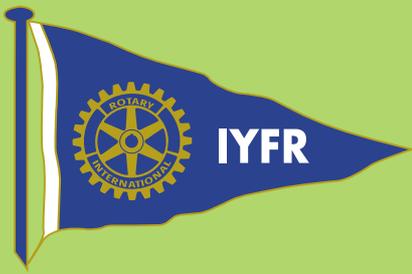
During the Rotary Convention in Osaka, Japan, the Rotary Mariners will get together for the usual luncheon and AGM. Commodore Ferit and IYFR Osaka Bay Fleet members booked "KIKU no ma (Chrysanthemum Room)" in Rihga Royal Hotel for AGM. This place is in the same floor with our IYFR booth.

The details are:

Date: Tuesday 25 May 2004

Time: 12:30

Place: Rihga Royal Hotel 2F - "KIKU no ma" (Same floor with the IYFR booth) Tickets will be available at the IYFR booth.



# News From World Fleets

## 1st Rotary Regatta by IYFR Izmir Fleet!



It was in January at the annual fleet dinner where FC Mustafa Zaim announced fleet members an "IYFR Rotary Regatta" to be organized for the first time in the region.

As a joint event of the IYFR Izmir Fleet, the Aegean Offshore Yacht Club (AOYC / ) and the Cesme Rotary Club, the "1st Rotary Regatta" was held on the 6th of September in Izmir-Cesme bay. The organization was sponsored by Axa-Oyak, a well known insurance company.

A sunny Saturday morning started with race registration desk activities. Twelve entrant yacht Skippers attended the race briefing held by the Race Officer. The Cesme Rotary Club provided attendance cards to Rotarians participating minutes of this full day event. 2440 District Governor Tuncer Tokol, IYFR IC Ferit Biren and Turkey RC Nadir Doyuran honored the event.

Race one began as the NW wind filled in to a force 4, the fleet splited as they beat upwind in to the Cesme bay. Spectator Rotarians, IYFRians and honor guests spent the beautifull sunny day following the racing fleet on a motorboat through the marks.

For the second race, with the wind shifting further north and fading slightly, Race Officers announced a course shortening. Following the two races overall results were as follows:

### IRC Racer-Cruiser Class

- I. Chocolate (Selcuk Borovali)
- II. Expops (Mete Tumay)
- III. Yahsi (Galip Fesci)

### IRC Cruiser Class

- I. Duygu (Halil Akman)
- II. Alkan (Volkan Onder)
- III. Gelincik (Erdal Yagli)

### Supporting Class

- I. Hergele (Rebii Akdurak)
- II. Caramio (Bülent Orgen)
- III. Lady C (Fatih Aydemir)

Nearly 120, IYFRians, Rotarians and sportsmen attended the cocktail - prizegiving ceremony. At speeches pronounced respectively, IC Ferit Biren and 2440 District Governor Ferit Tokul, paid tribute to the sponsor and pointed out their common wish for that the event to be repeated every year with an international attendance., Appreciation shields were presented at the end of the ceremony by Izmir FC Mustafa Zaim and Cesme Rotary Club P. Zeki Gurdal to IC Ferit Biren, Turkey RC Nadir Doyuran, 2440 District Governor Tuncer Tokol and Aegean Offshore Yacht Club Commodore Mete Tumay for their most valuable support.

A late dinner following the prizegiving ceremony was attended by IYFR Izmir fleet members and guest honors IYFR IC, 2440 District Governor. The full day event ended after midnight with sincere wishes of all participants, to meet next year again in beautiful sunny Cesme bay for the "2nd Rotary Regatta"...

**Selim BESIMZADE**  
Vice Commodore  
IYFR Izmir Fleet



# NetherlandsNE Fleet: Captains Regatta

September 6, 2003



Snapshots from the Captains Regatta.

## CAPTAINS REGATTA,

### Unique IYFR event in the Netherlands

06-09-03 the famous Captains Regatta was sailed in Friesland Dokkumernieuwezeilen (just try to pronounce that!), on the beautiful tidewaters of the Lauwerszee in the North of the Netherlands, now tamed by a big dike. About thirty Rotarians and their wives crewed seven open sailing yachts, combatting each other for the great

Captains Regatta trophy, consisting of a bottle of wine.

Characteristic traits of this regatta are the excellent sports mentality, many surprises, a good organization that warrants fun, and nice people that participate. The Dutch North East Fleet proved its excellence in organizing this event during a long range of years.

What you can (almost) be sure about is that the organizers succeed in finding a couple of equivalent boats, mostly of the popular Valk type, but most of the rest is surprise, and that is the big adventure.

You will seldom be in the same crew and the organizers tell you

with whom you will sail just before the start. Each year there is a new track in a new environment, and you can be sure in Holland that the weather will never be the same.

Races are held in two rounds, one before- and one after the improvised picnic in rural environment. In this 2003 Regatta in the first round the four blue Valk boats all finished before the three white ones. Was it sheer chance? The game leaders agreed with the sailers in the white boats that it was not. So the first arriving crew changed boat with the last arriving one, the second arriving crew changed boat with the second last, ecc. And what happened? Again the white boats arrived last.

But then all meet for a drink and a good dinner in a renowned restaurant near the harbour, and in this atmosphere fellowship is flowering on the base of the adventures just gone through. The game leaders announce the winners by a system that nobody can understand, but allways turns out to be righteous. During sailing all aim at winning, during the meeting nobody cares about anything but fellowship. That is what makes the Captains Regatta unique and thus the event merits its fame.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Harwich & Dovercourt Rotary Club Annual Regatta



Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September saw the 16<sup>th</sup> Harwich & Dovercourt Rotary Club Annual Regatta. A good turnout of nine boats belonging IYFR Suffolk Fleet members took part in the handicap race. They competed for two class prizes and the recently reacquired plate for the overall winner. After a close start in Harwich Harbour, the fresh

North Westerly winds saw the fleet soon heading out to sea. An early lead was taken by Tony Burrows in Curlew who led to the first mark. Some nip and tuck strategies in the early stages gradually eased as the fleet opened up but the tricky tides in the estuary still caught some boats out.

The downwind leg with spinnakers saw some changes. Curlew was overtaken by Martyn Page in Nejmah. Ian Wood in Sundance, was coming up in third place but was overtaken before the mark by Royston Russell in Misty. Coming behind these four were David Smith in Hoopla, Norman Hills in Rodia, Colin Menzies in Lady B, Paul Philo in Raffles and Michael Fleming in Merlin. Line honours

were taken by Martyn Page in Nejmah from Mar Dyke Valley Rotary Club.

A very sociable dinner and prize giving took place that evening at Walton's Titchmarsh Marina.

Results with handicap adjustments.

### Class 1:

1. Tony Burrows in Curlew (Bavaria 32)
2. Martyn Page in Nejmah (Westerly Discus)
3. Royston Russell in Misty (Trapper 240)

### Class 2:

1. Norman Hills in Rodia (Peagasus 8m)
2. Colin Menzies in Lady B (Sadler 25)
3. Paul Philo in The Rotary Plate (Overall winner)  
Tony Burrows Raffles (Mirage 28)

Picture shows Tony Burrows being presented with the Rotary Plate by H & D Rotary Club presidents' lady Maureen.

Royston Russell. Press Officer. Harwich & Dovercourt Rotary Club (From the Web site of the Suffolk Fleet UK.)

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